

Season's Greetings

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IN THE FIELDS - The shepherds gazed in awe at the Star of David, symbol of the dawn of a new age.



Christmas Tree - how lovely are your branches.

'Tis the week before finals

by Michael T. Kravets

'Tis the week before finals
And all 'round the place,
Dazed looks of exhaustion
Adorn every face.

The reason is simple
And one we all dread,
It's lack of the pillow
Hitting the head.

But sleep is not forecast
It just has to go,
There's a semester of subjects
We need to know.

To cram it all within a week
Isn't any fun,
But to pass at all this time around
It simply must be done.

So Ma with her backpack
And I with mine, too,
Have gone to the library
To review and review.

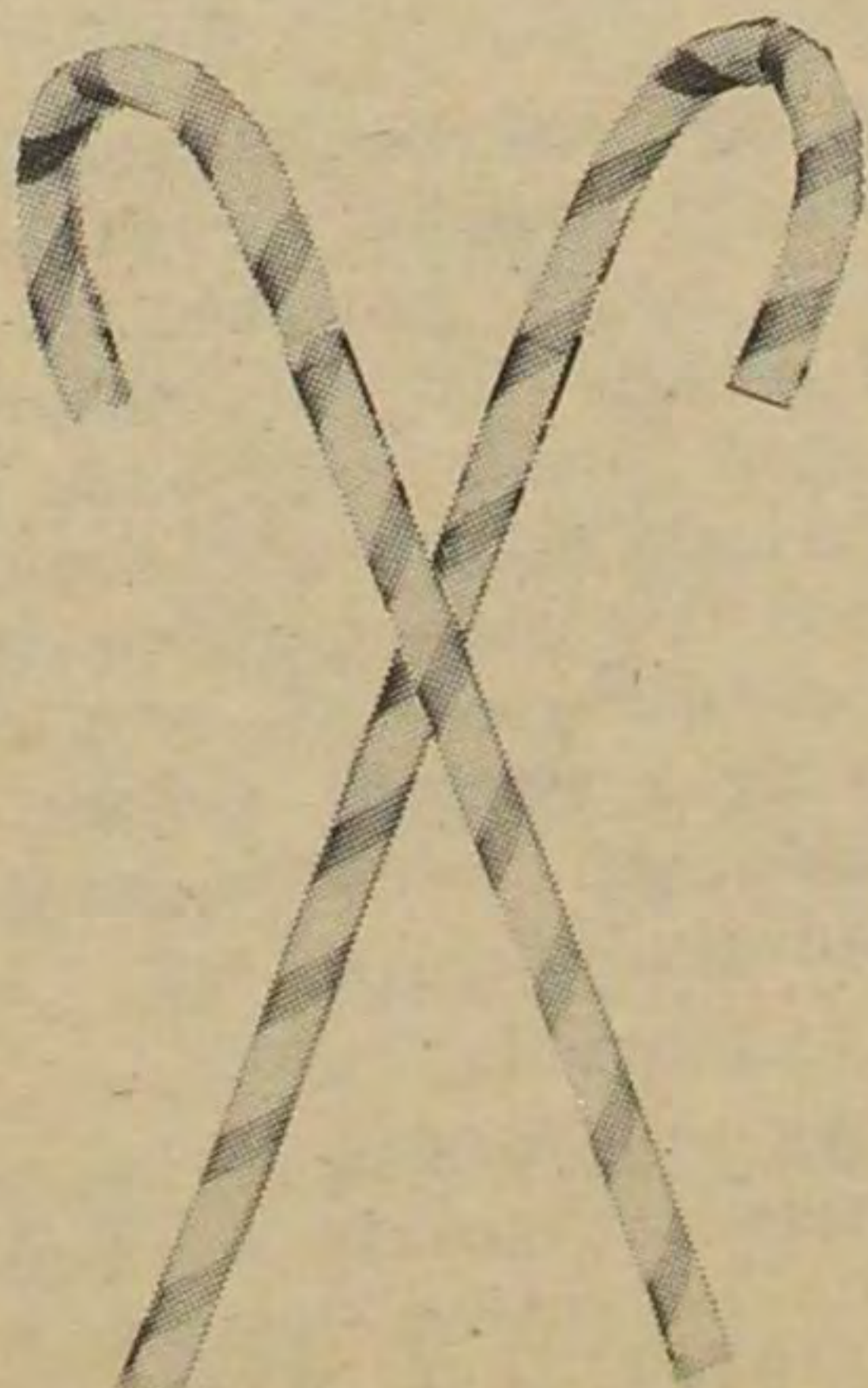


When out of the stacks
There arose such a clatter,
We all craned our necks
To see what was the matter.

I sprang to my feet
Knocking over a chair,
"It sounds like a breakdown
Going on over there."

The students grew quiet
Stock still, and staring,
Except for the sobbing
The breakdown was daring.

"I can't take it!" he screamed
Out into the hush,
"This study is turning
My mind into mush!"



"If only I'd read
The assignments assigned,
I wouldn't have gotten
Into this bind."

"By skipping my classes
Not taking a note,
All I've accomplished
Is cutting my throat."

His sobbing continued
With courage, I said,
"Pull yourself together man,
Dash those thoughts from your
head."

"You're by far not alone
We're in the same boat,
With plenty of practice
Holding knife to the throat."

"Together we'll make it
In numbers we're strong,
And they curve all the grades
To make a little go long."



His posture, it straightened
His face, it grew bright,
"I think that you've hit it
"I think that you're right!"

"From now on I'll study
But temper it, too,
There's hope in my heart
It's all thanks to you."

With a smile he added
As he strode out of sight,
"It's back to the stacks
To study all night."

Editorial Quips . . .

by Terri Vinson

If you are one of those people endowed with extraordinary test-taking ability, who enjoys finals because they provide an adequate challenge to your intelligence, if you sit on the front row of all of your classes, memorize your syllabi, or for that matter even still have your syllabi, then please disregard this article.

On the other hand if you are one of those who advocates that anything that costs as much as college tuition ought to be fun and are worried that Final Week will stifle your endeavors for entertainment, the following will provide great insight into how to make Finals into fun.

1. Go to the library. This usually dreary, non-eventful place comes alive with activity during Finals Week and anyone who is someone will be there.

An especially interesting spot is at the circulation desk where students can continually be found haggling over reserved books that they have waited until the last possible moment to read.

2. Always carry a book. Even though you may not actually

study, it's important to look as if you do. And remember the Golden rule of Finals — people who insist that they are going to absolutely flunk will in actuality ace the tests. Keep these people in mind as potential ones to sit directly behind during the test.

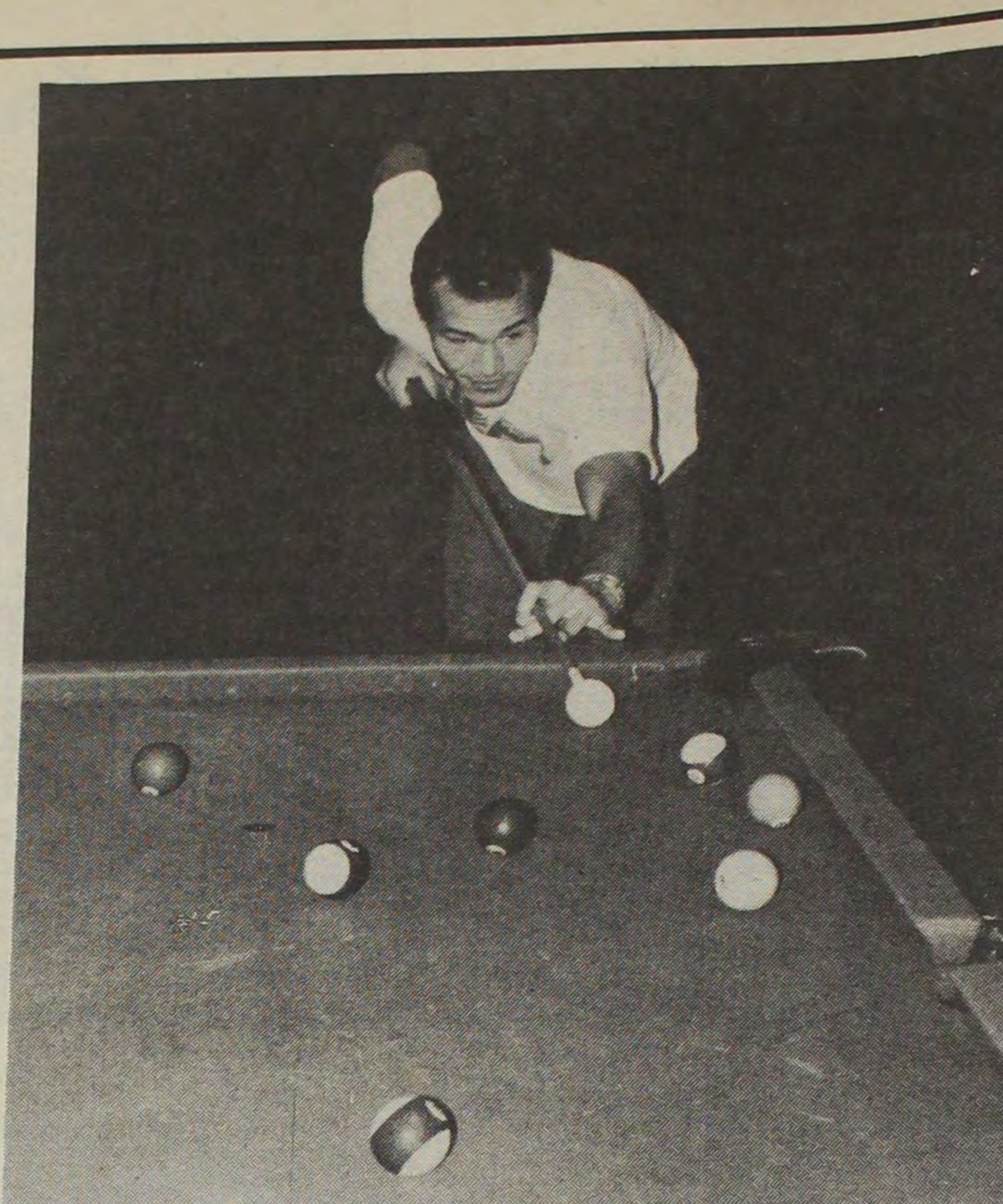
3. If someone looks as if they haven't slept in days, leave them alone because they haven't.

4. Finals Week is a good time to watch television, as studies have shown a direct correlation between hours of watching General Hospital and a successful week of finals.

5. Finals Week is also an opportune time to read or re-read the book of Job (that's in the Old Testament), which guarantees to make even the most un-prepared student feel fortunate, and puts the un-necessarity of finals into proper perspective.

And Finally . . .

Don't forget to partake of finals snacks, which although it may represent the "Last Supper" for many in Academia, it is also a genuine opportunity for last minute fellowship with your peers before Christmas.



POOL SHARK — Mark Scruggs (sr., Denver) warms up for Finals Week by relaxing to a game of pool.

Students react to Baby Fae

by Terri Vinson
Judging from the input gathered for this article, popular opinion on this campus would seem to be in favor of the Baby Fae experiment. Jaynette Miller (R.D., Bittinger) summed up the general consensus when she stated, "Anything that can be done to save a life should be attempted." Other responses were as follows:

Sylvia McPherson (sr., Eudora) "I don't see anything wrong with it." Jill Burns, (sr., Centerville, IA) "If it's the only chance, then it should be done."

Deanna Koehler, (sr., Udell, IA) "If it was my child and I knew it would keep my child alive then I'd do it. The child would be the same person with a transplant."

Others such as Robert Taylor, (sr., Widefield, CO) spoke to the issue with regard for the future. "I don't see anything wrong with it. The avenues it can open up for medical advancement are great," he said.

Is there really 'Peace on Earth'?

by Merrie Cline

They aren't the Boy Scouts or 4-H. The new groups appearing in the paper don't promote any particular skills or seem to produce any tangible results. They bear names like, "Women's International League for Peace and Freedom," "The Center on Law and Pacifism," and here on McPherson's campus, the "Peace Awareness Project." What they have in common is a concern for the future of mankind and a fear of nuclear war.

Such concern is not new. American songs from the spiritual, "Down by the Riverside," with its refrain of "I ain't gonna study war no more," to the "We Shall Overcome" of the 1960's tell of the ancient quest for peace. Even the nuclear threat is facing its 40th birthday without bringing an end to the world. So why all the concern now?

In early October students at Brown University, Providence Rhode Island, petitioned for a referendum for the school's Student Health Services to "stockpile cyanide pills for optional student use only in the case of nuclear war." The vote was mainly a symbolic gesture, a visible sign of fear, not a realistic solution.

But more and more, the new groups are turning to realistic solutions. Instead of emphasizing the moral issue of war, they attack it as economically unsound.

The Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, operating out of Washington, D.C., continually publishes information on government military spending as a portion of the tax dollar and its alternate buying power if the same amount was spent on human services.

The Denver Peace Budget and Jobs with Peace Coalition have developed a "blueprint" which explains how "savings from unnecessary military spending (can be) invested in vital social programs in 1984."

The Denver group has found that, "Over 61 percent of every federal tax dollar is spent on the military, most of it going directly to the Department of Defense and the rest for the Veterans Administration and for payment of interest on the military's share of the national debt."

Working for peace in the 80's may not have the soul-stirring fervor of past years, but the struggle for peace is not dead.

An alternative to war is the modern slogan of the peace movement. While the radio blares, "I Had a Dream," and Culture Club sings, "War is stupid," the call for peace is no longer just a cry of the young.


As to the role of the press who kept Baby Fae on the pedestal of close scrutiny for the short duration of her life, most felt this would be an undesirable aspect of the procedure, but as Robert Taylor pointed out, "Because the procedure is so new, everyone is curious about it. It makes it harder on the families involved but the press is only doing their job."

Most students at Mac felt that the ethical questions raised by the Baby Fae experiment were secondary in importance to trying to save lives and the advancement of medicine. Others felt that the entire argument was unnecessary. As Mike Appel (fr., Great Bend) put it, "There's no great difference between a baboon heart and a human heart, so the argument is rather meaningless."



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Freshman

evaluate

college life

after 1 semester

by Kathy Moore

Can you remember back to the beginning of the semester when it was 100 degrees plus, when we were glad to finally be at college or be back at Mac, and when the freshmen were still in orientation? Well, it has been about three and a half months since then and things have changed a bit. Now the temperature ranges from 25 degrees-50 degrees, we're cramming term papers and last-minute assignments in and tend to be rather sick of school, and the freshman class has settled into the routine of college life.

Now that they have survived one semester of college, it is time to find out where some of the first-year students are at this point and time. Seventeen were interviewed and each was asked the following three questions:

1. How do you feel you have grown this semester if you have in any way?
2. Are you apprehensive about finals?
3. What things do you like or dislike about Mac?

Each student was also asked if he or she was returning for second semester and all will be.

Kristin Estergard (Loveland, Co.): independence has increased; she's not sure what to expect from finals but isn't looking forward to the studying; dislikes the cafeteria food, "I like a flag flying in the middle of the campus, it makes me feel patriotic." She has found the biology lab assistants to be extremely helpful.

Vince Spradling (Leoti): has expanded intellectually and become more independent; finals seem to be average; "McPherson is too small for competition but it's the right size for special attention."

Rod Kline (McPherson): self-discipline and independence have grown; finals are emphasized more than in high school and it seems they'll be harder to get through; he likes the at-

mosphere, "The small size allows you to get to know the students better," the professors are more accessible.

Cindy Trimmer (Greeley, Co.): she's become more responsible to get work done for classes, has learned to adapt to a roommate's peculiarities; in regard to finals, "I'll get through them fine."; the smallness is good, but she dislikes dorm life greatly.

Shelley Brandhorst (Hudson, Iowa): has grown intellectually, independence-wise, and more attached to people she's met on campus; she's dreading finals but wants to get them over with; "The whole choir experience is neat. Walking up to fourth floor Harnly is not great at 7:30 a.m."

Cathy Holderread (Newton): time management has been an area experiencing growth, it's easier to get along with people now than in high school; finals aren't making her too worried; she likes dorm life, and finds that "People are willing to help you when you have a problem and they are willing to listen."

Pat Smyres (Windom): she feels her independence has increased, as well as her ability to be outgoing; "I don't think finals will be too hard and I don't see any problems getting through them, but they make me feel anxious."; she likes the small college environment, the people are friendly, "I like the cold, windy walks to biology.", and she hates the telephone ringing constantly.

Cindy Powell (Kingsley, Iowa): learning a lot by being on her own away from her family is part of the maturing she has done; as for finals — "I'll get through them without a major heart attack."; getting to know a lot of people on the wing and living in the dorm is a lot of fun for her, and she thinks McPherson is a pretty town.

Sandy Eisele (Lincoln, Neb.): "I've gotten to know myself better by not having the security of home and friends.", she has

learned to adjust to living with people she didn't know, and learned to study a lot more than she did in high school; finals aren't really worrying her "because they don't seem to be too stressful at this point."; she likes the smallness because you can get to know everyone and make closer friends, as well as the small class size and the special attention, she had to adjust to a smaller town, she likes the plans for future improvement of the campus.

Linnea Brunk (Eldora, Iowa): she feels she has grown up a lot as far as getting things done on her own without being told to, becoming more independent and thinking for herself has occurred, it is clearer what she wants from life, what she believes is well-established within her mind, so she knows how to go about living that, and she looks forward to her career; she's a "little worried about finals, but shouldn't have major problems"; "Because it's a small college, it's easier to get to know upper-classmen and professors."

Dawn Merrifield (Glendale, Ariz.): "I've learned to be responsible for myself and learned how to live with all different kinds of people."; she isn't scared yet for finals, but the day before and the day of she will be; she dislikes the cold weather — "I'd rather be in Phoenix", the dorms could use some improvement, Dotzour could use a third dryer in the main laundry room, "The town is pretty nice and has just about everything you need."

David Lehman (Roanoke, La.): socially, he has grown since coming to Mac, he has become more involved with people, friendships have been closer ones, "I have to make myself do things and be responsible for myself.", and he thinks he has matured some; he is not worried about finals and says "I don't feel they'll affect my grades that much."; "I like the climate of Fahnestock Hall and dorm life.", he likes the "rap sessions" they have in the dorm,

the cafeteria food "needs some form of improvement", he doesn't like some of his class assignments, and he added "I don't like some of the annoying people on this campus."

Brian Hofen (Dallas Center, Iowa): his growth is reflected by the "allowable nine pounds" he has gained, by his increased knowledge of social limits for himself, and the expanded knowledge because of classes in his field; the chemistry and calculus finals will be hard; "I like the fact that we can eat as much food as we want, but I dislike the food itself.", he likes Fanny except for the heating, likes Dotzour except for the early hours it closes at, and "The Air Band concert was good, perhaps it should be a competition next time."

Krista Dell (Bremen, In.): "I've learned to be myself, my goals are more definite, and I'm more sure of what I want from life."; finals won't be a breeze, but she's not terribly scared; she likes the closeness of the students, the relationship between professors and students, and the openness of interterm and its opportunities appeal to her, "I don't like all of the food."

Jeff Britigan (Aurora, Co.): he has learned he can't stay up every night until 3 a.m. and he has gained some self-control; he's a little apprehensive towards finals; he likes the atmosphere of the school, "I don't like the weather because I'm used to snow by now.", the town has really friendly people, and the people at this school are really nice.

Gary Foulke (McPherson): he is more independent, has learned a lot, learned to pace himself better, and to manage time; he isn't too worried about finals; he likes Fanny for the most part but quips "my floor is too loud", and he likes the social life here.

Julie Moyer (Hatfield, Pa.): she feels she is more independent; finals won't be too hard; she likes the extracurricular activities, "I dislike the flatness of Kansas and

the gossip on campus."

These are some of the opinions of returning freshmen and they seem to have a grip on reality after their first semester.

From the looks of things, most of the freshman class liked the first semester and will be around in January for more good times.

My favorite gift

by Dianne Cummings

It seems that everyone has a favorite present which they received at Christmas time. For everyone it is something that is special to them and it holds a special memory. I talked to a few of the students here on campus just to find out what special present they have received over past Christmas', and here is their response.

Sandy Ashbaugh — (Fr., Van Wert, OH) A stereo system for my car.

Shelley Garlow — (Jr., Harlan, KS) The stereo I'm getting this year for Christmas.

Sheri Eller — (Soph., Adel, IA) Going to Colorado this year for Christmas.

Ingrid Stafford — (Fr., Osawatomie, KS) When my boyfriend gave me a fur coat.

Kathy Miller — (Soph., Macksville, KS) My camera

Rowena Olsen — (Head Librarian, McPherson, KS) An ice cream freezer, because I didn't expect to get it.

Gayla Green — (Clerical Asst. McPherson, KS) A table my grandfather made me when I was a little girl.

Mike Salmans — (Jr., Hanston, KS) GI Joe Commander base.

Derek Pierce — (Jr., Golden, CO) My big wheel.

Sally Meyer — (Soph., Naperville, IL) Going to Mexico and a Barbie Doll Townhouse.

Terre Rosenberg — (Soph., Littleton, CO) The sweaters that my mom made for me.

Kathy Moore — (Soph., Waterloo, IA) Raggedy Anne Doll.

Personals . . . personals . . .

Derek,
Happy Birthday. Get brewsed!
From Woodland Falls Park
Camping Critters

To Sugar Britches,
I hope you have a wonderful
Christmas. Don't be surprised if
I'm under your tree.
From Charley

To all the wallys and creeps of
Mac College,
Will miss you all.
Jenni

Notice:
All library materials are due
today.

LuAnn Myers,
roses are red,
violets are blue,
candy is sweet,
and so are YOU.

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Secret Sis

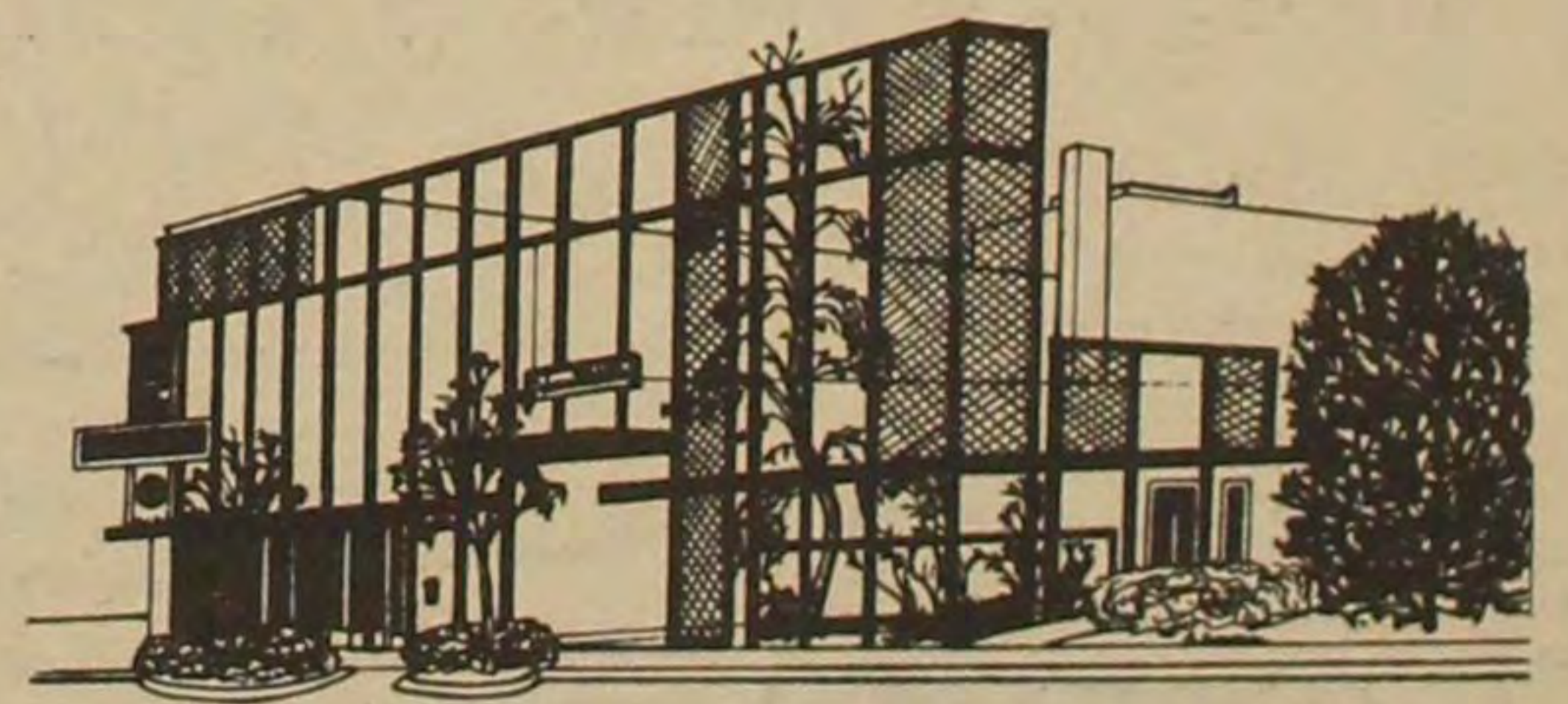
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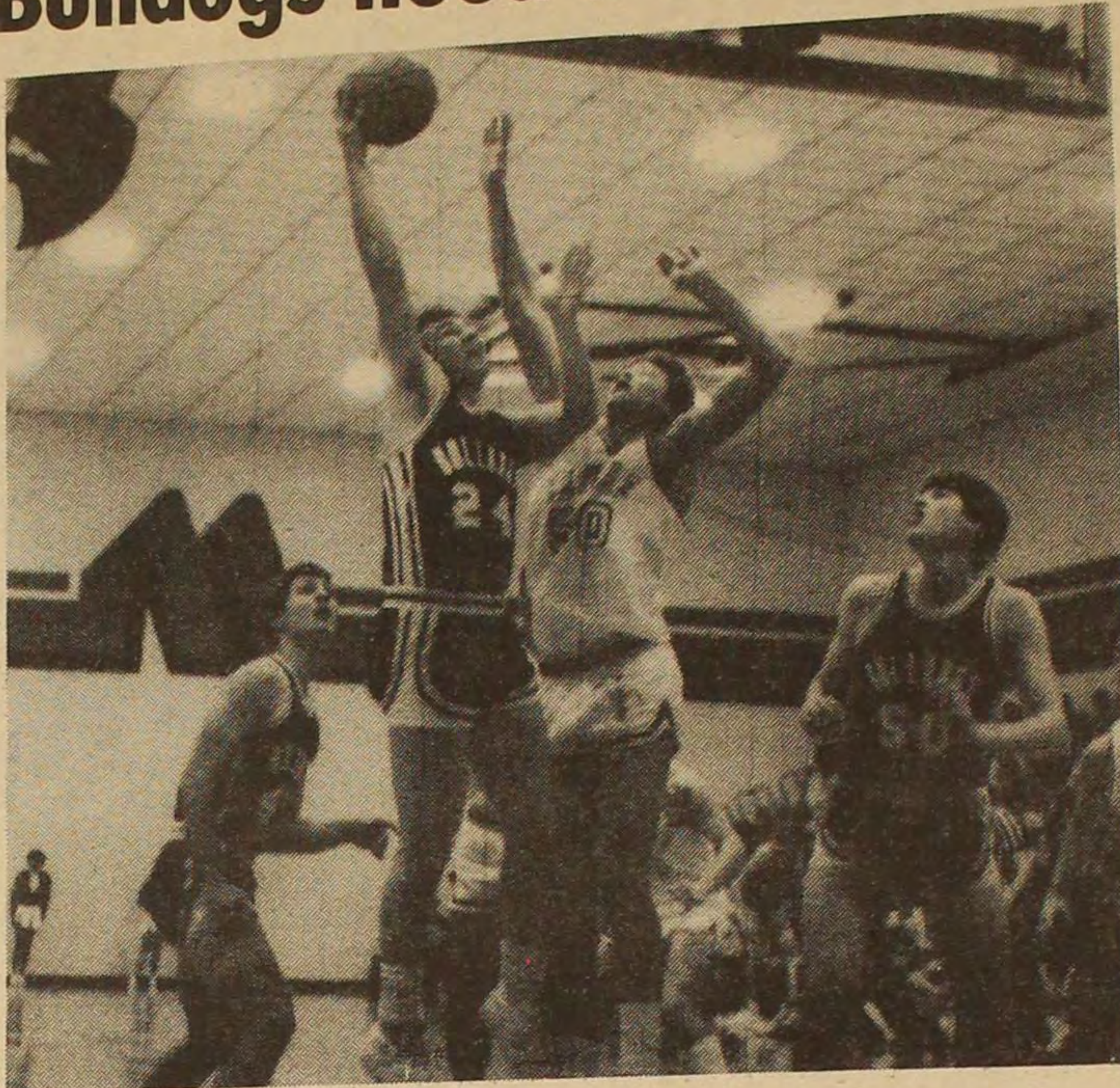
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Bulldogs need a win tomorrow at Friends



PLAYING HURT - Kurt Kinnamon has been slowed in the early games by a shoulder separation, but he's now beginning to take off. Photo by Kathy Miller

by Kevin Burton
 The Bulldogs will be seeking that elusive first conference win, when they travel to Wichita for an 8 o'clock game vs. Friends tomorrow.

McPherson is just 1-4 after five games, 0-3 in the KCAC. Tuesday, the Bulldogs lost their third straight, to Southwestern, 67-59.

The two teams played on even terms for most of the first half, but then the Builders turned the game into a track meet, taking a 36-24 halftime lead.

At one point in the second half, McPherson scored eight straight points to come to within six, but they never got closer than that.

Kurt Kinnamon got his first start, and led the Bulldogs with 16 points.

The Bulldogs will need time to develop into a cohesive unit, which can show coach Roger Trimmell's kind of patience on the court. They need a win tomorrow, however, to get back into the conference race.

Lady Red improve, but lose to S.W.

by Kevin Burton

Though you couldn't tell by their 1-5 record, the Lady Red may finally be moving in a positive direction.

Continuing a pattern as familiar as the Red and White, McPherson let several early games slip through their fingers. Turnovers and poor free throw shooting were a big part of four winnable losses. All four were by four points or less, and worse still, all four came at home.

The most recent one, Tuesday's 63-59 loss to Southwestern, broke the pattern in that

it showed some hopeful signs for the future.

In the game, they abandoned their outside shooting which has been terrible to this point, and relied more on their inside game. Shirley Stramel scored a game high 20 points before fouling out. Carol Zink, who leads the team in scoring had 16, and Cindi Harrison added eleven.

The Lady Red led by as many as eleven in the first half, but some good outside shooting by Southwestern, tied the game at half.

The second half was controlled

for the most part by McPherson. After Stramel fouled out, Southwestern was able to grab just enough rebounds to stay afloat. In the last two minutes they didn't make a mistake, and squeaked by McPherson.

Tuesday's loss could have been called 'one of those games' had it not come on the heels of two close losses to Kansas Wesleyan, and that disastrous loss to Bartlesville Wesleyan.

Tomorrow the Lady Red face another tough opponent in Friends. Game time in Wichita is 6.

California, here we come!

by Dianne Cummings

During the 1983 alumni basketball game a former graduate of McPherson College, Gary Lydic of Pasadena, California, was talking to the coaches of McPherson College about going and playing some basketball games out on the coast. Well it is now a reality as the Bulldogs will be playing in LaVerne and Los Angeles California on December 13th and 15th.

Both the men's and women's teams will be participating in two

basketball games while in California.

The players will also be taking in Disneyland, Universal Studios, and tours of Beverly Hills and Hollywood.

To help with expenses with the trip many of the players participated in the jog-a-thon held last May.

Coach Trimmell and coach Graber both feel that it is something that they all will enjoy. Coach Trimmell says, "It is an excellent opportunity for the

students to get out and see other parts of the country that they may not usually get to see." He also mentioned that it will be a very educational experience. Coach Graber says, "It is something that the players will enjoy. It is an unusual situation and we should do alot more of it. It adds something extra to the season and gives everyone something to look forward to."

By going on this trip the players gain the opportunity to see what other Brethern colleges across the country are like.

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Space is short on this page this issue, which is fine with me, because I do not want to write much about the terrible week I had predicting last time.

This is our last week of predictions (i.e. Kerri's last stand). We have five disagreements, I have a two-game lead, so I need just two wins this weekend to win the year. Kerri needs four wins. — K.B.

Last time

	W	L	PCT.
Kerri	9	5	.642
Kevin	5	9	.357
Overall	61	36	.628
Kevin	59	38	.608
Kerri			

Final disagreements

- Cincinnati B
- New Orleans S
- Seattle B
- Kansas City S

- Dallas S
- Washington B
- Denver B
- San Diego S
- N.Y. Jets B
- Buffalo S