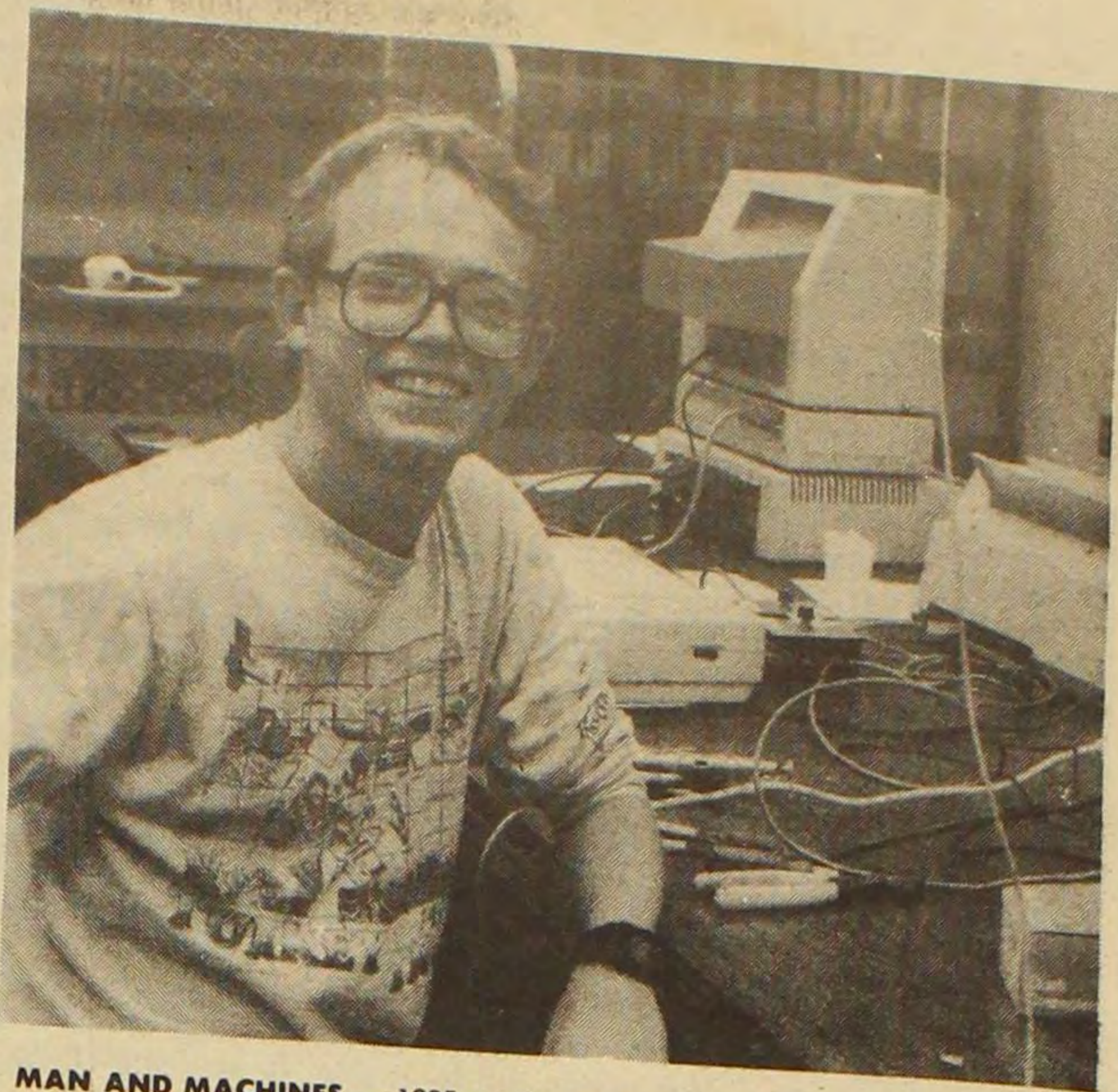


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MAN AND MACHINES — 1985 graduate Roy Grosbach spent a lot of time at McPherson College with computers. Now he has gone to Dallas and the fast-paced world of technology. Meanwhile the college struggles and grows with its dream of a computer network.

Photo by Brian Spate

Installing a computer network

by Tim Crouse

There has been quite a bit of talk about the computer network at McPherson College, much of it in the form of institutional backbiting. What is this special accomplishment? Where is it?

Computer technology has been advancing and more heavily underlining daily activity in the structure of our society. In the education system, computers are science to study but are also becoming a tool for study. McPherson College is lurching north in this direction.

"What we are doing is really a medical experiment, something that a few colleges our size would long attempt and that some major universities are spending billions of dollars to do," says Robert Ward, computer science professor.

Usually computers are used

exclusively to teach processing, their most well-known function. The goal of the McPherson network is to support academics in general, to make it so flexible that no matter what the subject the computers would be useful.

As a start in building this idea into functioning reality, the college made serious purchases in computer hardware, which has brought out heralding choir singing of a ten to one student-computer ratio. Although the music is nice, it is a big euphoric. "We do not have a network on campus yet," says Kathy Howell, c.s. professor. "We need some tool for transferring files so every workstation will have a connection with any other."

The computers need to communicate among themselves but they don't all speak the same language. This is one of the two main barriers between the

present situation and the dream setup.

There are Apples, Zorbas, Tandys and IBMs on campus, in addition to the CRT terminals, which are basically used by computer science students and are connected to the Harris downtown.

The Tandys and IBMs have the same system of communication but the Apples and Zorbas are different. There must be translation. Why not get all of the same machinality?

According to c.s. student Jim Mack (Sr., Dallas Center, IA), software, the programs, that runs on one brand of computer may not run on the other but may be better suited for a certain purpose. As a consequence, for a wide range of services, computers from a range of different brands are needed.

The Apples tend to have more of an educational and games base while IBMs are more business oriented. It is expected that by January, 1986 these two makes of machines should be communicating fairly well on campus.

The other big barrier of installing the campus network is fitting the system into the institution and understanding how the institution fits the system.

"We are hoping it will change the way teachers teach and students study. The

ramifications are great," says Ward. "Not to change our way of thinking but to add a tool to the set."

Now the college is working to train faculty with one class per week. Once they learn how, they ought to encourage students to learn how.

The media center (ext. 214) is the hub of the campus computer system. "If it works the way it's supposed to work, it's probably the most practical answer," says Herb Johnson, Director of Learning Resources. "It fits in with my philosophy; the media center is not just stuck off for a few to use. It ought to be the central point."

Johnson says the media center's role in the network is that of "clearing house." The three c.s. professors cannot be pulled out of class whenever there's a problem. The media center serves as a base for dealing with problems and questions in

somewhat of an orderly fashion.

Both Johnson and Ward emphasize, however, that the User Service Staff, most of whom are students, are not tutors to help with programs nor trainers to teach how to use the equipment.

"The immediate concern is to train (the student assistant) to capture information on real problems. Realistically, they won't know the answers for a while," said Ward, who is basically responsible for technical problems but not recurring or personal ones.

There is a lot of organizational work to be done, dealing with documentary forms, procedures and getting the right people who know when something doesn't work.

Big ideas take time but Ward assures that "We've got the eighty percent of the iceberg you can't see in place, but the visible twenty percent isn't there yet." Next week: **Priorities and student usage.**

Schedule for Homecoming

What would a year be without special times of celebration to look up memories, create new ones and enjoy? Let us not think how it would be. Let us instead look at how it shall be this next week as McPherson College celebrates Homecoming 1985.

Saturday, Oct. 12, Homecoming day, will begin at 10 a.m. with a three kilometer Homecoming Run. This is hopefully the beginning of a yearly tradition. The race is only open to students, faculty and alumni of the college. The entry fee is five dollars and all runners will receive a t-shirt.

Monday, October 7

9:30 AM Faculty Follies Convocation
Brown Auditorium

Tuesday, October 8

All Day Dress as Your Favorite
Entertainer

8:00 PM Double Feature Movies
Student Union

Wednesday, October 9

7:30 PM Powder Puff Football Game
Bulldog Stadium

Friday, October 11

All Day Red and White Day

10:30 AM Honors Convocation
Brown Auditorium

5:00 PM Steak Dinner
Rosie Grove Show
Student Union

8:00 PM Drama Production,
"The Curious Savage,"
Brown Auditorium

10:30 PM Pep Rally, Stadium

Saturday, October 12

9:00 - 12:00 AM Campus Fair,
South Campus Lawn

9:00 AM 3 K Homecoming Run,
Front of Student Union

10:00 AM Homecoming Royalty
Coronation

South Campus Lawn

1:30 PM McPherson College Band Show
Bulldog Stadium

2:00 PM Bulldogs vs. Friends Falcons

4:30 - 6:00 PM Campus-wide Open House

5:00 - 6:30 PM Sports Fans' Supper
Sport Center

6:30 - 7:30 PM President's Open House
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8:00 PM Drama Production,
"The Curious Savage,"
Brown Auditorium

10:30 PM - 1:30 AM Homecoming Dance,
Student Union

Class learns relaxation techniques

by Linnea Brunk
Guest Writer

Have you seen people walking across campus carrying pillows? Are they planning on falling asleep in class? No, they are going to relax!

Herb Smith and Norma Tucker have started Relaxation Techniques Guided Imagery Sessions in the Home Economics lounge of Harnly from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. every Monday through Friday. Twenty of us were interested in spending that time quiet and relaxed.

By 4:30 we have all gotten comfortable lying on the floor with a pillow or on the sofa or sitting in a straight-back chair. Some days it is silent except for Herb or Norma guiding us as we mentally tell ourselves to relax.

Other days there is music in the background.

Sometimes we are to imagine peaceful, quiet scenes: walking alone along the ocean shore on a cool day with the sun shining on your face keeping you warm.

Distractions such as snoring or stomachs growling sometimes encourage minds to wander. But the ideal mental condition is just between sleep and alertness. By the end of the half hour, most of us have relaxed.

You say, "I could better spend that time jogging, playing raquetball, or studying. Or sleeping!" But studies have shown that spending twenty minutes to a half an hour a day in relaxation is better for you physically, mentally, and socially. It can develop personal

relationships, make improvements academically, lower blood pressure (ask Herb) and more.

Of course, any difference will take time and patience to appear. But if we feel positive about the experience after the eight weeks, another session may be organized next semester for any one interested!

Applications

Student Teaching Applications are now being accepted by the education department for Spring semester.

Applications may be picked up in Dr. Alexander's office, Mohler 105, or at the switchboard. Deadline for applications is October 15.



3:00 a.m.

The Manatee, commonly known as the sea cow, is a gentle creature that is said to have the grace of a mermaid and the stature of a heifer. Its daily activities consist of bobbing around in saltwater canals and grazing on seaweed. That is a very casual lifestyle in comparison to that of the nocturnal beast, the Editor.

The production of this paper is at times most overwhelming, but satisfying. The satisfaction comes from seeing people actively reading this modest four-page publication. It is our hope that you, the reader, become interested in the product of our turmoil; that is, the "all nighters" of blood, sweat and ink.

Most newspapers have reporters, so does ours. They are the lifeblood of the Spectator. In using this metaphor, I might as well tell you we are a few pints low. The writers we do have are instrumental in helping to meet deadlines, fill space and make a shot at quality. A campus-wide search was held in early September to uncover talent. We found a small handful. Help is always needed.

The business manager, Steve Cantrell, has been keeping the paper afloat financially while offering coupon ads to save the students a bit of cash.

Meanwhile we work hard to provide the campus with an entertaining paper. However feeble the attempt may be, we hope our readers are as dedicated as we are. Of course that is an impossibility. Thank you for reading my editorial.

Greg Creed

Feed the bored

There has been some bellyaching about the hungry, the victims of violence and injustice, those existing in pain, fear and sheer misery. But what about the bored? Haven't those with basic needs and comforts been ignored long enough? Shall Boredom's oppression never end?

Ever since contentment first reared its ugly head at some fortunate being, there has been constant struggle under the Boredom Regime. Now the fight has gone on so long that it is rarely recognized. Generations have been born in bondage, the idea of free attention, attention liberated, is virtually unknown by them. The situation is tragic.

Shadows of time grow long and dark for people without purpose. What does a person do when no purpose is thrust upon him (or her, of course. As is well-known, this is the neuter possessive form accepted in the English language)? Stagnation and boredom breathe on the neck and spirit. Can he escape or retaliate?

There are many television viewers, some who look down from higher purpose. Others are limp and chained by threads as feeble as Super Friends, surrendered to boredom, feeding on any sort of scraps tossed at them.

Beer parties are junkyards where Boredom's children play, drugs and alcohol tickle shallow fancies. "Heil Boredom!" and pass out on the floor.

Boredom is free attention ignored. Free attention is potential, probably the highest blessing bestowed on a human being. Vision of potential is motivation. Motivation mixes with passion and Boredom does not exist.

Tim Crouse

Thought & Speak

Power usage

by Ralf Schimmer

The summer months are usually regarded as a hard time for journalists, while most of the governments and parliaments are on vacations and politics are going slowly.

Usually, but not so this year. The series of events with a big impact on the world began on July 10, when the Greenpeace flagship Rainbow Warrior was sunk in the harbor of Auckland, New Zealand. Then, in August, several persons disappeared mysteriously in West Germany.

Both events widened and are now well-known as the French Greenpeace-affair and the German Spy-scandal.

But they are not the only important news of this year's summer months. Journalists were also kept busy by increasing trouble in South Africa, by the (limited) U.S. sanctions for the first time, and by the (meanwhile) unanimous vote for (also limited) sanctions of the European Community against the apartheid-regime in South Africa — just to select a few of all events.

The reason for this specific selection is simple. All of these events show a significant relation to power.

The white minority in South Africa violates basic human and political rights of the black majority in the country. Sanctions are imposed in order to improve the situation of the blacks.

Espionage is a normally secret part in the power relations among nations, only after the defection or decamouflage of a spy is the public informed and aware of the performance of secret services.

But in this case we want to focus on the French involvement

in the bombing of the Greenpeace vessel, because it is a typical example for the principles of and the reaction to the misuse of political power.

On principle, the blow up of the Rainbow Warrior — a Portuguese photographer was killed on board — shows that the tendency of using violence is still existing in our so-called civilized world. Although many people don't want to realize that.

A lack of tolerance, aggression and readiness of using violence is still existing in the democracies of the 20th century. Or in other words, when diplomacy failed or became uncomfortable violence is still continuing politics by other means.

In the reaction to the assault we can distinguish between an official and a public reaction.

A part of the French Government's reaction was to seek for a complete report of the French role in this affair. Following this, the defense minister had to resign and the chief of the national secret service was fired. But the French involvement and primarily the crucial question of the responsible person remain still unclear.

New revelations and information came mostly from the French newspapers — and not from government investigators.

For this reason four members of the secret service were arrested last week and charged with having endangered the national security and leaking information to the press. According to French law, these four men and the reporters who published the news leaks, too,

could be jailed for up to years.

But also the newspapers are very careful in their accusation of the secret service's action. They focus mainly on the role of the government and on the possible effect of the scandal on the elections in spring next year. The word of the French "Underwatergate" became popular concerning especially President Mitterrand's role in this case.

The reaction of the French public is also a very common one. According to an opinion poll of a French newspaper, the majority in France says the assault was right to demonstrate French sovereignty to their enemies. The only fault was that a person was killed.

What is common in the reaction is that a nation that accused by others tends to react in an exaggerated patriotism.

This chauvinism is not particular French reaction. One can find a lot of appropriate examples in history. In recent years we could watch nationalism in both England and Argentina, when they fought the Falkland Island. And the American reaction to foreign criticism of the U.S. invasion of Grenada was very similar.

The French violent act of bombing a vessel of the Greenpeace environmental movement and killing a person on the territory of a nation that is involved at all is a typical — only one — example of existence and the use of violence as a means of politics.

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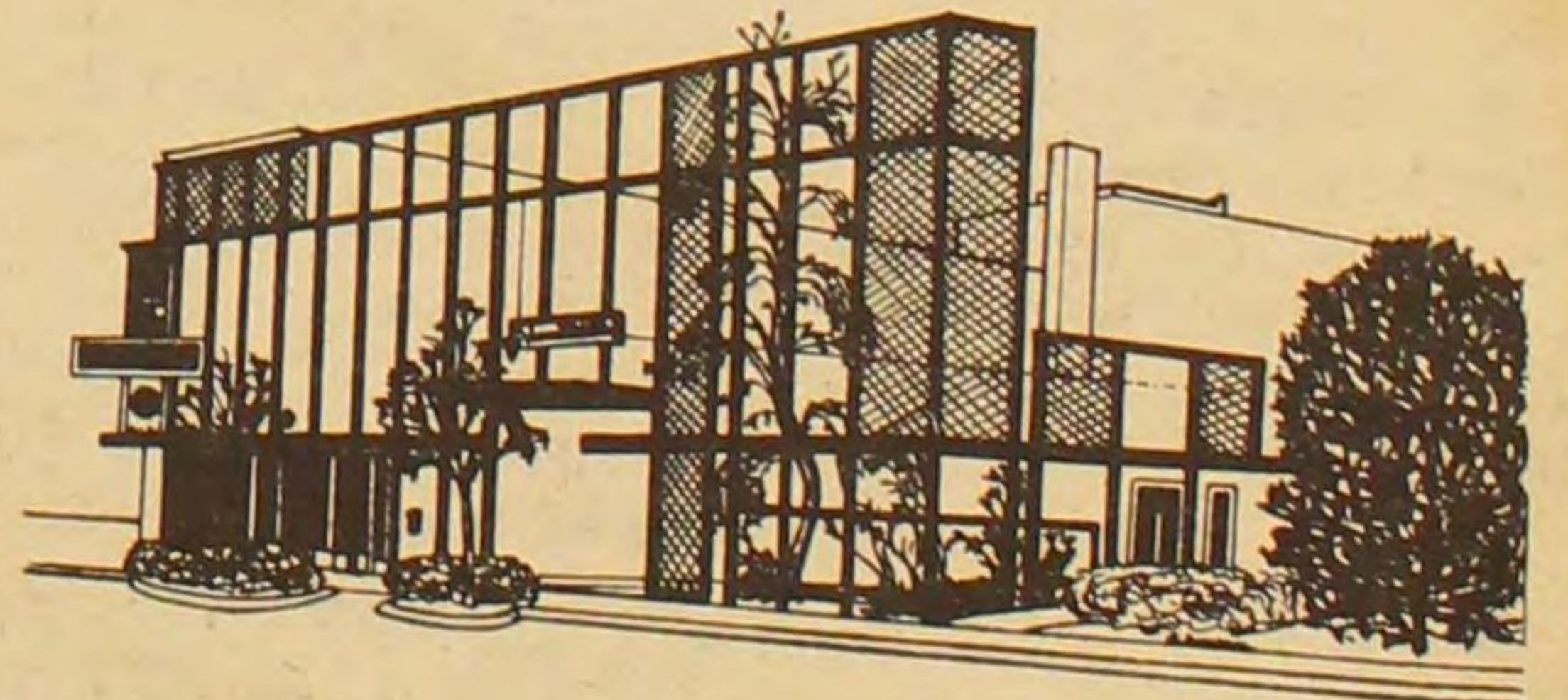


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The world is a teacher

by Greg Creed

The idea of living, studying and traveling in foreign countries speeds up the heart and sets the mind in a mode of fantasy, spinning in and out of dreams and finally grounding itself on reality . . . you are still here, you haven't gone anywhere.

Studying abroad, as described by students, is the most broadening addition to their education. "It was a very true sort of education, to go to a different country and to study for nine months," says Tim Crouse who studied in Barcelona, Spain last year.

Three other students from McPherson, Kevin Miller, Craig Spitzer and David van Asselt, relate similar feelings concerning their stay in Marburg, Germany last year.

Students wanting to study abroad have various reasons for doing so:

"Ich wollte das Bier probieren. No that's not so. I'm a German major and wanted first-hand experience with the language." (Craig)

"The time was right, I needed a change." (Kevin)

"It seemed like a good thing to do." (Tim)

The responses seem vague and general, and they are. These four students, and many like them, are first stood on their head, spun around and then land (where they land) with their cultural and personal values having been run through the wash and rung out. The outcome is a product that

could fill pages with stories, but we won't.

"It gave you a new outlook on life, learning to live on your own and learning a new way of life," says David. In some instances we gain insight on our own culture and language. Kevin had the stark realization of our appearance outside the nation's borders. "You get a different picture of the U.S., the Ugly America."

Craig, from a different angle, said the situation "challenged me not to run to someone every time I had a little problem. It helped me to grow inside, to do things by myself."

But the topic need not be so serious. On the lighter side, people have a good time overseas in traveling and in everyday life. The three "German Boys" traveled to Greece via Yugoslavia on a train of smugglers, among other adventures.

Tim traveled to Ireland on bicycle with his brother, Jerry, and then back to Marburg to visit other McPhersonites who were there.

Our travelers also enjoyed little things of the day:

"The way to relax was to go to a bar or ice cream parlor and have a beer or ice cream . . . respectively. Gemutlich." (David)

"Kneipehopping." (Kevin)

"I must have walked up and down Las Ramblas (a street in



FLYING DUTCHMAN — Ed Blankers (fr., the Netherlands) makes the catch. Members of the ISO play frisbee and swing before feasting on barbecued chicken and roasting ears last Friday.

Photo by Greg Creed

Barcelona) four hundred times. There were always a lot of people and things to see; sidewalk artists, one block was full of flowers, another block they sold birds and rats, people playing music in the street. I really liked the parks in Barcelona . . . watching time and pretty Spanish girls go by." (Timoteo)

Only so much can be told, the rest must be lived. In resumen David adds, "tough at times, it got to the point where . . . but after a year you feel very natural with it. That's the truth, I could tell you lots of stories."

Cliques ignored no more

by Ken Mohler

Most of us take them for granted, really. They have become so much a part of our daily lives that we tend to overlook their effects and implications. But just because we don't notice them doesn't mean they aren't there. Cliques are a fact of life.

Now for those of you who can't even spell "clique", much less deal with it as a social phenomenon, I present to you:

A Guide to Cliquedom, Part 1

First of all it is best that the word clique be defined. A clique is simply a group of friends. A clique could be the people you eat lunch with, or the group you go out with on the weekends. At first glance, the concept of a clique is rather simple.

But, as always, there is more to it than meets the eye. Cliques have their problems.

Problem 1: Clique Clothing

When people are in a group, like a clique, they want to look like a group. And so like any highly-disciplined organization they have a dress code.

Fashion is the most visible element of cliques. It makes cowboys look like cowboys, it makes preps look like preps, and it makes free spirits look like fools.

The element of dress may not seem to be a problem. But a

person's clothes can tell us a person's clique, and we may judge a person by his clique instead of giving him a fair chance.

Problem 2: Clique Pride

When people are divided into cliques, there comes a question of stature. Who is better, we or they? The answer, of course, is always, "We".

Who cares?! To say that my group is better than yours is like saying that my typewriter can sing sweeter than your electric can opener. Groups, cliques, are not trinkets that can be sorted and ranked. To make such judgments is purely ignorant.

Problem 3: Clique Consistency

Cliques grow because a group of people share common interests. These interests can soon take over the group to the point that it doesn't really matter who you are, but rather what kind of music you listen to, or how you party.

The interests become the requirements for being in the group. If you have different interests, a different way of partying, you can't be in the clique. Sad but true.

A Few Words More:

In Part 2, the benefits of cliques will be featured. Also, a few words of advice on joining a clique and how to form a clique of your very own.

Intramurals

by Marty Arnold

A person would think that on a campus this small a person would not be hard to find. I found out this was not the case in my search for Dave Unruh, Resident Director of Metzler Hall and Assistant Coach of the football team.

As the resident director, he is in charge of making sure that dorm life runs smoothly. Being assistant coach, he coaches the offensive line or, as he puts it, his "Hogs" (he is known as 'Boss Hog').

Another one of Dave's duties consists of being the Student Activities Coordinator, which includes the intramural program. Dave's main goal at this point is to upgrade the entire intramural program.

One of the ways he is doing this is by changing the flag football from separate men and women teams to co-ed teams. This improved the participation from a few small teams to eight teams, with over seventy-five people playing this year.

Another change was from the touch football format to the flag format, which the players like better. He did say it would be great if there would be more fans to watch the fun.



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Bulldogs conquer Braves and elements

by Kevin Burton

You may see a game like McPherson's 13-6 vanquishing of Ottawa sometime, but don't hold your breath. It was a strange one.

It was an ugly win.

The weather was ugly. The normal September chill was accompanied by first a steady rain, then an all-out thunderstorm of almost Biblical magnitude.

The weather combined with the double dose of football that Bulldog stadium has been taking to make the field ugly. With players strewn about the especially hard hit south end of the field, the whole scene resembled a giant pot of beef stew. When runners gained ground, they also wore it. Naturally this made the uniforms ugly too.

Some of the numbers were ugly too. The visiting Braves racked up 255 total yards to McPherson's 134.

But the Braves produced twelve turnovers, enough to make any baker proud (notice the even dozen), and the Bulldogs took advantage. That's winning ugly.

Somewhere, Tony LaRussa must be smiling. So is Steve Phipps.

"We took advantage of the elements and played smarter

than they did," said the McPherson coach who watched his team even their record at 1-1. "I can't remember ever being associated with a game where a team had twelve turnovers."

You knew going in that field position would be a key. The field would greatly hinder progress for two offenses who hadn't distinguished themselves in the best of conditions. So, when McPherson drew first blood, it was larger than the usual advantage.

With under twelve minutes to go in the first half, Vic Ullom threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Billy Jamison. Ullom had entered the game three minutes earlier after starter Randy Tucker twisted a knee. The extra point was blocked and the score stayed 6-0.

On a night best suited for ducks, Ottawa quarterback Louis Nightengale provided plenty. Before the night was over, four of them were intercepted, three by Lonnie Heigele and one by Billy O'Neil. It was Heigele's second theft early in the third quarter that started the incredible run of nine second-half turnovers.

But halfway through the third quarter, amidst all the stumbling and splashing, one play

threatened to swing the night to the visitors.

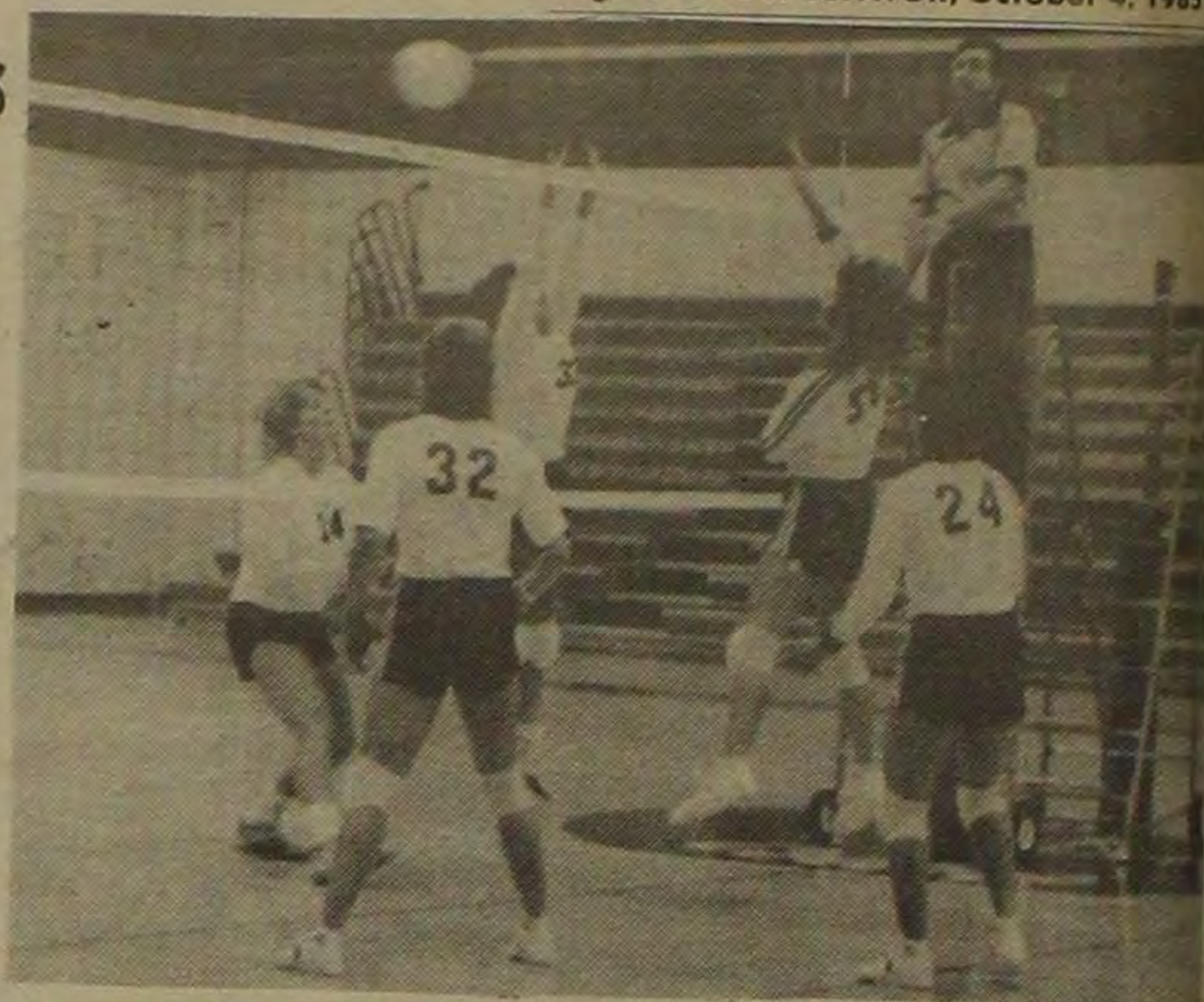
Alonzo Smith took a quick pitch and ran outside the Bulldog defense 82 yards for the tying touchdown. The extra point was blocked, so the score remained even.

Fresh from Smith's breakaway stunner, the Braves could have put the game away. Instead they dropped it. They dropped the football all over the yard. They fumbled a great scoring chance with a first and goal on the Bulldog six. But the fumble that finished them off was on their own one.

McPherson's offense, which had missed opportunities of their own, did not this time. Derek Pierce scored the winning touchdown with 5:42 remaining in the game. Jimmy Dushane added the not-so-automatic extra point to conclude the scoring.

Ottawa mounted a final drive, but their evening's effort ended with a halfback pass thudding ingloriously at the feet of the quarterback-turned-receiver.

It will take yet another giant effort from Merrin "George Toma" Godfrey to get the field ready for next week and the Friends Falcons. Meanwhile the Bulldogs draw a tough assignment, on the road at Southwestern.



SET AT THE NET — Karen Walters along with teammates Sandy Nichols (32) and Kayla Corbett (24) wants a win. She drives the point and the ball home forcefully in a win over St. John last Saturday.

Photo by Ellen Herschelman

Red wins three of four

by Kevin Burton

The Lady Red brought their record to 6-12 with a pair of non-conference wins last Saturday.

They defeated St. John 15-10 and 15-2, then topped Baker 15-10, 15-6. Earlier in the week they lost to Bethany 12-15 and 5-15 but defeated Ottawa 15-6, 15-2 to open the KCAC season at 1-1. (This week McPherson faced five other KCAC teams after our deadlines.)

"We didn't play well against Bethany," said McPherson coach Dan Hoffman. "We played all right against Ottawa. Overall we

had an average night."

"Now Saturday, we hit the ball well and moved well. We had a good performance Saturday."

The offense, which has been the weak point of the Lady Red game, is starting to come around.

"We've come a long way in terms of attack," said Hoffman. "We're starting to put some plays in that are going to help us too."

After playing such a busy schedule this week, the Lady Red get a bit of a break, until Wednesday when they travel to Winfield to face Southwestern and Kansas Wesleyan.

Tennis team is blanked at Washburn

by Kevin Burton

The Washburn tennis team and a whole lot of rain made last weekend a gloomy one for the Lady Red, but you couldn't say it was a total wash.

Friday McPherson was shut out by a tough Washburn team 9-0. Then, Saturday's match against Benedictine was rained out. Usually rain causes a change of venue, not a cancellation, but

Benedictine has no indoor tennis facilities.

"We played some good tennis Friday, but Washburn has a super team," said Doris Coppock, coach of the Lady Red.

Had they been able to play Benedictine, they would have run into more top notch competition, and that's no accident.

"We play such tough competition to make our people

better," says Coppock. "I think it makes us better players when conference comes around."

Washburn won every match in straight sets, except at third singles where Cindi Griffis lost 4-6, 7-6, 2-6. Still, no one takes McPherson lightly, including Washburn who had to work hard for their shots.

The loss and rainout left McPherson's record at 3-3, including 2-2 in the KCAC.

Bethany comes to town Monday for an important match. The Swedes already defeated the Red once this year, but the teams could be involved in a close battle at the conference tournament. Monday's match begins at 2:30.

K-State wins in mud bath

by Kevin Burton

They held a down and dirty little affair for cross country teams last weekend at Emporia State. It was cross country like in a Toyota commercial, with mud flying everywhere and on everything.

"They could have called it the Emporia State Invitational Swamp Meet," joked McPherson coach Sid Gauby.

Doug Baker adds "It was the funnest race I've ever run, with all that mud."

It was Baker who turned in the top time for McPherson finishing 48th, in 28:27. He was the only one from the McPherson contingent to break the 30:00 mark on the muddy terrain of Emporia.

"We ran fairly well considering the conditions," said Gauby. "It was a learning experience. It gave us a chance to see the level of some schools who pay their athletes."

That would include Kansas State's team, which mopped up both the men's and women's competition.

Jeff Gussie of McPherson finished 77th in 30:04. Close behind was Tim Crouse who finished 81st in a time of 30:15.

Kevin Miller was the hundredth man to cross the finish line, with a time of 31:45. Matt Scoggins finished 122nd in 34:51.

In the women's competition, all five of the top finishers were from Kansas State. Sally Geisert of McPherson placed 64th with a time of 25:13.

For many teams there's no place like home. For the cross country team, there is no home. All their meets this season are on the road. This week, they will be in Lindsborg for the Bethany Invitational. It's the closest to McPherson they will be all year.

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