

## Higher education

# Experience is directly related to involvement

by Kathy Moore

Attending college or a university is a major part of our culture. Most high school juniors and seniors are plagued by the question "Where am I going to go to college?" Not everyone leaves home or stays at school, but for most eighteen-year-olds the break from home starts with their college career.

Why does higher education seem so important? For starters, it serves many purposes.

Obviously the students are there for learning and bettering themselves. Jobs are created for professors, administrators, librarians, maintenance, food service, etc. Book publishing companies are kept in business.

The sports world divulges in anything from soccer to swim teams to golf on the college level and benefits from the talented athletes who pursue professional sports careers.

The students who attend college have a higher placement rate and starting position in the job market. And there are other reasons for the emphasis given to higher education.

In earlier times only the

wealthy could attend the private institutions in existence. Then several things like land-grant colleges, social mobility, going coed and increasing individual freedoms led to greater numbers of young people attending college.

What do the participants receive from their post-high school endeavors? That's up to the individuals. Job training and pre-employment experiences; academic challenges; a delayed adulthood; strong friendships lasting beyond the four years; for some, marriage. These things are only a small portion of what college includes for a student.

Alexander Astin, author of "Four Critical Years," "The Invisible Colleges," and professor and director of the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA, has evaluated the student and the institution in terms of what each brings to the other. His article "Involvement: The Cornerstone of Excellence" in the July-August 1985 issue of Change magazine gives some of his recent viewpoints.

The major determinants of a student's satisfaction with his-

her college days are "student involvement, high expectations and assessment and feedback." Professor Astin perceives student involvement to be the amount of physical and psychological energy that the student devotes to the academic experience.

He believes students learn by becoming involved. The environment of college involvement applies to faculty also. Involvement is used as a tool to research development and plan for the future learning.

The components of high involvement include full-time attendance, participation in extracurricular events, studying hard, living on campus and frequent interaction with other students and with faculty.

A conclusion reached after evaluating research was that all forms of student involvement are associated with greater-than-average changes in entering freshman characteristics. Take a look at these and see how you are measuring up.

The institution also helps

determine what the students experience during their attendance. Astin looks at the schools' struggles for prestige, reputation, excellence and endurance.

His remarks are good reminders to the administrations regarding these matters. "... we should redefine excellence in terms that are more consistent with higher education's most fundamental purpose: the education of students... 'quality' or 'excellence' should reflect

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## Computers are stolen from Metzler

by Marty Moyer

"The college is helping the students gain in this technology and to gain in this area of computer systems," says Joanne Hamlin, Assistant in Student Personnel Services.

This reflection by Joanne could state the importance of our computer systems and how much of a loss it is to the students when there is a theft from this valuable system.

The theft occurred somewhere

between 12 midnight and 8 a.m. on Oct. 30. An estimated \$3,977 worth of the newly installed systems is involved in the theft. This includes a Tandy 1000, an Apple IIE, a Zorba, an Ebson Printer, and four discs.

At press time, there was very little information about how the theft happened. The computers were in a room that was keyed for each hall resident. There was no evidence of a break-in of the door. There is a police report filed.

The theft is a felony with the amount of money that is involved. Any information concerning the theft would be helpful since these computers are for the students.

As far as changes are concerned, there will be some made in the security system. There will be a better security plan for the computer systems. At this point there are no plans to replace the computers, but plans are being reviewed.

## Yucatan, NY and DC; that's class

by Hope Johnson

Mexico's warm tropical climate and the crowded streets of New York and Washington will be the home of several McPherson College students during the later-part of interterm.

Spanish and marketing and investment classes will be traveling to places that relate to their field of study.

Professor Corinne Highbanks, instructor of Spanish, will be taking students to the Yucatan Peninsula for two weeks. Here they will be touring the most modern and beautiful city of Cancun, along with the old colonial city of Merida.

Students will have a chance to participate in snorkeling, visit schools and universities and sight seeing.

According to Professor Highbanks, experienced students will be learning about the educational systems and analyzing the

culture. Beginners will be concentrating on improving their Spanish language and examining the cultural differences.

Far from the tropical land of Mexico, marketing and investment students will be subjected to an environment of their own trade. For twelve days in New York and Washington, students will get a taste of the business world.

Both classes are open to seniors and juniors who meet the prerequisites for economics and/or accounting classes. Second semester sophomores with consent of the instructor may also take marketing.

Each class will meet on campus four hours per day for two weeks prior to the tour.

"I'm hoping the trip will enable students to apply what they've learned in the classroom to experiences they encounter on the trip," says David O'Dell, teacher of investments.

Norman Hope, teacher of

marketing, hopes to have local business persons talk to the class. "This way the students can see the contrast between business in a smaller community to that of an industrialized city."

The tour will consist of visits to such places as the World Trade Center, New York Stock Exchange, United Nations building, Federal Reserve and other business and cultural landmarks of New York.

While in Washington, students will tour the Smithsonian, National Archives, White House, Capital and other places, time permitting.

Anyone interested in the Spanish trip to Mexico should contact Professor Corinne Highbanks in Mohler Hall Room 225.

Lowell Flory, David O'Dell and Norman Hope will coordinate the trip to New York and Washington. Interested marketing or investment students should contact one of them in Mohler Hall.



**FAST AT WORK** — Jay Nicholson has mastered the art of writing while watching his eyelids. It is a technique that could possibly be published in "how to" manuals.

photo by Greg Creed

## LIFE holds conference

The second L.I.F.E. Conference of the current school year will be held on the Friends University campus in Wichita between 8:00 A.M. and 1:15 P.M. on Wednesday, November 13.

Looking into future employment in business will be the subject area. The following career options will be discussed.

- Accounting
- Agri-Business
- Banking and Credit
- Purchasing
- Hospitality Careers
- Administrative Support
- Fashion Merchandising
- Corporate Law

- Personnel Management
- Retail Management
- Sales and Marketing
- Computer Science

A special job skills workshop for business majors will be held from 12:00-1:15 PM. Those interested in this conference should contact their major professors or Roland Wray, Director of Career Planning and Placement, in Miller Library (Ext. 227) by Monday, November 11.

Plans for transportation and lunch will be arranged. Those planning to attend will need to notify their instructors of the time they will be absent.

## In trust we hope

Trust is a frame of mind, a healthy one, coming from faith, not doubt; confidence, not suspicion; respect, not criticism; and resulting in wholesome stability. The stability, emotional and psychological, is a base for sturdy growth and progress, allowing for doing constructive things. It's too bad such a good thing is so delicate and can't be fabricated. It seems that trust doesn't have a chance in the harsh environment in which we find ourselves. A desirable crop continues to be killed off, rarely growing back. The barren land extends inward and outward through our world.

Ronald Reagan and Michael Gorbachev are getting ready for peace talks that will be bound in distrust. There will be little faith, confidence or respect in and for each other and what they represent. Why should there be? They are men of different ideologies defending their own interests, neither of them very concerned with levels of thought beyond political theory and strategy. A mere glance into history would wilt any sprouting trust anyway. Don't expect these talks to result in sturdy growth or progress.

Experience can be a toxic killer of trust. Computer rooms on this campus will be harder to get into because of the theft in Metzler. A woman who was raped will be more suspicious, the boy who cries "Wolf!" when there is none will be doubted, the person who is ridiculed without respect will be critical of others and not respect them. These are logical reactions but the result is a depletion of the trust-count in our biosphere.

The problem, then, does not seem to be in the reaction so much as in the killer experiences. Since human nature and ethics are forever infested with cruelties, falsities and other imperfections, there is no hope to get rid of such bad experiences. Therefore, the only hope for conserving and cultivating trust, is in our reactions to the experiences.

Continual trusting, despite lessons learned and seasoned judgment advising against it, reveals either naivete or a conscious awareness of what trust is. It is a stable hope for humanity that conceives unity, a base for growth and progress. It frees energy from the tensions of antagonism for things more relevant to living.

In society today, many people view trust as a weakness, a vulnerability sure to leave one stripped and beaten in a gutter of losses. But the loss of trust is more profoundly tragic, leaving humanity stripped and hungry, beating itself. Such a loss is not recoverable.

Bank on trust.

Tim Crouse

## Decision

by Lee Ellis

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me." (Revelation 3:20)

As I heard these words I knew I was faced with a decision. A decision that would alter my life forever. The one whom I thought I knew so well was knocking on the door of my heart. To say yes would mean to lay down every area of my life for him. Jesus Christ, the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings was waiting outside.

In the previous days and weeks I had begun to hear his voice just as I woke up in the morning from a "grand" night out. "Lee, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. There is no way you can make it without me," he seemed to say softly.

"For you there are plans made by the Father himself. You will be given the chance to become a servant of the Most High God, but only through me. Please open the door and allow me to do the things for which I was born, to save my people from their sin."

Now the decision was clearly black and white before me. I had accepted Jesus Christ as my

Savior, but not as my Lord. I was living a counterfeit of what Christianity is all about.

It was all just a bunch of lies because the center of my life was me, not Jesus. How ironic it is to think that our goals are better than his. There I was engulfed in sin.

I was living in sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. And let's not forget selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, drunkenness and the list just went on and on.

"God will forgive me," I would say so often. But by putting him off I was taking the grace of God in vain (2 Corinthians 6:1). The situation was very clear, I could repent of all my sin and turn back to God or I could rot in my filth.

My decision was final, I would invite the Lord Jesus into my heart. For He alone has the words of eternal life (Romans 6:23).

It has been two years since I made my decision to invite Jesus into my heart. I watched as the greatest physician alive does heart surgery on me and others. To say that my life has changed is a gross understatement. My life has been made brand new by Jesus.

D. Bonhoeffer wrote, "When Christ calls a man to Himself, He

bids him come and die." To die to myself and live for Christ is now my goal.

When I gave myself to Jesus I didn't lose anything, I gained everything. The most important thing that I gained was a love that just cannot be matched. A love this world knows nothing about. A love that is hidden inside Jesus Christ.

Many of you are hearing some of the same words I heard. Many are struggling and trying to do right on their own strength. And there are others still who are looking for the ultimate relationship.

Whether you go to church most of the time or you never go, Jesus Christ loves you more than you will ever understand. Let there be no doubt Jesus Christ is the answer for you and the world today.

Is Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior? He was born into the world to accept death on a cross for your sins. And when He said, "It is finished," he opened the door for you to become a child of the Father Almighty God.

To share in brotherhood with Jesus Christ is an accomplishment made possible only by the blood of Jesus. I pray that you will open the door and fellowship with the risen Savior. He is waiting to share with you.

## Letter to the Editor : Bull's-eye

Dear Editor,

Perhaps I was caught up with my own frustrations of the day and was seeing only the negative aspects, but as I recall the situation in my mind I still get a nauseated feeling of shock and disbelief as to what I saw.

Like every other day, I made my way over to the gym lobby to stretch-out and hear the plans of attack for cross-country practice. While stretching, two football coaches walked in carrying a straw-like contraption about 2½ feet long.

Not knowing what it was, I proceeded to watch each coach blow a dart into the wall leaving two small, but permanent holes beside the restroom sign on the trophy case wall. After giving each coach a copy of my original

letter to read before the publication, the holes were repaired.

After seeing this occur I felt some sort of action should be taken. I mean, has the college raised \$1.2 million to build a beautiful sports center to be used as a dart board, without the board?

I hope my action of writing this letter only brings embarrassment to those involved because I did not intend to be a so-called "tattletale."

While writing this letter, I reread the humorous letter to the editor entitled, "Action needed" in the previous issue. It stressed the idea that the student body of

McPherson College should be deciding a course of action to be taken towards "Ultrabiocosmicsubauralmentaldecimatingoscillation, scientific fact."

Although this letter was humorous, it did stress a positive idea: that we, as students, should take action. I believe as students administration and faculty of McPherson College the first action we should take is to stop and look at ourselves. What are the reactions of our actions.

Kevin Miller



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Lady Red

Bulldogs

# Lady Red look for that winning edge

by Kevin Burton

Oh those close losses. When you lose a game by one or two points and can think of dozens of wrongs, that if righted could have won the game.

Oh those close losses. Call them heartbreakers on the road, call them inexcusable at home. Call them legion, for they have been many for the Lady Red.

"Sometimes when a team's not mentally ready they dig a hole for themselves in the first half," says Jill Pihl, Lady Red coach.

But this is a whole new season. The Lady Red have one of the best freshman classes in some

time. With their solid core of returning players and their new-found depth, the Lady Red look again like an upper-division team.

The Lady Red return six players. Sandy Nichols is the only senior on the team. Four juniors are on the roster including all-KCAC center Carol Zink. Cindi Harrison, Kayla Corbett and Vivian Benson have all been solid performers in the past and will be counted on heavily this year.

Sophomore Dawn Merrifield proved she can shoot from outside near the end of last season and she figures to see plenty of

action.

Marla Wasson comes to the Red from Sterling. At 5'6" she can play at small forward or guard, and has the ability to adjust to changes on the court quickly.

The other ten players on the roster are all freshmen. It's a large class both in number and height.

Lisa Mick figures to be a strong rebounder, as does Tonya Kingery. Kingery showed her great leaping ability earlier on the volleyball team.

Kelli Grote stands 5'10", but she was a guard in high school. She's a good shooter who will be asked to play a forward position.

Another player with great rebounding potential is Vicky Finkenstadt. She's a hard-working aggressive player.

Kristen Stanley will play either a small forward or a wing, after she recovers from a pinched nerve and gets the doctor's O.K.

Lisa Patrick and Amie Theroff are the smallest of the newcomers at 5'5". Amie is being projected as a point guard.

Melanie Theroff and Michelle Streit both are good shooters. Scarlett Rudd is a good ball-handler who played 3-on-3 at her high school in Oklahoma.

"The big thing for a lot of freshmen," says coach Pihl, "is to adjust to the more physical play at the college level."



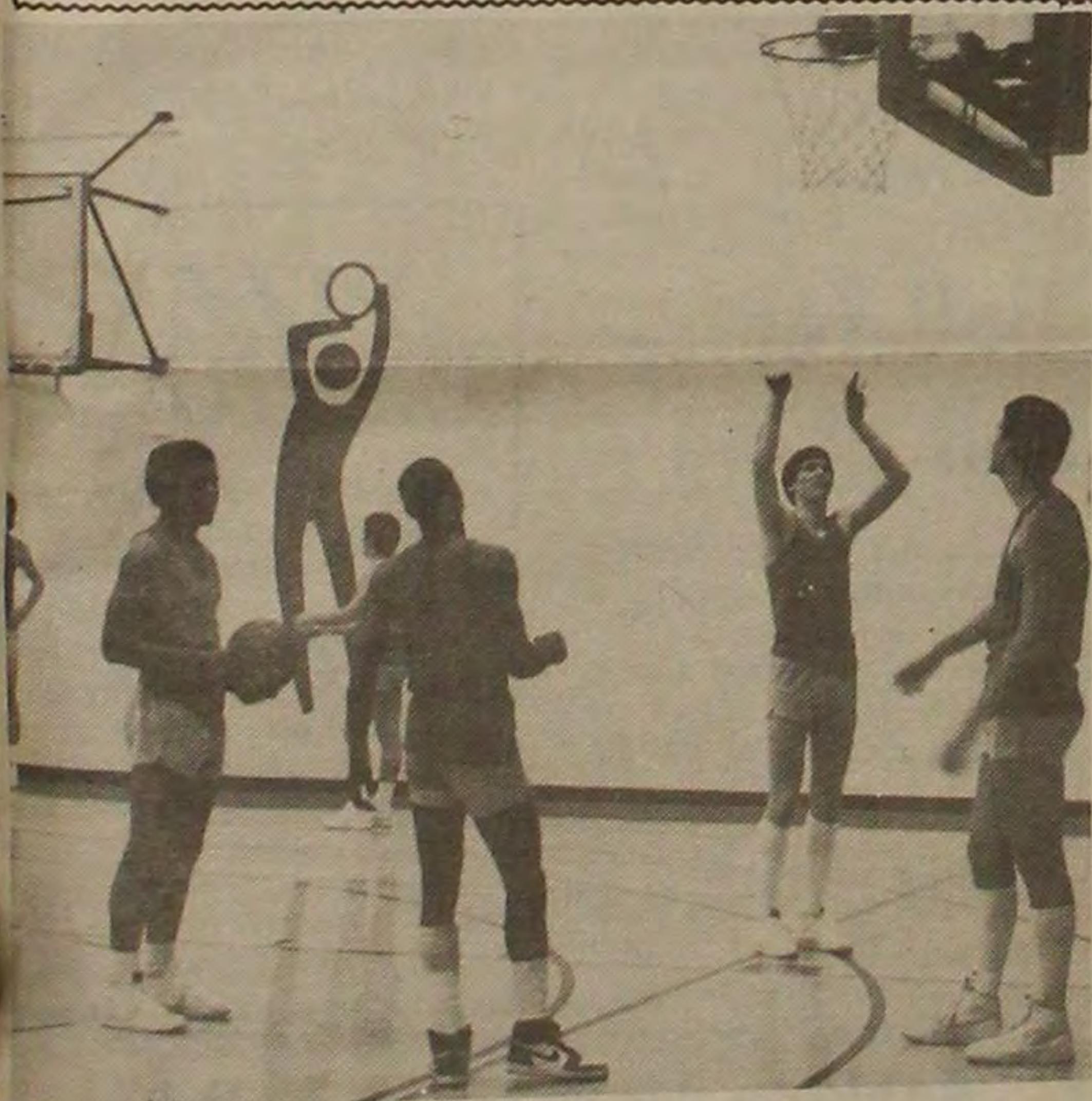
**BLOOD SWEAT AND WINS** — Only eleven days remain before the Lady Red take to the court for real.

photo by Susan Mack

## Hoop Hysteria

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**GEARING UP** — The Bulldogs lost a lot to graduation, but hope to pick up the slack with new talent. photo by Susan Mack

## Bulldogs ready for season

by Melissa James

"I'm looking forward to getting the games started," said Roger Trimmel, men's basketball coach.

According to Coach Trimmel, the team has been working very hard. They work well together as a group; there is a lot of good leadership with the older players helping the younger ones.

Coach Trimmel said that one weakness of the team is that the younger players have never played college basketball and therefore they have to work very hard to keep up with the upper classmen.

The members of the men's

basketball team (in alphabetical order) are as follows: Mike Appel, Chris Cooley, John Cramsey, John Crist, Brad Elliott, Neil Elliott, Mike Fraser, Dan Fuentes, Norman Hollis, Kurt Kinnamon, Keith Pierre, Kurt Kinnamon, Tyrone Sims, Dave Robertson, Tyrone Sims, Jamie Spexarth, Bill Wempe, and Rene Wilson.

The men's basketball team play their first game at the Kansas Wesleyan Classic this weekend, November 7-9. They played Bartlesville Wesleyan yesterday. Tonight they play Peru State at 9:00 p.m. Finally Saturday, November 9, they play Chadron State at 5:00 p.m.

## Pihl begins first season as coach

by Vicki Finkenstadt

Jill Pihl, the head women's basketball coach, considers attitude more important than skill or ability. Since the players are playing college ball, they have the talent; so it's really a matter of whether or not they want to play, to learn and to grow in basketball. "Are you willing to make sacrifices for the team?" Coach Pihl challenges. Pihl coaches because she wants to stay involved with the sport: "It's the next best thing to playing." Coach Pihl played basketball in high school and at Bethany College. She was the assistant coach at Bethany until she came to McPherson. This is her first head-coaching job.

In talking about Coach Pihl, Assistant Coach Kathy Howell revealed, "Jill knows what it takes to be a winning team. She knows the value of hard work. She does the best that she can and expects the same out of everyone." Kathy Howell, associate professor of computer science, was also a college athlete before turning to coaching.

Coach Pihl hopes to have many junior varsity games to give her young Lady Reds playing time and experience.



**ON THE JOB** — Coach Jill Pihl and the Lady Red have just eleven days to prepare for the start of the season.

photo by Susan Mack

# Kinnamon excels on and off the court

by Kathy Moore

How well do you know Kurt Kinnamon, one of the returning basketball players for McPherson College? Not very well you say? Here is your chance to learn what you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask.

Kinnamon is from St. John, Kansas and is a senior. He has been playing basketball since he was five or so, when his father got him started. He attended St. John's High School and was a guard on the basketball team there. Kurt made all-state three years while in high school.

His team went undefeated and won the state championship during the 1982 season.

He then went to Hutchinson Junior College. He played both years there and another Mac player, Bill Wempe, became a familiar face to Kurt at Hutch JuCo. Kurt received the honor of being named Academic All-Conference.

He and Wempe were team captains their sophomore year. The record for the two years under Coach Gary Borgen was 51-12. Kinnamon credits Borgen with being one of the best coaches in the country.

Last year Kurt transferred to

McPherson and is a shooting guard on our team. Wempe came here also and they enjoy being teammates. This is the fourth year for them to play on the same team and they have proved themselves to be valuable assets.

There are differences between playing for Hutch and playing for McPherson. The coaches are similar in some ways. According to Kurt, they both like to stress good defense. They want 100 percent effort all the time. And both like to have good shooters on the floor.

The atmosphere here seems to be more relaxed than in Hutch. Winning several championships in a row has given the community here expectations for the coach and team members. Kurt said, "The fans are much more demanding at Hutch. Here people don't single out individuals as much to blame for losses or mistakes."

Kurt enjoys the lockerroom atmosphere as well as being part of a group of people working together to achieve a common goal. He hasn't set specific goals for himself for this season but he wants to have a good season.

He sees this year's team as a "hard-working bunch" and the freshman have shown

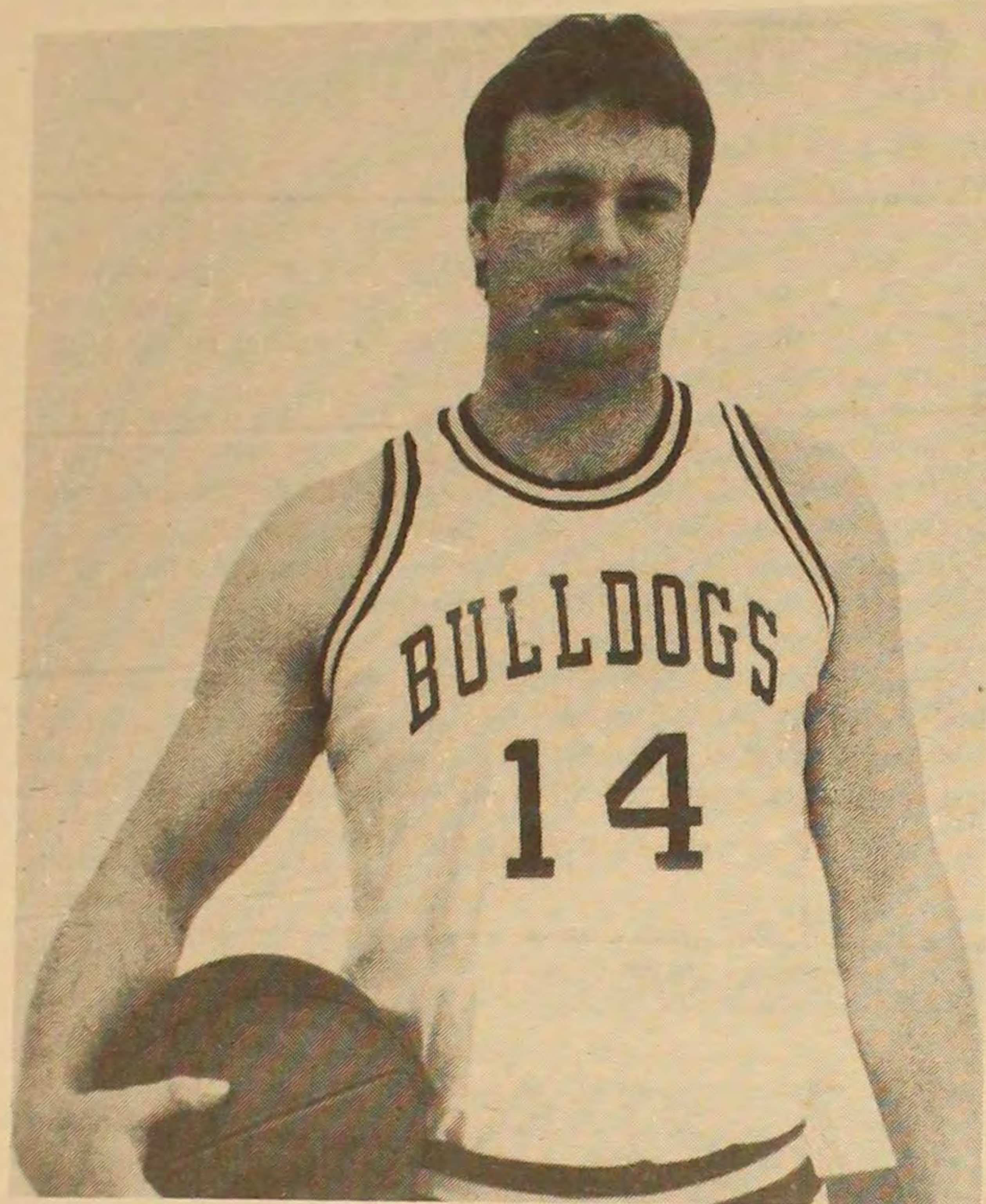
remarkable improvement. They have adjusted to college basketball playing pretty well, which makes for a good atmosphere to work in.

Kurt would like to win the KCAC, have everyone play up to capabilities and to play hard even if they don't win all the time. The team misses players like Kelly Unruh and John Johnson from previous years, but hopes to overcome their absence.

Kurt made the statement "We'll be exciting" and also told of a prediction from a fellow teammate who will remain anonymous to protect the innocent. The teammate said, "We're going to win at least fourteen games."

Kinnamon states the highlight of his college career is his junior term of student teaching instead of a basketball accomplishment. He is an elementary ed major, loves little kids, and really enjoyed the first graders he worked with last spring. He hopes to get into coaching in the future along with his teaching.

Kurt is looking forward to the start of the playing season along with the rest of us.



**A GUARD'S OPTIMISM** — Kurt Kinnamon continues his basketball career without losing sight of his scholastic career.

photo by Susan Mack

Fans prepare —

## Rev up those lungs

by Jim Mack

The basketball season is finally here, and with it comes not only the bouncing basketballs and squeaking tennis shoes, but also the return of the basketball fans to the stands. These fans have been waiting since last March for the basketball season to start, waiting to scream their lungs out for the home team.

Screaming their lungs out is what basketball fans do best. They can yell anything they want at whomever they please. Often the referees act as magnets, attracting much of the verbal abuse dished out by the fans. But this is part of the fun of being a fan, being able to tell the person in charge what you think of the job he is doing, a form of on-the-job criticism for the referee. Granted this criticism is not very objective but no one ever made the claim that an objective basketball fan existed.

Fans often select one or two favorite players that they love to root for. The first of these players

is usually the team hustler, the player who always dives after the loose balls and fights for the rebounds. The other crowd favorite is often the player who doesn't get off the bench until the game has been decided. Much to the embarrassment of the player, the crowd starts chanting for him and when he is put into the game, the crowd goes wild. If the player happens to score some points this is just icing on the cake.

The basketball fan does not need a great team to have fun in the stands. All the fan needs is a team that is competitive. Sure it is more fun if the team wins every game, but a team that is competitive will give any fan enough to yell about during a game, and if the team ends up losing, the fan can always blame the loss on the referees.

These are a few of the ways that basketball fans accomplish their purpose of helping their team win the game and having some fun in the process.

## A brand new ball for a 'different' ball game

by Kevin Burton

Forgive me if this is too easy, but here's a trivia question for you.

Who did the Bulldogs play in the first game at the Sport Center?

Go to the head of the class if you said the Bulldogs didn't play, the Lady Red did, against Bethany.

In recent history, the Lady Red have had a better winning percentage than the Bulldogs, but many fans haven't caught on. At all schools, with the possible exception of Old Dominion, women's basketball takes a back seat.

McPherson athletic director Paul Graber has called women's basketball "a different kind of game," noting that it is "more of a finesse game."

In the KCAC, women use a 30-second clock to speed up the game, and it works. You almost never see a shot clock violation. And last year the size of the ball was reduced to accommodate smaller hands.

"It allows them to do more," said Jill Pihl, a former player at Bethany who is coaching the Lady Red this year.

"They can pass quicker and have more control of the ball. It speeds up the game."

## PIZZA EXPRESS

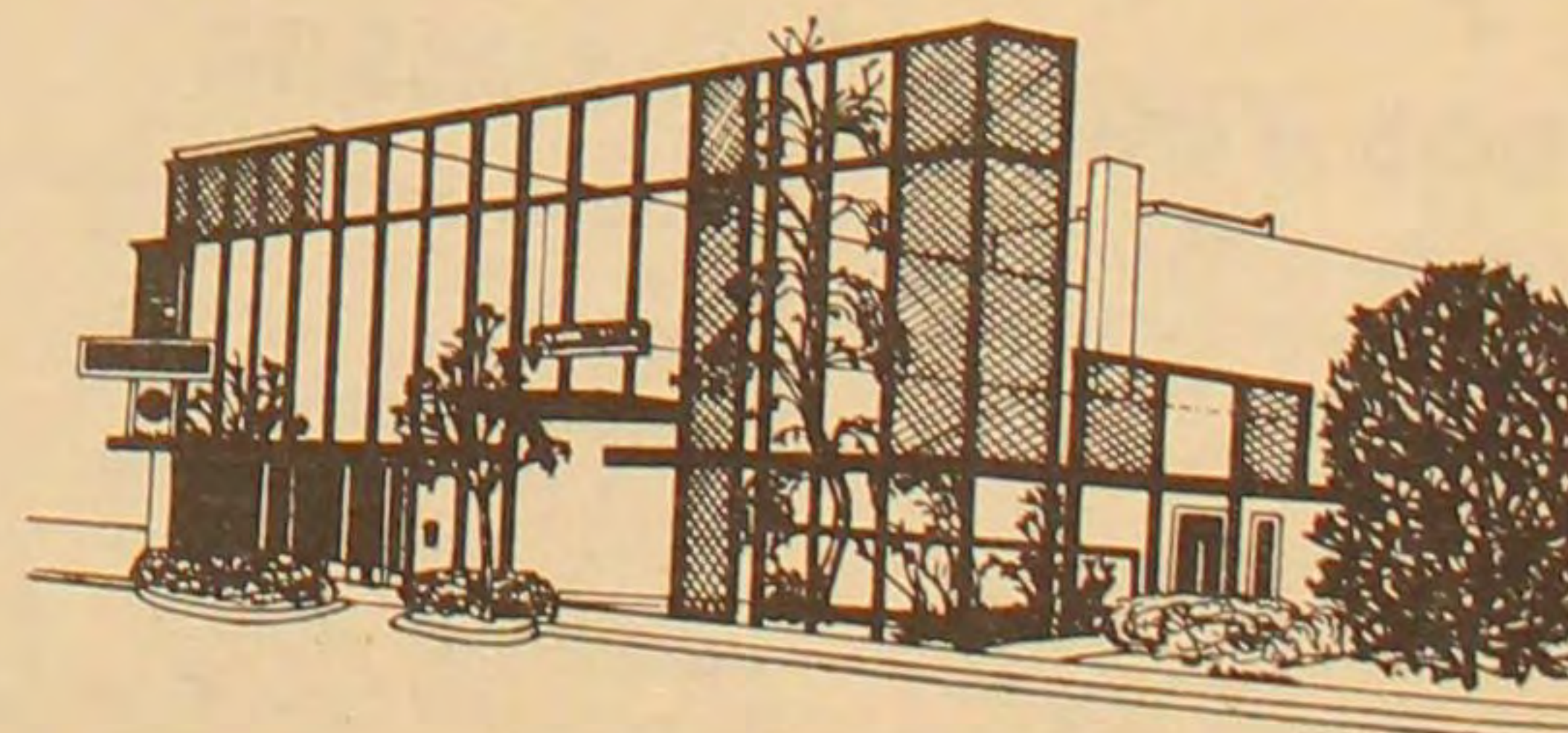
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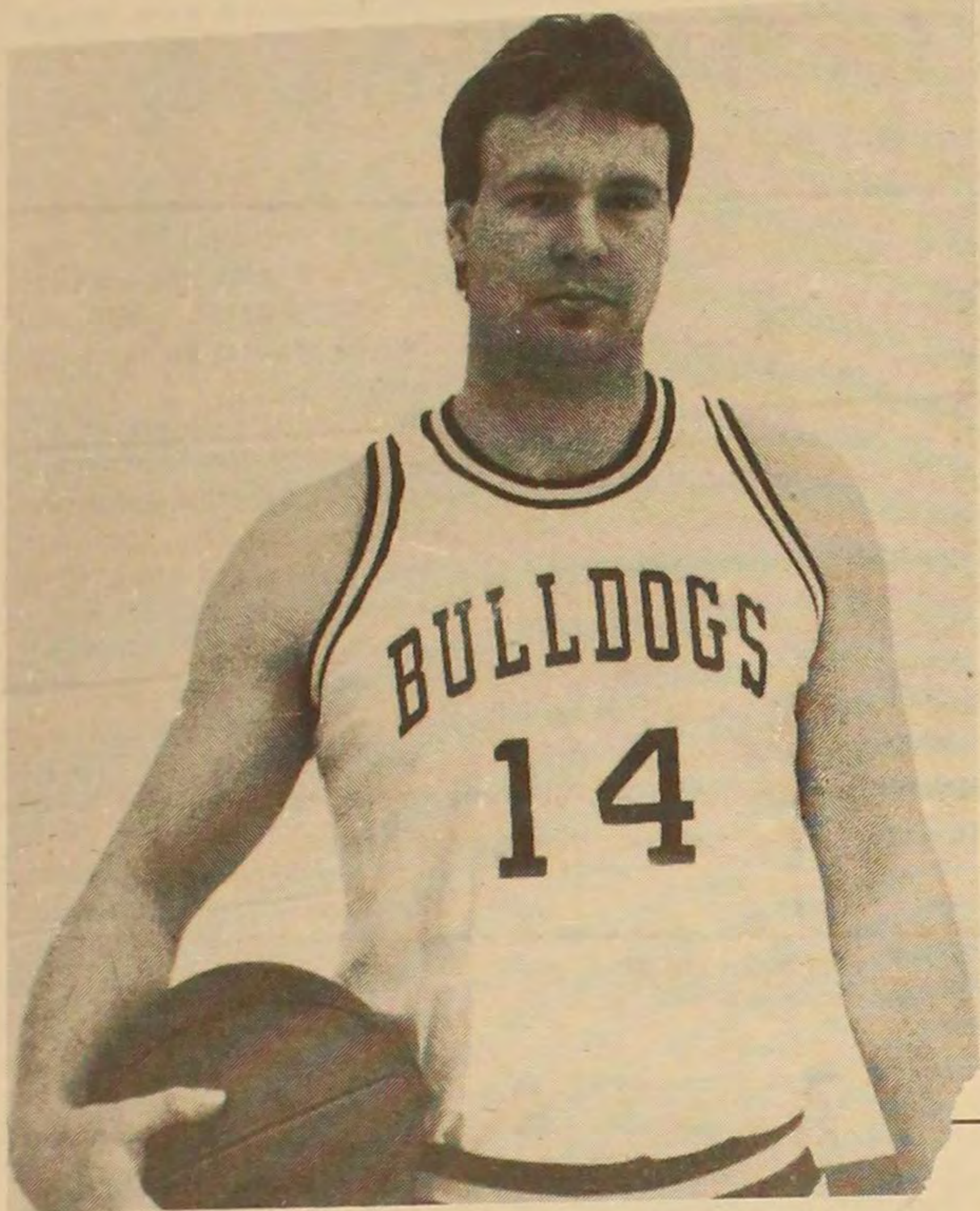
by Melissa James

He would like to see us finish the basketball season in one of the best three spots of the conference, which I really think is really possible," says Carol Zink.

Zink is a junior from Leoti, a small town in western Kansas. Carol, a Sports Management major, is thinking about pursuing her career working in a health club or spa. Or perhaps she will continue in school and get her masters degree.

Carol has been named to the All-Conference basketball team this year as a freshman and sophomore years. As a freshman,

she received the All-Conference Academic Award and All-Conference Honorable Mention. During her sophomore year she again received the All-Conference Academic Award along with the All-Conference Unanimous.



**A GUARD'S OPTIMISM** — Kurt Kinnamon continues his basketball career without losing sight of his scholastic achievements. photo by [unclear]

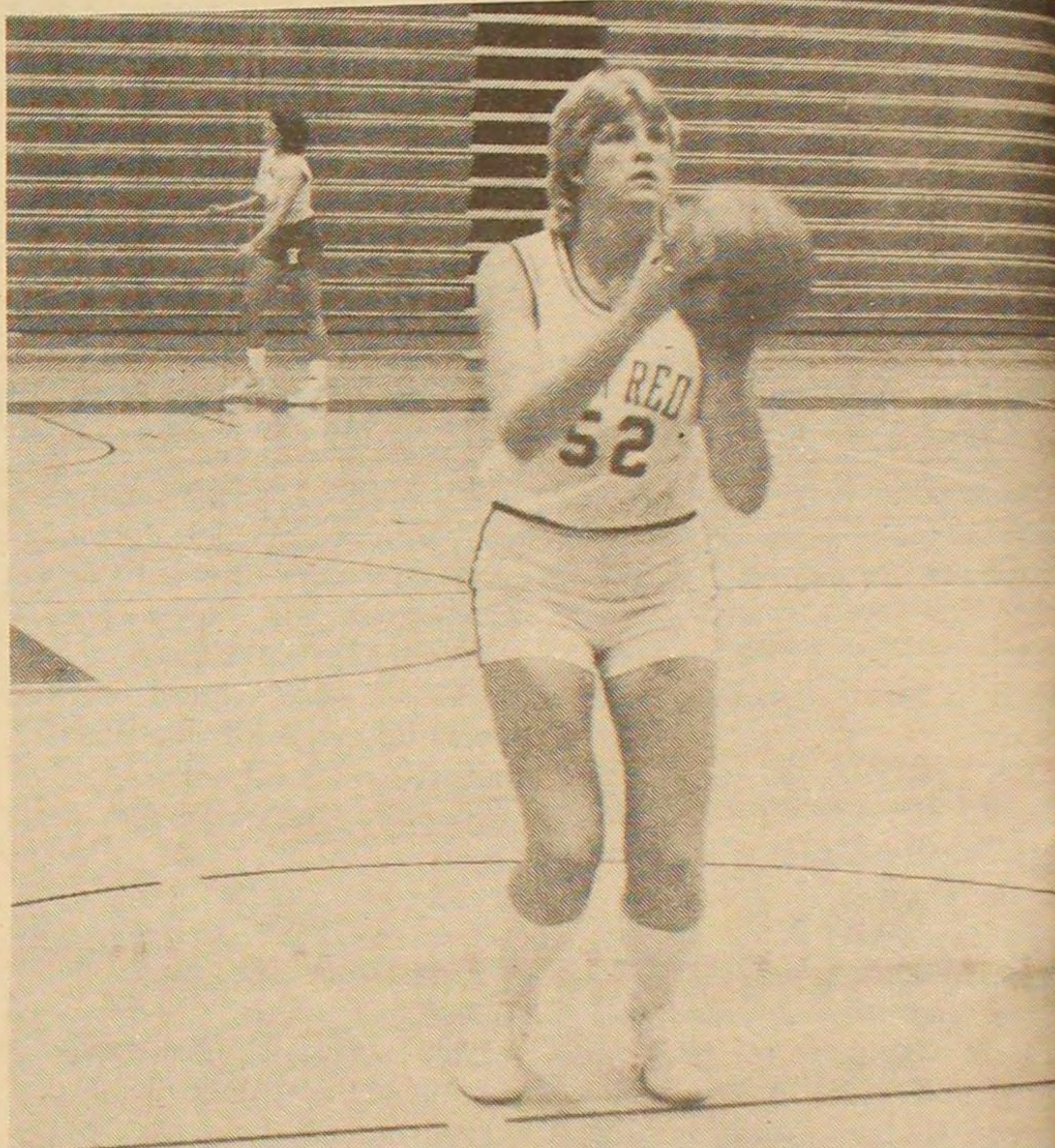
"What I enjoy about basketball is seeing myself and the team improve on past performances," said Carol. Carol also enjoys the high feelings she gets after the team has played a good game, whether it ends up in a win or loss. But of course, winning even sets Carol "that much higher."

Carol's personal goals for the season are to maintain and improve upon her statistics from the end of last year. Also high on her priority list is to improve on

her defense so that she doesn't foul out of any games.

Carol said, "This is Jill Pihl's first year coaching at McPherson. She is really enthusiastic and positive which is a big plus in our favor."

According to Carol, the team is made up of some good returning players and some talented freshmen. The team is working hard and has a lot going for them. Carol feels it will be a good season for the Lady Red basketball team.

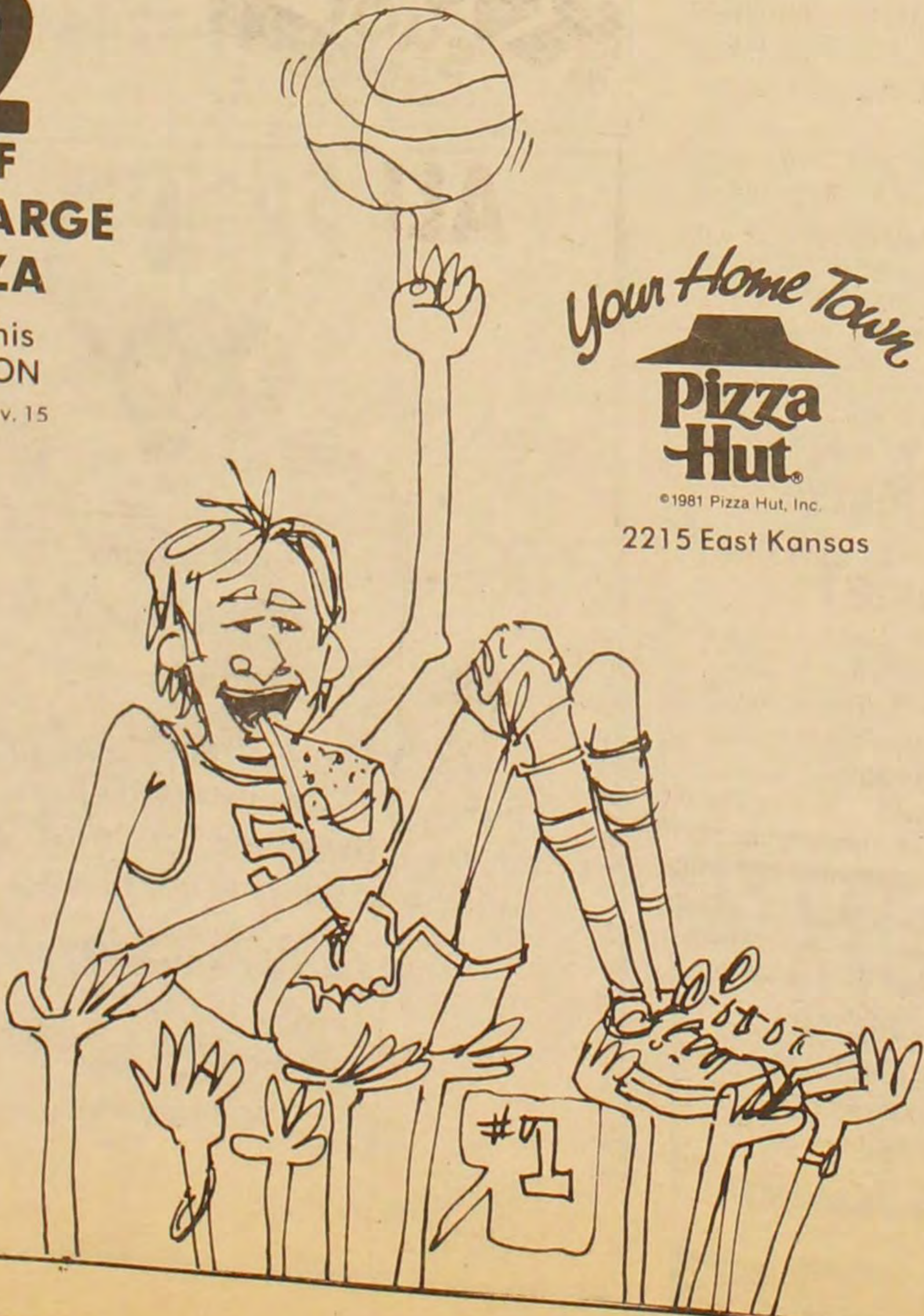


**A TO ZINK** — Carol Zink, a unanimous all-KCAC pick last year, leads the Lady Red into another season. photo by Susan Mac [unclear]

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# Home basketball games televised live and present

by Tim Crouse  
There's a bird's-eye view to every basketball game in the Doghouse. This season, McPherson College's home games can be seen from this view in living color on McPherson cable channel 12, with commentary.

Kevin Burton, producer and organizer of the television coverage crew (alias Lamar Sports Crew) announced games with partner Kerri Snell last year, the first season there was live coverage of the Bulldog and Lady Red home games. Although Snell isn't here for this upcoming season, Burton is excited for the games and coverage to begin.

Twenty minutes before the first game, the broadcast will begin with the pre-recorded Jill Pihl

show. Pihl, the Lady Red coach, will present a "state of the team address," discussing the previous game, where the team is at and will comment on the upcoming game.

Following Pihl, Burton will conduct a pre-game show. "We want to talk to players so the community will be able to get to know them a little bit beyond just being a player."

Throughout the games, Burton and a partner will give play-by-play commentary. It is unsure who the other commentator will be but two prospects have expressed interest in doing it.

The Lamar Crew plans to try something new during halftime or between games this year, to have a news show. "We want to highlight some of the interesting

people and events that the community might otherwise miss out on," says Burton. These would be pre-recorded interviews and news reports.

The realization of the telecasts require a lot of time and energy. They are hoping to have twelve people on the crew, including the camera people, studio engineers, and the announcers and news people. Any person interested in being a part of the crew is encouraged to be.

Basketball is exciting and even more so when there is a better knowledge of the game, the team, and the players. This is the purpose of the Lamar Sports Crew. But aside from this is the enthusiasm of those perched in their nest up in the northwest corner of the gym with cameras and microphones.

discovered that nearly all of the seats in Brown had been removed.

The pranksters were kind enough to leave the nuts and bolts in a bucket, so the seats were put back with the help of staff, janitors, faculty and even administrators. Convo went on and we still got the money.

Dr. Ed Butler says, "Good pranks in and of themselves are part of college life. Good pranks don't injure people or property. They are well planned, take time, are unexpected and the pranksters consider the consequences."

Dr. Butler explained that some of the pranks wouldn't be so bad if people would clean up or put

things back afterwards. That way everyone could enjoy the joke.

To prank or not to prank. To potential pranksters, consider the consequences and remember that hurting people or property isn't funny.

One source said, "Pranking is out of style, but if you print this thing it'll come back in style, which is part of my concern!"

When asked if he had ever helped with pranks, the source said, "Never! . . . Well, hardly ever, but don't you dare tell who I am."

Beware students. Some of the best pranksters may be your professors.

## The shot was heard around the state

Editor's note: It is sometime in the future, and a doddering old fool named Burton, or something, is teaching McPherson basketball history, after having shown a fake teaching certificate.

"O.K. class, listen up. We're going to dispense with roll call today because I want to get right into the material."

"Today we're going to talk about The Shot."

"The Shot was launched way back in January of nineteen eighty and four by one John Johnson. He had a funny looking spread-eagle jumper, but the man had range, I mean he was deadly."

"Anyway, it was shortly after the Sport Center opened. Pyle Construction built the Sport Center with bricks and mortar. John Johnson built the Doghouse, a true home court advantage with The Shot."

A boy in the second row stands

up to speak. He has willed himself to be so tough, that his neck is permanently bent thirty degrees to the right. As his chains and medalions clank together, he looks and sounds more like a human turn signal than a college student.

"Oh now that's reeel deep Teach. What are you Shakespeare's ghost?"

After several seconds of giggling from the class, the professor continues.

"This young man is a good example of the attitude the 'Dogs were up against that night. Their opponents were the Winfield Winners. Why to hear them tell it, they couldn't lose a coin toss, let alone a game. That was one mean bunch."

"But when the game got tight, and the Winners missed a one-and-one, the stage was set for team play to conquer brashness."

"Let me guess," said a girl in

the front row. "The Winners were confused as Johnson wove his way down the court. Then from 18 feet away Johnson made Losers of the Winners with The Shot. Massive celebration. Season turned around —"

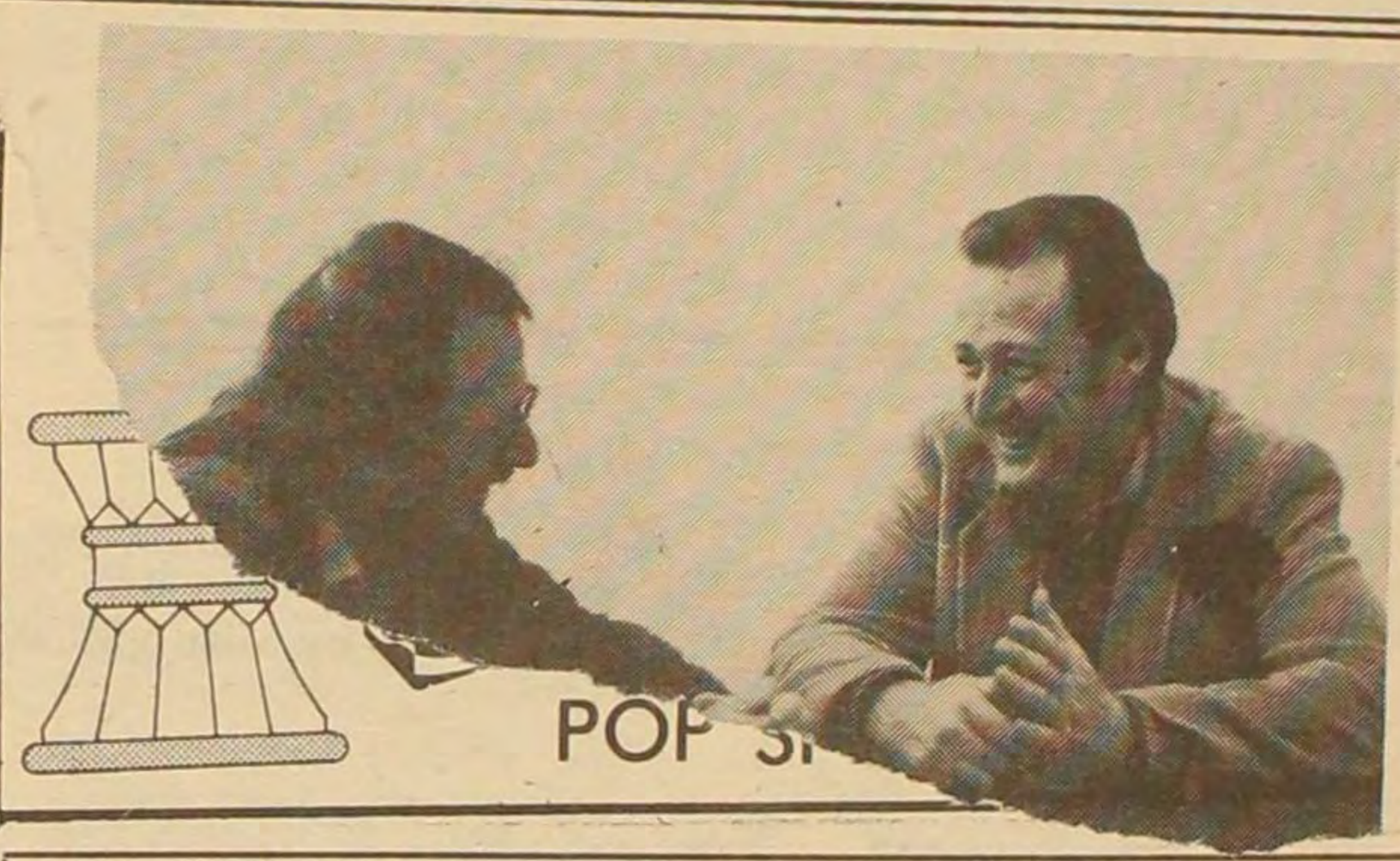
"How did you —" interrupted the professor in confusion.

"You've told us this story five times already," said the girl.

"Really man," said the turn signal, "I think you need a vacation, maybe a permanent one."

"Silence!" roared the professor. "Just you remember The Shot. Not just for tomorrow's test, or for a story to tell your kids. I want you to remember that, uh . . . well, you know, about . . . hmmm."

The professor sat down and finally waved the students out of the room. He was trying to remember the part about what hard work and togetherness can do, but you already knew that.



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# The incredible story of Amie and the Builders

by Kevin Burton

You're never going to guess who McPherson's newest All-KCAC cross country runner is.

Good guess, but no it's not Doug Baker. Baker had kind of an off week, finishing at 28:10. Try again.

No it wasn't even Tim Crouse. At 27:18, Crouse set a personal record last week, but it wasn't enough to get him All-conference honors.

Give up?

What if I told you it was a woman. You'd say something like "good job Sally, way to go!", right?

Well Geisert did do a good job. She ran the course in 20:43, a personal best. She placed 14th though, out of the medal picture.

The fifth best runner in the conference, with a time of 19:19

was Amie Theroff. That's the same Theroff who is a member of the Lady Red basketball team, and who hasn't worked out with the cross country team at all this

year.

That's not the same Theroff who finished 18th in a time of 22:26. That's her twin sister, Melanie.

You realize what this means don't you? This means McPherson had two full teams at the conference meet, for the first time in as long as anyone can remember.

"The women's race was a preview of things to come," said Sid Gauby, first-year coach of the cross country team. "I'm very grateful to Amie and Melanie for coming out, so we could have a full team."

How can someone not train all season, then suddenly have her name show up among the very best in the conference?

One theory is that she relied on her vast previous experience in cross country. That would be a great theory if she had had any.

"This is the first time I've ever run cross country," said Theroff.

"I hadn't planned on getting an award."

Nothing to it but to do it. Makes you wonder what she could have done with a full season's experience. Bet Sid Gauby wonders.

"After seeing (last week's) race, I'm really looking forward to next year," he said.

Asked whether she plans to go out for cross country next fall, Amie said "I'm thinking about it."

In the mean time, consider this. McPherson's showing was good enough for third place in the conference, just ahead of Kansas Wesleyan.

The top three women were all from Southwestern. They romped over the course like they owned it, which they do, sort of. The meet was held on the grassy course at Winfield. It was not at all a disappointment for the home folks.

Southwestern's top men held back in the early part of the race,

encouraging the other members of their team in an attempt to make the All-KCAC team 'Builder Turf. They very nearly pulled it off, as nine of the top ten finishers were from Southwestern. A lone Bethany Swede foiled the plan. In fact, the only other runners in the top 17 finishers who were not from Southwestern were one other Swede and McPherson's Crouse.

"They totally dominated the race," said Crouse. "They were a phenomenon."

In what ended up as a quite competitive battle for second, Bethany edged out McPherson.

Jeff Gussie and Matt Scoggins finished within 14 seconds of each other. Gussie was 22nd in 28:23. Scoggins ran a personal best time of 28:37. Kevin Miller finished in 30th with a time of 30:01.

The next hurdle for the cross country team is the District 10 meet tomorrow. Chances don't appear to be great, but don't be too quick to rule out one or more McPherson runners qualifying for the Nationals. Optimism surrounding the team is as thick as grass is green, and everyone seems to be peaking out at the right time.

Especially Amie Theroff.

## Of yellow cards and Goldrush

by Greg Creed

Although the weather was ideal for playing, the Mac Soccer Club (the Kickers) experienced a minor raincloud of defeat against the Goldrush in Wichita last Sunday afternoon. The Goldrush cashed in with two goals, whereas the Kickers only managed to pan out one point.

The first half was scoreless but not uneventful. Ralf Schimmer received a yellow card from referee, Jacques Arbitre. The ref's reasoning is still unclear as his only words were, "You can't do that."

Early on, in the second half, the Goldrush netted a goal from the left wing. The score was soon

equalized with a hard shot from three meters out by Kicker Greg Creed. Soon after, Kyle Reinoehl tempted the scoreboard with a kick intended for the ball lying just outside the endline, but his boot instead engaged in an all-out collision with the goalkeeper's head.

With approximately 3 minutes remaining in the game, the Goldrush ended the upset rattling a second shot on the Kickers' keeper Brian Hofen (who incidentally, blocked many shots on goal).

There is a home game slated for this Sunday at 2:00 p.m. The Soccer Club would appreciate fans to witness the upcoming defeat of the Warriors.

## Cavaliers invade McPherson tomorrow

by Lewis Arnold

The Bulldogs were on the road against last week, as they visited the Kansas Wesleyan Coyotes in Salina.

The Coyotes started on their own 40 and blasted their way down the field. After they got to the McPherson 25, the defense stiffened and stopped them. The Coyotes had to settle for a 40-yard field goal.

With a three-point lead the Coyotes kicked off to the Bulldogs and were able to down the ball on the three yard line.

The McPherson offense controlled the ball well with hard running from James Floyd and Derek Pierce. When the Bulldogs got inside the ten, the offense stalled, finally turning the ball over on a fourth and goal play from the one.

Buoyed by their goal line stand, the Coyotes scored two touchdowns, and took a 17-0 lead into the locker room.

When the second half started the Bulldogs' chances looked a lot better. They returned the kickoff to the 45 yard line. Again the

Bulldogs moved down the field with ease, and from 25 yards out they scored on a pass from Vic Ullom to Billy Jamison.

The Kansas Wesleyan offense answered that touchdown just eight seconds after taking the field, with a 60-yard touchdown pass. The situation went from bad to worse for McPherson, with Kansas Wesleyan scoring 21 more second-half points.

The only other bright spot was another Ullom-to-Jamison touchdown pass.

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