

# Nineteen eighty-eight

by Karen Walter

1988 . . . Oh, no, not another George Orwell book! No, not hardly. But lately, you may have heard that year mentioned with some anxiety by many of the college administrators on campus.

Why? Because 1988 will be the year McPherson College celebrates its Centennial and to help celebrate this anniversary, the Campus Planning Committee has been rather busy lately making plans for campus renovations.

Some time back, students were asked for suggestions that would help to improve the campus. And after some consideration, many of these suggestions are taking front seats in the decisions of the Campus Planning Committee.

While smaller ideas are voted on directly by the committee, larger ones are sent on to the Board of Trustees to evaluate and, if agreeable, take action. So, just what are these changes?

In cooperation with David Haines, an architect out of Wichita, the committee has expressed interest in six areas while curious about preliminary cost figures. They included:

- 1) Expansion of campus entry
- 2) Campus unification
- 3) New parking areas
- 4) Campus improvements
- 5) Dorm rehabilitation
- 6) Classroom renovation
- 7) Student union renovation

According to Dr. Doris Coppock, member of the committee, primary concern would probably be given to dorm rehabilitation. This would include carpeting and remodeling the lounge fur-

nishings in residence halls, as well as new painting and lighting in rooms and halls.

Along with these improvements, ideas down the line might include phones in rooms, new blinds, movable desks and more laundry facilities in the dorms.

LaMonte Rothrock (Resident Director of Dotzour Hall) reports as a counselor, that more and more students are basing a larger percentage of their college decision on living quarters, and that improvements in this area would be a great benefit to the future of the college.

Secondary consideration would probably go to classroom rehabilitation, again with carpeting, painting and lighting, and new furnishings being the areas with the most emphasis.

Landscaping is one feature which will occur all over the campus, with highlights consisting of a central fountain feature, new walkways and special lighting. New parking areas west of Miller Library, east of Fahnstock and west of the stadium are other improvements that are being considered.

One other idea the Planning Committee has been talking and thinking about is making the campus more unified. Now, for example, Miller Library seems more like an appendage than a part of the whole.

There are, then, many changes to be made here on the Mac Campus before the 1988 Centennial, and the committee hopes to begin on the plans as soon as possible. After all, there's a lot of work to be done . . . and 1988 is approaching fast!

## Trombones return from tour

Bells, slides and lips from McPherson made their way on a 700 mile, four day tour of Kansas and Missouri this past week. The McPherson College Trombones left on Sunday, November 10, under the direction of Dr. Larry Kitzel.

The trombone group has traditionally toured areas of the midwest during fall and spring semesters, giving students the opportunity to perform for churches, schools and retirement homes.

One trademark of the group is playing in the German stadtfeifer tradition which involves ascending church and courthouse towers and balconies to play for passers-by on the streets below. On occasion the group puts on Old World Renaissance costumes to perform baroque pieces from the 14th to the 16th century.

The bones played at the Buckeye Community Church of the Brethren near Abilene for the Sunday morning worship and at the St. Joseph, Missouri church

that evening.

Following an early morning performance in St. Joseph on Monday, the instrumentalists played at Shirkey Leisure Acres in Richmond, Missouri, then a nightcap at the Rockingham Church of the Brethren.

The Sackbuts were up early again on Tuesday to play at a high school in Richmond, then at another in Lexington. That afternoon, the musicians were at the Oak Ridge Rest Home for a performance and finished the day at the Methodist Church in Plattsburg, Missouri.

The lips hit the metal early on Wednesday, the last day of the tour, in Plattsburg. After a long drive, they climbed the courthouse towers in Ottawa, Kansas to perform on high, then for senior citizens, then closed the tour at the Ottawa Church of the Brethren.

The trombonists who went are Francis Dutton (sr.), Jeff Keck (jr.), Darwin Offenbacher (fr.), Krista Dell (soph.), and Steve Janke (fr.).

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**THE AIR OF JUNGLE LOVE** — The audience of last week's airband contest went wild to the tune of "King Louis III and the Knights of the Sound Table". The group consisted of

James Floyd (seen here), Rob and Marty Arnold, Billy Jamison, Cedric Mason and Craig Whitfield who all moved in sync with the music creating a good performance.

photo by Brian Spate

## Film celebrates and expresses mission

by Tim Crouse

"After one hundred years, we should be celebrating something," laughs Jeanne Smith, Publicity Director, who had a major part in making the promotional film, "A Time to Celebrate."

"To surpass time is what the college wanted . . . and now to look at all the alumni!"

The film is a sequel to "A Time to Decide", the one made three years ago, which had an emphasis on the construction of the Sports Center and raising funds for it. Now, with the Sports Center complete and the college's needs changing, the first film is already outdated.

About six film companies were looked at before it was decided to have the same company who shot the first film, Pictorial, do the second as well. One man from the company does all the educational films, basically because of his personal interest in being on college campuses.

According to Smith, the primary audiences for which the film was made are alumni and friends of the college; for them "to gain a sense of perspective and, in a small way, to relive some of the emotions (in relation to the college)."

By being informative and perhaps provoking "little twinges of nostalgia" for the viewers, the film promises to help keep the college on "good financial footing." At the present, that is not a problem here but the trends in our society give reason for concern.

According to the Carnegie Foundation, three hundred colleges will close in the next ten years, and the smaller ones will be the most likely to fall. The report also concluded that the more stable institutions are those with "a clear identity and distinct educational focus, and they articulate their mission."

A primary aim of the film is to show these aspects of McPherson College; that it is affiliated with the Church of the Brethren and its beliefs, while serving a student population which represents a variety of faiths and backgrounds; that it seeks to provide a wholistic education, "to produce graduates who are mature, informed and value-committed persons" (from the Statement of Mission).

The college's specific goals proceed from there, with an emphasis on values and service. In presenting these things, "the film took on a historical flavor,

but without overdoing it," says Smith.

Various people were asked to write short speeches in areas of interest. Many were cut as the film was put together, to fit the continuity, to keep a balance of men and women, of students, faculty and trustees, or simply because of problems with the synchronized sound.

"It was like throwing the babies out the window, they were good but they didn't fit in," says Smith of the cuttings.

The use of sinc-sound complicated producing the 16mm film. Smith estimates that one foot of every seven or eight feet of film shot was used in the final product.

Sinc-sound also increased the work time, which added up to around 558 hours (120 on the script, 168 by the cameraman and 153 of Smith's own free time). The mere choosing of a title entailed sorting through more than fifty ideas.

How does Smith feel upon seeing the final product?

"You get too much into it, the same as if someone had asked about my writing. I feel really good about it, but there are always things to change."

## My homeland

America, my homeland, you have a character all your own. From your restless beginnings, through two centuries of struggle and growth, you've become the country that I know and am a part of today.

You were founded on freedom, that no person would rule another; in your hands people would be created equal. You would provide the liberty for people to pursue the lives that their God leads them to live, the freedom to seek out their dreams.

You were born on dreams. Oppressed people had dreams of freedom and justice, of a society built firmly on a free and just foundation. You came from hope for a true human community (a sort of communism, I dare say) of, for and by the people. You were a change from the monarchical peasants-and-the King-doms. You were an unheard-of social theory to the western thought of that time. You were freedom, justice and community. And pride and strength, too.

Look at yourself now, America — you've come a long way. You were a colony, now you stretch across a continent, of forested mountains, lakes and streams, plains and canyons, swamps and beaches, cities and farms, highways and airstrips, schools and houses, sports and politics, Chevy trucks and Toyota Terrels, religion and crime, poverty and wealth, McDonalds and Pizza Huts, television and cultural arts, a big military and citizens of vastly international ancestry.

What a character. I'd like to respect you for the high ideas from which you came. I am attached to you for your immense beauty. But the most negative feelings I've known churn powerfully in your name.

In Spain, I met four El Salvadorian women and a man who were exiled from their homeland, in their only hope to find some freedom and justice for their people. There is no new world for them to go to for new beginnings, with their dreams; so they went to the old for solidarity, with their nightmares. Their people are oppressed, killed, agonized.

The US government is the king oppressor. I talked with them and said I would do what I could, as an American, to stop the injustice and oppression.

What's with you, America? Is your pride and strength so great that you don't know what you do? Like you did to the native "Indians" of your land, you now oppress and kill the people, the peasants, of neighboring lands. In the name of communism? It's hypocritical, and vicious. It's unamerican.

It's true.

Tim Crouse

## College

by Deb Holderread

A small midwestern college. Five hundred or so people from different parts of the U.S., different countries, different states of mind, different personalities, different beliefs and a wide variety of interests.

Sounds like total chaos, right? Well sometimes, but that diversity is also something to be enjoyed. Here we can step out of our familiar niches and maybe learn to know someone with completely different experiences, someone you wouldn't ordinarily find next door.

It's breaking out of the mold. Not losing who we are but allowing new and maybe unfamiliar experiences help us discover who we are and who we want to become.

We are a collection of unique individuals who have congregated on this campus primarily for the purpose of obtaining an education. Classes,

books, lectures and papers are a very important part of that, but I think there is much more included in that one semi-long word.

Before I left for college my father sat down and talked with me, and the thing that had the greatest impact on me was, "Don't let studying interfere with your college education . . . but I would like you to graduate!" Of course I took that to heart, sometimes a little too much.

I also think that idea is alive and well here at McPherson. You can see it almost anywhere you go — devoting energy to building a team, trips to various parts of the country and world, learning to live in the dorm or eat cafeteria food for extended periods of time, struggling with new ideas and concepts, organizations on campus, discussions until the early morning hours, developing new friendships, shouldering new responsibilities and on and on.

Somehow this assorted group of people becomes a community.

Devoted fans sit through freezing rain, all-nighter studying at Happy Chef, screaming fans rush to the front at an airband concert, letting temporarily missing friends know that we still care, card parties that never really end, gathering together to watch M-A-S-H in Fanny lounge, convo whether we like it or not, all the hundreds of things that any of us do or show up for that say we care or are interested in what's happening.

And yet we're not the "real world". Every semester faces come and go and our time here is limited, a stepping stone to other places and things. Sure, we'll carry memories and experiences with us and, for most of us, our lives will have changed, but they will go on. How profound that difference is depends on us.

Most seniors would say that time here has tendency to fly and there's never enough time to do all the things you'd like to do. Tomorrow's another day . . . what will it hold for you?

## Hoop hysteria: from headline to reality

by Marty Moyer

When I glanced at this basketball title in last week's Spectator, I envisioned how this title could apply to our upcoming basketball season. Hoop Hysteria can be a reality in our Sports Center this year.

First of all, Hoop Hysteria means fan support. In my opinion, a basketball team is not totally complete without fan support. Granted, a team can function without the fans, but I'm pretty sure the players would play more aggressively knowing that the fans are behind them.

Take, for example, a slam dunk or something similar to this. An action of this sort can put the fans on their feet and add a spark of life to the crowd. It doesn't take long before many more fans are on their feet and supporting the team.

Hoop Hysteria also means making some noise once the fans are there. Making noise can enhance the basketball team by showing them that we are behind them. There are various ways in which the fans can make noise, such as clapping in unison, stomping their feet, chanting in

unison and yelling at the referee or opposing team.

I even think it's all right to get downright nasty at times! I'm sure there are other ways that the fans can make noise which I did not mention. At any rate, making noise does show team support, and also it adds character and life to the game.

And finally, Hoop Hysteria means exactly what the latter word indicates. According to "Webster's Handy College Dictionary," (I carry it wherever I go) Hysteria is defined as "a disorder marked by violent emotional outbreaks."

I'm sure many of you witnessed something similar to this hysteria-type behavior before. Maybe you were even a part of it. Take for example, the Villanova Wildcat's victory over Georgetown (not to be biased or anything), or the Iowa Hawkeye's field goal in the last final seconds to beat Michigan.

If you noticed the behavior of the players and fans you have a good picture of what I'm talking about. I think that this type of hysteria is good for people. It provides a time to release all our

joys, emotions and lungs.

I think everyone needs this type of behavior at times. It gives us something to remember in the future, along with a big victory over the opposing team.

Hoop Hysteria has happened before at the Sports Center of McPherson College with big victories over Bethany College and Southwestern. My only critical comment about those big victories is that we were not hysterical enough.

I think we should rub victory into their faces when these so-called "good teams" set foot into our Sports Center. Let us give them something to remember as well as a victory that we have.

We can all be a part of Hoop Hysteria this year. Let's all come out and relive those big victories and be united into a team so we can show the K.C.A.C. that we mean business with our Hoop Hysteria!

## Letter

### Computers

Dear Editor:

We are really sick and tired of the school's ridiculous behavior concerning student access to the computer network we have grown to depend upon. Two months after the College received wide publicity and praise (an editorial was published in the Wichita Eagle-Beacon), all computer equipment housed in Metzler Hall was stolen.

This later led to the unknown, unexplained disappearance of other dormitory computers. These mysterious disappearances led to rumors, later questions, after students found that the computer room locks had been changed. Now that the computers have been returned to the dormitories, excluding Metzler, they remain locked in rooms making them inaccessible to the students. This is the reason for our disgust.

It is frustrating trying to locate a computer when all computer facilities are either locked, "closed until further notice," or closed after 10 p.m. A lot of good "a computer in each building" and "a 10 to 1 ratio" does when the computers are inaccessible. An experience two weeks ago was one of such frustration when a student needed to type a paper but found each facility either

locked or a computer not functioning properly.

Many students' schedules require late-night studying which can include use of the computers. The access to computers allowed students to work efficiently and non-disruptively. Without free access to our own dormitory computers, we feel the academic level of learning is being lowered.

With the higher degrees of security, students are being led to find ways to deploy them. A student attempted to prevent the computer room door from locking by inserting paper into the latch. Another door was found standing open, indicating again a student's attempt at future access to the computers.

A resolution to this problem might include bolting the computers to their tables. This could allow reinstatement of the system where each dorm room key would allow entry. By this reinstatement, students will be more apt to keep the room locked knowing they will have future access.

We hope the administration and students will recognize the need to continue accessible use of the computers. Won't the administration acknowledge that students can be responsible for maintaining security measures now that the students realize the importance of accessibility?

Signed,  
Mary Coffman Joy Flora  
Craig Spitzer

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# Hypotheses, experiments, conclusions

Senior Science majors are plagued and privileged with the obligation and opportunity of forming and realizing a research project. Their projects stem from and relate directly to the Kansas state flower. It is not a lily but a sunflower, a plant that follows the sun, has tasty seeds and makes an oil low in cholesterol.

The seniors, who will be working on their projects yearlong, have made their own hypotheses, developed the experiments that will either prove or disprove them and will then draw conclusion on their labor.

The following researchers have responded concerning their projects:

Gary Fike: "My research project deals with the determination of the effects of soil compaction on the growth of sunflowers. Actually, I care nothing of (these) effects . . . but assume that this knowledge can be applied to other crops . . ."

"Other than the intrinsic joy I

find in working with Kansas' state flower, I feel the research experience will help me see other problems more clearly, whether I go into research or not."

David vanAsselt: "I'm working with the ecological effects of temperature on the sunflower . . ."

"Research will help me in many ways. It will teach me discipline because it's done all on my own. I believe each of the researchers will be surprised by the amount of information and techniques and practical knowledge they will gain because of the unique research experience."

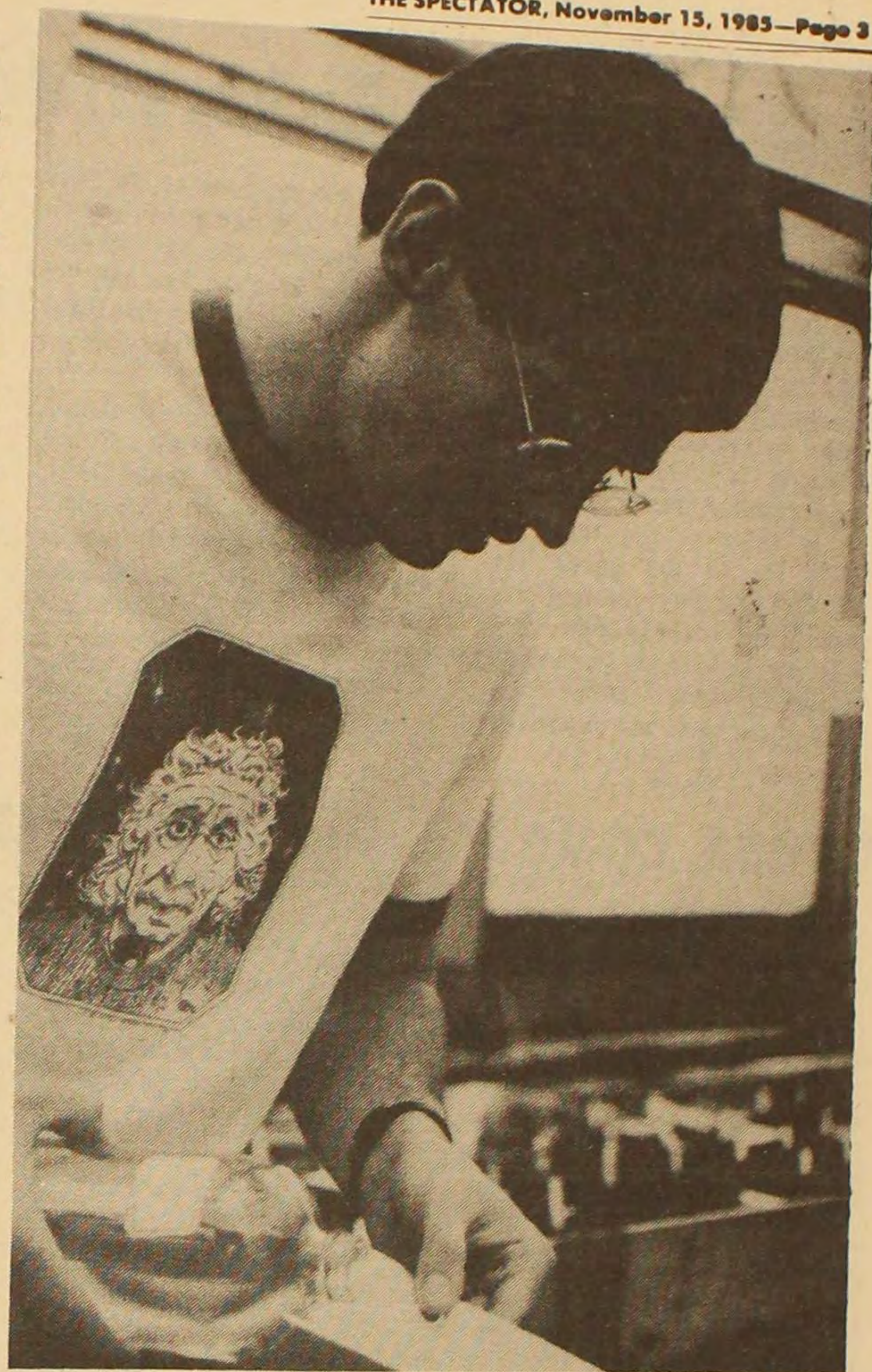
Joel Knoery: "I want to see if there would be any kind of correlation between the lead content of a soil and the subsequent lead concentration in the sunflower plant. It was a valuable experience because I had to learn to plan very carefully the experiment . . ."

"Funds are provided to Mac for the seniors to study sunflowers; well, even a chemistry major like me has to study Helianthus Annuus, when I could research on something more relevant to my field."

Rita Fike: "The effects of acid rain . . . Five sunflower plants will be sprayed with varying levels of HNO<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Damage will be determined by visual appearance and possibly by their light absorption abilities."

"I want this experiment to simulate the pH levels of our actual environment in rural, suburban, and urban atmospheres."

David Schrock: "I'm working with a wild sunflower. I wish to find how (the) rooting structure sprouts and matures into a baby plant. This has never been done with the sunflower. The experience will be a valuable asset for me; I'll be very satisfied if I can make a contribution to our research program."



SCIENTIST IN A SCIENTIST'S T-SHIRT — Albert Einstein and Joel Knoery work on a senior sunflower research project in the greenhouse.

photo by Greg Creed

# Brethren beliefs: search for truth

by Annette Taylor  
Guest Writer

(Adapted from D.W. Kurtz, "Ideals of the Church of the Brethren," and Warren F. Groff, "What it Means to be Brethren.")

Brethren recall their beginnings as a persecuted minority in eighteenth-century Germany. Those gathering together in that early period were convinced that the church should be guided as directly as possible by the teachings and practices of the New Testament. Out of Bible study and prayer, the Church of the Brethren was born in 1708 in Schwarzenau, West Germany.

Brethren sense the importance of the local group, district-wide gatherings, annual meeting with representatives from the entire denomination and active participation in organizations that make possible cooperation with other Christians and persons of good will.

The early church had one simple creed — the living Christ. They adopted the New Testament as the rule of faith and practice. Old Testament has war, slavery, divorce and revenge, which no longer fit into the Christian ideal. The New Testament ideals that are basic for the Christian life in the Church of the Brethren are: peace, temperance, the simple spiritual life, brotherhood and the religion of the good life, fellowship and harmony with Christ.

The doctrine of peace was the first principle laid down by the founders of the Church. For the Brethren, peace meant opposing war, not forcing religion but instead viewing it as a free act of faith, and believing that it is better to suffer wrong than to do

wrong."

We should first make our peace with God through faith, repentance and reconciliation. Then we must become in tune with ourselves and Him and live at peace with all men by creating brotherhood through redemptive love.

The ideal of temperance means not only abstaining from alcoholic liquor but also opposing any habit or act that would weaken or destroy the physical body. The body is to be a temple of the Holy Spirit in everything. If anything is not good for the body, one does not need it. Temperance implies abstinence from all that is not needed or is harmful.

Brethren founders were impressed with all the teachings of Jesus on the dangers of wealth.

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15).

Also impressive was the ideal of brotherhood. To the Brethren, slavery is a complete denial of brotherhood. Brotherhood rests on the fact that God is Father of all and of one blood God created all men. A genuine brotherhood in all human relations is taught by Jesus, and this is the highest doctrine of the Church of the Brethren.

The true meaning of religion is life; the life of man in harmony with God. It is the spirit of Christ in the soul. The living Christ is the only creed, for "in Him was life, and the life was the light of men." The follower of Christ is to be the "light of the world."

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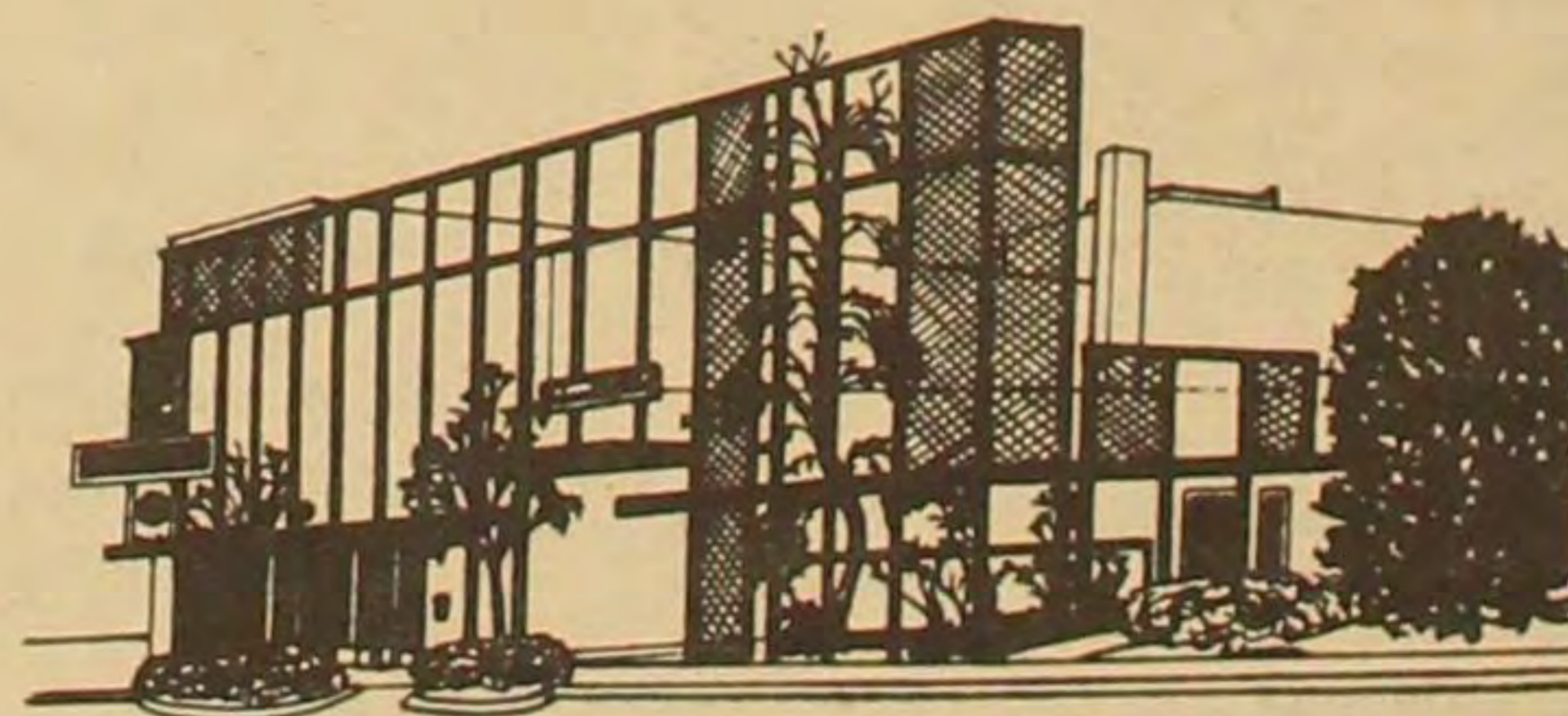


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# Reinoehl leads Kickers to 5-3 victory

by Greg Creed

The Mac Soccer Club had their first taste of victory for the season when the Warriors came out to play last Sunday. Mac battled out a 5-3 win playing in the 35 degree weather. The loyal, bundled up fans that came to the game witnessed the predicted defeat of the Warriors.

The result of the first half was 2-0 in favor of the Warriors. Early on in the game, the Warriors were awarded a penalty kick in the goal box. The 50-50 chance to score was smited by keeper Brian Hofen who blocked the weak but dangerous

shot.

The Club came out on the field for the second half ready to "do some dealin'" on the Wichita team. The Mac defense only let one goal sneak by, but the team managed to fire in five goals on the Warriors.

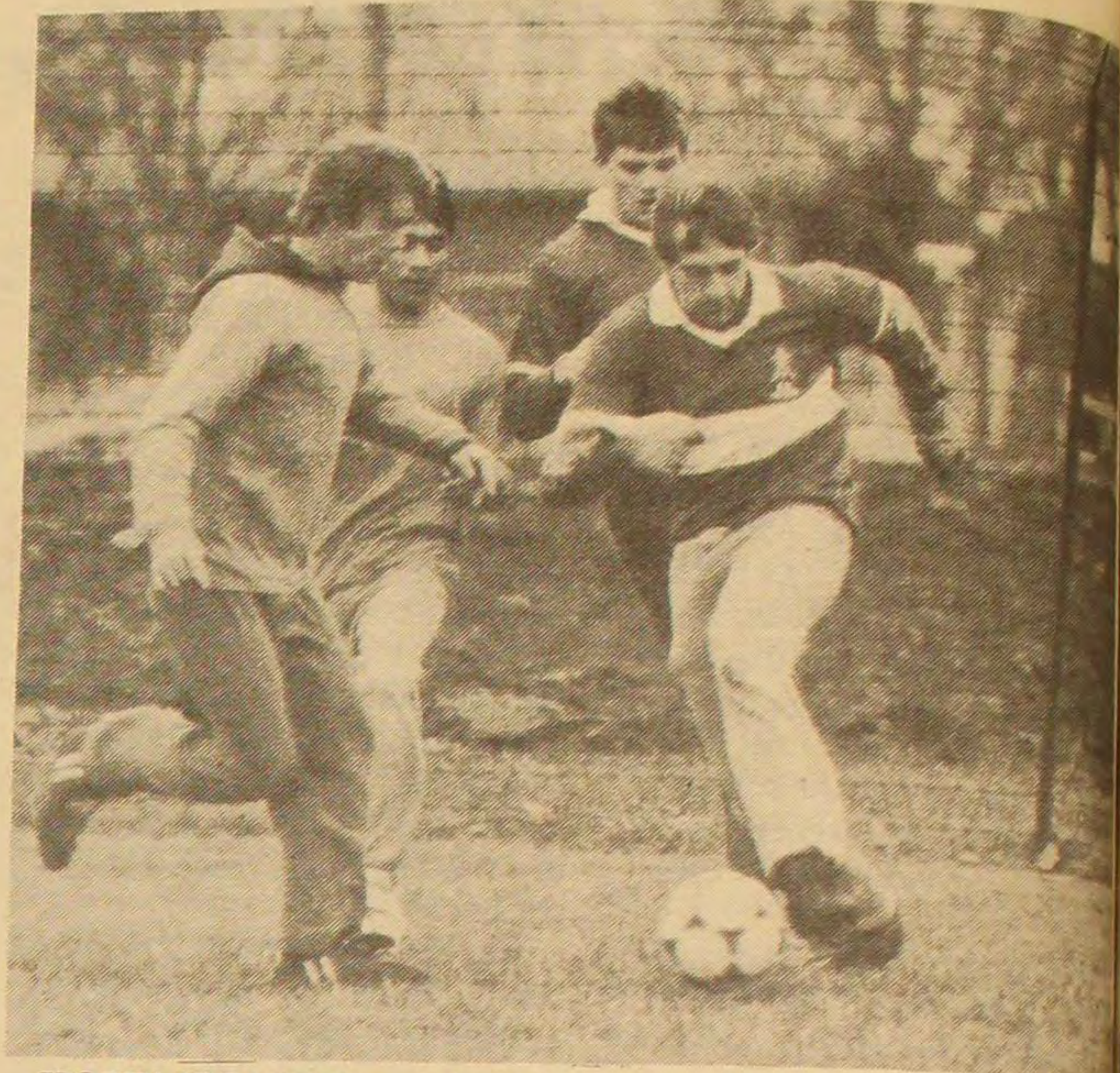
Kyle Reinoehl gave the team a new spark of enthusiasm with a breakaway rocket shot from three meters out. The Warriors came back with their final shot followed by Reinoehl making three goals in succession that left the keeper down and out. That's a hat trick plus one for the Rhino.

Player Peter B had three goal

assists during the game. His last assist was from a rebound shot off the right post; it was a cross in front of the goal right to the feet of Greg Creed, who tapped in the final insurance goal of the game.

The Club played a good game maintaining well coordinated plays between the defense. Kyle made the following comment about the game: "We all played a good game. I hope we can do the same thing next week."

This Sunday's game will be played in El Dorado against Los Lobos. The Club is eager to play Los Lobos as they need to be taught a lesson.



**FROZEN FOOTWORK** — It looks like a possible four-man crack up as Sargent takes control of the ball. Last week's game was a win for McPherson photo by Ellen Herschel

# Cross country program taking shape

by Kevin Burton

Even as the trees shed their leaves this fall, a team shed its image.

"I think we've shown some people that we're not just going to be also rans anymore, that we're going to be competitive and not just fill out the field," said McPherson cross country coach Sid Gauby, after the District 10 meet last Saturday.

The Bad News Bears in all their inglorious had nothing on McPherson's program, Lela Ball and Roy Grosbach notwithstanding. But this season

ends with hope where question marks once ruled.

"It was a learning season for most of us, four freshmen and a first-year coach," said Gauby. "For having such a young team, I thought we looked respectable almost every time we went out."

And how.

The end came on a wintry Saturday afternoon as no runners from McPherson qualified for the national meet.

Tim Crouse, who was close to gaining all-KCAC honors, was even closer to the All-District team, missing out by one second.

His personal best time of 26:11 was the best of any McPherson runner this season.

Jeff Gussie, who blossomed toward the end of the season finished in 27:34, also a personal best time. The other personal best was turned in by senior Kevin Miller as he ran the course in 29:17.

Doug Baker, a likely leader of next year's team, finished in 27:44. Matt Scoggins finished in 29:10.

Sally Geisert once again assumed her lonely role as McPherson's only entrant in the district race. She ran the three-mile course in 21:42.

The women from Fort Hays State won the tournament, thus qualifying for the Nationals. They narrowly escaped a challenge from Emporia State. Southwestern was a distant third, followed by Bethany and Marymount.

The men's team competition was won by Southwestern, the favored team, who barely got by Pittsburg State. Emporia State finished third and Fort Hays fourth.

KCAC rivals Bethany and McPherson finished five and six, with Marymount seventh.

"I think we finished the year off pretty well," said Gauby. "I'm looking forward to next year. It's nice having a team with a positive attitude."



**PIERCING THE DEFENSE** — Derek Pierce gained 90 yards rushing, but the Bulldogs lost 28-0 to St. Mary. photo by Ellen Herschel

# Brinson, Cavs down Bulldogs

by Kevin Burton

Two years ago, a running back from St. Mary of the Plains came to McPherson and performed so well that the locals echoed the statement heard around the league.

"He's a good back for a freshman." Now, he's just plain good. No, better make that great.

The Cavaliers returned to McPherson last weekend, and so did Joe Brinson. And if by some fluke you still hadn't heard of him, his 263 yards rushing against the Bulldogs probably got your attention.

"He's a little bit better than the reports we had on him indicated," said Steve Phipps after his Bulldogs absorbed a 28-0 loss to the Brinson-led Cavaliers.

"He's running with a little more balance now, hurdling over people, stepping past them. You might not bring him down by tackling at the knees, but you sure won't get him by hitting him high."

"He's liable to get three or four yards a crack no matter what you do."

The game turned on a Bulldog fumble in the second quarter. The Cavaliers had already taken a 6-0 lead on a one-yard TD run by Brinson, but the Bulldogs had moved well throughout the first twenty minutes.

The Bulldogs drove from their own nine, to the Cavalier six yard line before a fumble ended their

best scoring opportunity of the game. The scenario is similar to one from the Kansas Wesleyan game the week before.

"It's our mistakes that hurt us," said Phipps. "A fumble here, a missed assignment there. We had two possessions in the first half that we threatened on. The score could well have been 12-10 at the half."

The Cavs were not the epitome of execution themselves. Despite Brinson's ominous presence in the backfield, the game was very much in doubt until the visitors scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns.

McPherson looks to improve on a 1-7 record tomorrow in their final game at Bethany. Recent games have been too one-sided in Bethany's favor to flesh out the McPherson county rivalry in full, but it remains a special game.

The pass-happy Swedes may present more of a challenge than Brinson and company, if you can believe that.

"We're going to spend more time this week on linebacker drops," said Phipps, who noted that the tactic produced two interceptions against St. Mary.

"Our best bet is to try to refine the game we're so close to now, but you also might see a couple of special plays. A little razzle dazzle maybe."

The season ender for both teams is slated for 2 p.m. tomorrow.

# Bulldogs 1-2 at Salina

by Kevin Burton

At the Kansas Wesleyan Classic, McPherson unveiled a new formula for winning basketball games.

"It's going to be necessary for us to control the tempo of the game," said Roger Trimmell, who begins his fourth season as Bulldog coach. "At times we'll use all 45 seconds to work for a set play."

Forty-five seconds. That's the time allotted for a team to shoot this year in the KCAC. The Bulldogs have already had a taste of life in the 45-second, relatively-fast lane, and it was not one to savor.

After downing Bartlesville 64-61 in the opener at Salina, McPherson dropped a game to Peru College 68-65. The lead slipped away from the Bulldogs as a result of some late turnovers, perhaps a reaction to clockphobia.

"Anytime you add something new (like the clock) it takes a little time to get used to, and there will be a slight adjustment in strategy," said Trimmell. "But in most instances it won't have much impact until the end of the game."

A subsequent loss to Chard College left McPherson's record at 1-2.

Kurt Kinnamon led the team scoring in all three tournament games. He and Bill Wempe were named to the all-tournament team.

In addition to the new shot clock, the tournament featured one of those 3-point basket rules more distraction than attraction even though the KCAC won't use one.

Whereas in the past year the Bulldogs could kill you from the outside, this year's team will try to get the ball inside more often.

"Eighteen feet is as far as I want anybody shooting," said Trimmell. "We hope to have a balanced scoring attack, a possible equal opportunity offense."

Opponents may begin packing in zones against McPherson because their great outside threats have graduated. Eventually, someone may be forced to prove himself from outside.

McPherson runs a weave offense, with which they have had good success in the past. If the weave is not point guard Tyrone Sims' favorite offense it's a surprise. He has shown explosive free lancing ability, at least in junior varsity games. But on the team, he'll be asked to do things down.

When the Bulldogs aren't man to man defense, they most often be in a 1-3-1 zone with spider-like Dave Robertson in front, and Sims in back.

The conference race does not begin until December 4, when Ottawa comes to town.

"It's going to be a close conference race," says Trimmell. "There's not much difference from top to bottom."

Another non-conference game is slated for Tuesday at Winfield against St. John.