





# Foreign students experience change

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Try to imagine studying in a foreign country for a year, away from familiar faces and an accustomed lifestyle. Even if studying abroad isn't an option for you, it's possible to experience it vicariously. Just get to know one of the international students on campus, such as Kerstin Stengel from Offenburg, Germany, or Catalina Carbonell from Maria de Salud, Spain.

Both seniors at McPherson College, Kerstin and Catalina came to the United States through Brethren Colleges Abroad. They study here for a year, planning to graduate before returning home next summer.

Kerstin, a third-year student at the University of Marburg, has a double major in English and Political Science, but is not sure which direction she will take in her career.

"There are not a lot of opportunities for political science students. My father is a journalist for women's magazines, but if I work for that, it would spoil my chances of getting into something more serious."

An immediate decision isn't necessary. Under the German education system, she has three to four more years of school at home before she receives her M.A.

Dorm life in Marburg differs from that of McPherson. "The atmosphere is completely different," says Kerstin. "The university is spread out all over town. You don't have to live in the dorms if you don't want to." Dorms are basically groups of rented rooms with a central kitchen, and are co-ed.

Political parties, the only organized activities, are very active at the university. "For some students, politics is really the center of their lives," commented Kerstin. Students also spend their free time going out, getting together at parties, or meeting friends to study and talk.

"I like traveling; I did it a lot," added Kerstin. "I enjoy knitting and listening to music in my room to relax."

The Kansas climate is not unusual to Kerstin, who lives on the plains at the foot of the Black Forest, but Catalina finds it a change from her home on the island of Mallorca off the eastern coast of Spain.

"There are beautiful beaches

and mountains. It's really calm there," said Catalina. "I miss the sea."

Not surprisingly, Catalina enjoys all sports and outdoor activities. She worked at a Girl Scout camp last summer in Connecticut. "People here really like sports. That's something I like about life here."

Like other students at the University of Barcelona, Catalina also enjoys entertainment opportunities the city has to offer. She finds Mac's many campus activities a contrasting environment. "In Barcelona, we take the bus to go everywhere. Here, in a small city, students look for activities in the college."

Rather than following a liberal arts program, the university is divided into faculties. Each student takes classes only within the faculty of his major. Catalina has completed five years at the Faculty of English and will graduate with an English degree when she takes a final exam next summer.

After graduation, Catalina has considered returning to the United States to do post-graduate work as a Spanish teaching assistant. Other possibilities are teaching English at the University

of Barcelona or traveling.

Both Kerstin and Catalina found more structured classes and a closer campus here as compared to their large universities. In Marburg, Kerstin explained, students are free to complete class requirements without attending class. Some feel they can't learn under this system, but others enjoy setting their own pace.

"In Spain, you will never find a class with a textbook," said Catalina. "You take notes in class, and you work hours in the library on your own. I like the system here because you have to study every day. There is a link between students and teachers."

Kerstin also enjoys the closeness of a small campus and looks forward to all the new opportunities available to her through the overall experience of just being here, being away for a long time. I like to know people's names and to know more people."

What are some of the adjustments to face when you go abroad? "Culture shock" is a reality; a different country's way of life may not match your expectations, leaving you feeling a little lost. But according to Catalina, such differences contribute to the learning experience.



Richie Chrest/Spectator  
While walking to their dorm room, Catalina Carbonell and Kerstin Stengel discuss the differences between here and home.

## Mac students return from abroad

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Being an exchange student was fantastic, almost inexpressible. This seemed to be the consensus of the McPherson College students who participated in an exchange program sponsored by Brethren Colleges Abroad.

Five Mac students attended college in Europe last year. They were Steven Van Asselt, Wayne Zeitchie, Merrie Cline, Marla Thom, and Galen Switzer. For most of the students, the exchange program began in May of 1985 with the choir European tour. The students returned to America in August of this year.

Discussion with the students of their experiences during the exchange stayed away from

significant details and leaned toward the overall feelings encountered. For example, the students mentioned the great feelings of companionship and excitement that they felt while being in a new society.

"It was a growing experience. I learned so much," said Van Asselt, who returned to McPherson as a senior. "It was sometimes hard to communicate," he continued, "a feel must be developed. Europe was much like a friend, it had its good points and bad points."

The group explained that schooling costs were about equal to what they would have been back home. Scholarships for sports, academics, and other activities are doubled upon returning to America, so financial aid is not lost for the year spent abroad.

Classes were similar to the ones in America, the group said, except for some of the methodology involved. The language barrier was another obvious difference.

Living standards seemed to be much like the ones in America. There are many more people in Europe, though, and one student mentioned how it was crowded.

Cultural differences were very interesting to the group. The European sense of humor is not like the American. Europeans seemed slower to open up, the students felt. A friend became a very close friend, however, once the initial barriers were crossed.

Overall, the exchange students felt the exchange program to be a very worthwhile year. It was a big decision to make but it was an opportunity worth the sacrifices.

## Fanny hosts Hawaiian celebration

Did you happen to see a few uncanny people darting across campus on Saturday with flowered shorts or maybe even grass skirts on? I bet you thought "My goodness, what is becoming of this campus?"

Well, these people aren't really as outlandish as you may have thought. Fahnstock Hall featured a Hawaiian dance on Saturday from 10:00 pm-2:00 am. For not being publicized, the attendance was quite good.

If you've ever been in Fanny's lounge, you know that it is not very big. Keep the size in mind and imagine 60-70 people dancing in there at one time. Pretty crowded. You're probably thinking, "How can you enjoy yourself when you're elbow to elbow and shoulder to shoulder?"

This is how some people felt when asked that question: Stephanie Burkholder. "It was too crowded, they should have opened another hall." Shawn Elliot. "It made it more fun." Melissa James. "I thought it was more fun because when it was crowded people were dancing more than when it wasn't." Marilyn Spencer. "Having it crowded made it more fun because everyone was so close together. Everyone danced in one big group and didn't really pair off."

"All in all, the dance was very successful and very fun." Says Paul Sweeney. "We were pretty pleased with the turnout, even though we didn't advertise it."

The more you drink, the more coordination you lose. That's a fact, plain and simple.

It's also a fact that 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine and 1 1/4 ounces of spirits all have the same alcohol content. And consumed in excess, all can affect you. Still, people drink too much and then go out and expect to handle a car. When you drink too much, you can't handle a car. You can't even handle a pen.

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*I can drive when I drink.*

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*I can drive when I drink.*

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# Sports

## Bulldogs want to win

By Bobby Holland

As the McPherson Bulldogs prepare for the game with Tabor tomorrow afternoon at Hillsboro they have one thing on their mind: their first win of the year.

Tabor is coming off a tough loss to Sterling by a score of 20-7. Still, with a 2-2 record Tabor will be a chore for the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs have been shutout in their last two games but are showing signs of improvement, especially on defense.

In their first home game of the year, the Bulldogs were embarrassed by the top team in the conference, Southwestern, who beat them by a score of 65-0. Southwestern was later knocked from the unbeaten position by Bethany College in double overtime.

Last week the Bulldogs traveled to Wichita to take on Friends University. The game was played in very bad weather with heavy rain accompanied by strong, cold winds. The final score was 19-0. The Bulldog defense looked very impressive, and the game was a lot closer than the score indicates. Three times the Bulldogs held their ground when the Falcons were driving inside their 10 yard line. Two of the drives were halted

by aggressive heads-up plays by the Bulldogs. Chuck Holtgraves stripped the ball carrier of the football and landed on it, and Scott Davis jumped on a fumble that was bobbled by the quarterback. On another goal line stand the Bulldogs inside linebacker, Chris Graham, made some devastating hits behind the line of scrimmage to hold Friends back.

The Falcons' brightest spot was runningback Todd Tanner, who became the first 100 yard rusher for Friends since 1984 with 109 yards on 15 carries. His teammate Jedd Lovern picked up 84 yards, including a 47 yard touchdown burst in the second quarter.

The Bulldogs' rushing attack was stymied by a swarming Friends defense, and the offense fared little better in the air. Mac attempted 28 passes, gained 63 yards, and was held to 0 yards rushing. Just before the first half, the Bulldogs reached the 8 yard line on a 12 yard pass from Dave Mueller to Norman Francis, but the drive stopped short at the 2 yard line. For the day, the Bulldogs ran 63 plays and totalled 62 yards.



Ellen Herschel/Spectator

From left, Chuck Holtgraves, Perry Fief and Mike Mnich watch as the Bulldogs lose to Southwestern College, 65-0, at McPherson on Oct. 4.

## Tennis team is tough

'Tough' is a good word to describe the season thus far for the Lady Red tennis team. They've battled tough players and tough weather to hang in there for Mac from the beginning of the season. This can be seen in both the overall team record as well as in the records of individual team members.

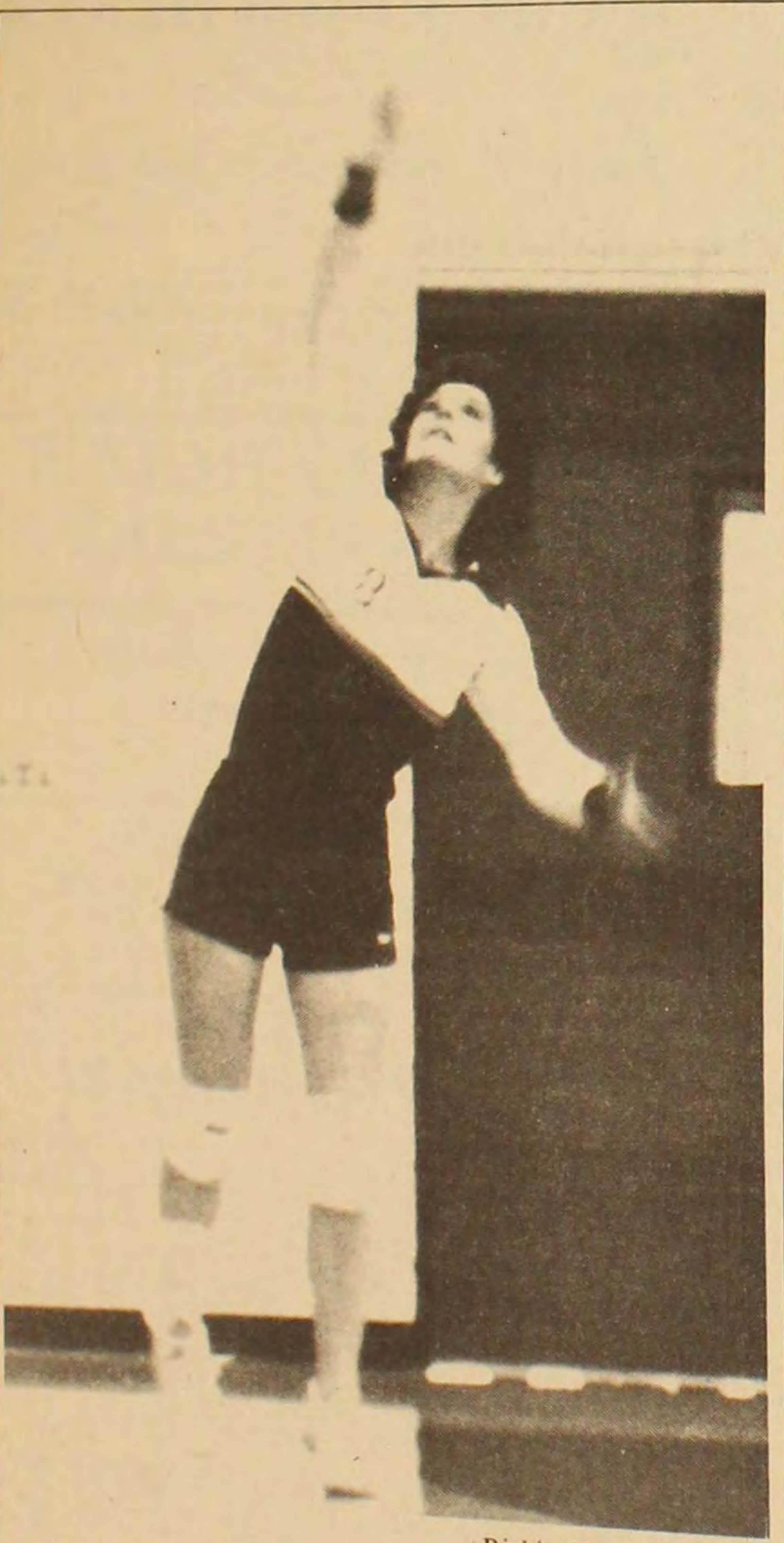
The most recent match for the Lady Red was the Bethany Invitational. The Lady Red walked away with an 8-1 victory. The victors were Julie Oltman, Griffis, Powell, Julie Jacks, Samci and Yoder.

In doubles, Yoder and Samci have crushed all who have opposed them at the 3 doubles spot. They are ranked as the 1 seed in that position.

One individual standout is freshman Cecilia Samci. To date, her record stands as undefeated, and she is the 1 ranked seed for the 5 singles position in KCAC standings. Team members Amy Yoder and Cindy Powell are also ranked high in KCAC standings. Powell is the 3 seed for the 3 singles position and Yoder is the 3 seed for

the 6 singles position. Another team standout is Cindy Griffis.

To date, Lady Red Tennis has a team record of 6-2. Their record in the KCAC conference is 3-2. Next in line for the Lady Red Tennis team is a meet with Emporia, at Emporia on Oct. 14 at 3:00.



Richie Chrest/Spectator

Denise Race, sr., Plattville, CO, watches as she serves. The Lady Red volleyball team is 2-4 in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference, as of Tuesday, with wins over Sterling

## Blowin' in the wind

## Runners still battling

On Friday, Oct. 3 the McPherson College Cross Country team competed in the Bethany College Invitational in Lindsborg.

The weather was comfortable with temperatures in the mid to upper 60's and partly-cloudy skies. The course conditions, however, were slightly less than desirable for the Bulldog harriers. Rain from the previous two days had super-saturated the ground, leaving the course wet and muddy. Nevertheless, the McPherson runners performed well, with the men's team placing 9th out of 10 teams. The women's team placed two runners, Melanie

Theroff and Beth Brown, with respective times of 23:09 and 23:31.

The fourth meet of the season was the Marymount Invitational. Wind, rain, cold and mud combined to make up the extremely poor conditions for the course. But once again, the Bulldog harriers rose to the occasion and ran well. David Byrd turned in a personal best while the rest of the team performed well like they have all year.

The Cross Country team's next meet is the Fort Hays Invitational at Hays this Saturday, Oct. 18.

## Intramurals

Racquetball is in the last week of competition. Vic Ullom is undefeated at 5-0 with Jeff Keck and Norm Hollis both at 5-2. Due to lack of participants, the women's tourney has yet to be held.

Flag football started last week with four teams. Gary Overla's team beat Todd Fredrickson's team in the first game. Gary Overla's team then beat Donley Voth's team featuring David Varrits 102 yard kick return for a touchdown. Todd Fredrickson's team beat Eddie Crumpacker's team to finish last weeks action. These games are held Sunday afternoons at 3:30 and 4:30.

Ping pong, pool, frisbee golf and co-ed volleyball are coming soon. Sign-up sheets are in the Student Union basement.

What is spirit? 1. Life, will, consciousness, thought, etc., regarded as separate from matter.

2. Supernatural being, especially one thought of as haunting or possessing a person, house, etc. as a ghost. 3. Enthusiastic loyalty as, school spirit. 4. A strong alcoholic liquor produced by distillation.

If you're a publisher of Webster's New World Dictionary you would say all of the above, but if you're a Mac bulldog fan you would say 3. Enthusiastic school spirit is represented by many organizations on campus: cheerleaders, Pep band, a Fanny band, and the soon to be public Spirit Kickers. There is also the best kept secret on campus— who is really in that bulldog suit.

The cheerleading squad consists of five girls picked in the fall of each year. Cheerleaders for the fall sports season are: Stephanie Burkholder fr. Overland Park, Melissa James soph. Northglen Co., Anne Kletcka fr. Lawrence, Peggy Rice jr. Goodland, and head



Fan's contemplate the action of McPherson's home opener

## In search of...SPIRIT

By Cindy Trim Sports Editor

cheerleader Marilyn Spencer soph. Kansas City, Mo. Besides having practice and cheering for games, the cheerleaders also spread spirit by making signs and cookies for the athletes. Jeanette Mick Johnson, co-sponsor is excited about the squad. 'They're a good mix of girls doing a good job. For the cheerleaders the crowd makes all the difference.' 'The crowds are great!' says James with a smile as she remembers crowds that will sit through rain or shine to see teams compete.

The Pep band is again under the direction of Dr. Larry Kitzel who offers some comments on the role of the band. 'The band is there to support the team and school spirit, in that order. The team is the main attraction'. Kitzel perceives the band as providing filler with 'the neatest, funnest, most appropriate music as possible'. Such tunes are: Flashdance, Muppet Theme, and Shaft, and the band is hard at work learning: Maniac, All I Need is a Miracle, Who's Johnny? and Sara.

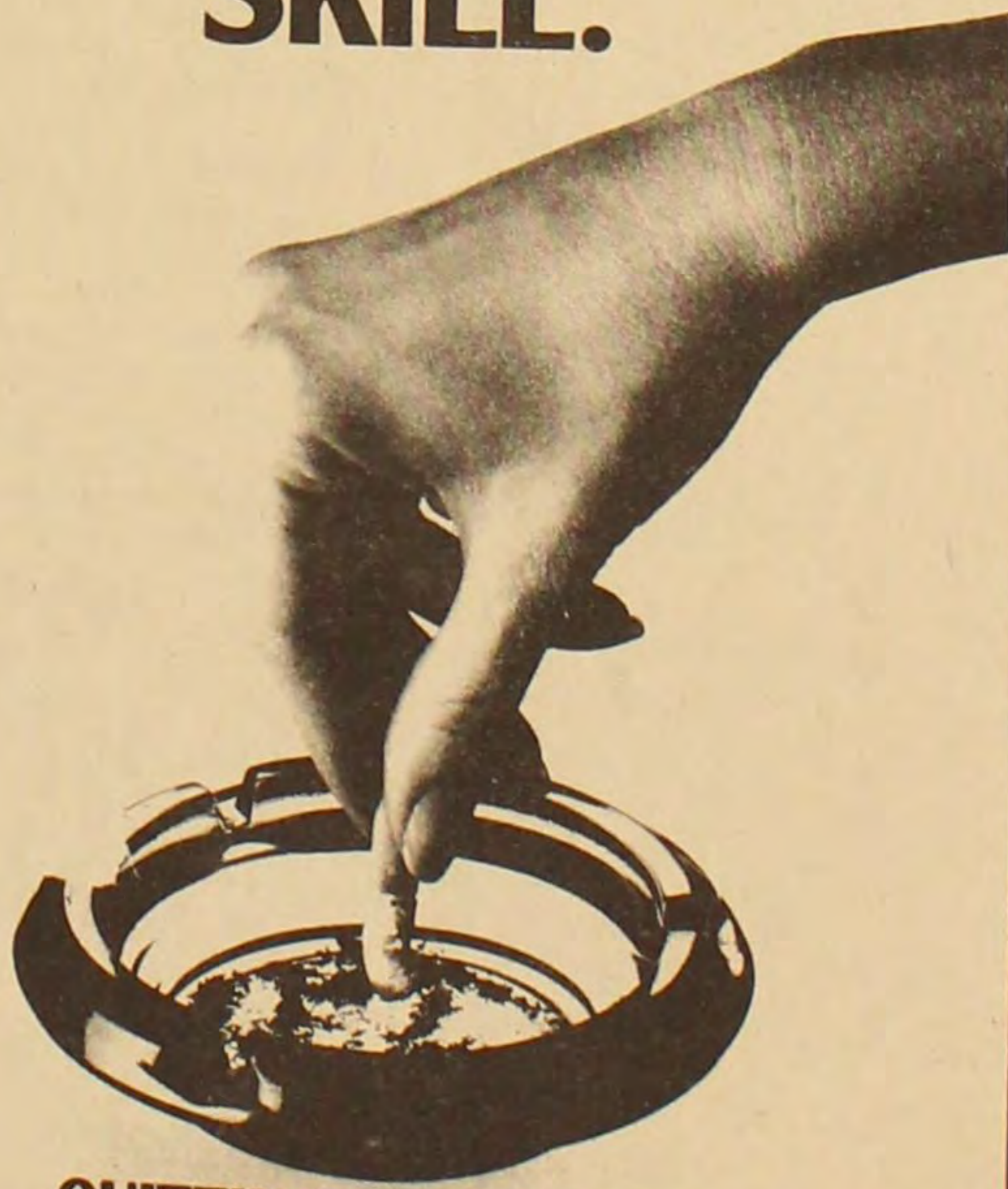
The homeopener football game saw the emergence of a new band on campus. Rumor is that a few residents from Fahnestock Hall wanted to do something for the game. Excitement rose as

residents got hyped and the band— complete with tin drums, mallots and a tin Pepsi sign— born. Kitzel, who directed the band in a few cheers hopes 'continue to grow and prosper well'. First impressions of students to the band thoughts of where did the that stuff? Others were impressed that it actually sounded cool. Laura Shelton soph. Dekalb looks forward to hearing sound on the Bill-board to Also representing spirit campus will be the Spirit Kicker. The drill team is in the process practicing for tryouts to be on Oct. 4. Johnson, co-sponsor was encouraged by student interest in forming the squad. She hopes to have them ready to perform at the last home football game Nov. 1.

Some highlights for you spectators are the antics of the Mac mascot, the bulldog. A uniform was purchased last year and was met with great respect. The bulldog helps keep spirit when things are looking down. It is usually good for a few tries.

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