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Trustees meet

The McPherson College Trustees met for their spring meeting last week, March 5 and 6. The Trustees are a group of about 35 that make final decisions on questions of college policy, finances, and some decisions dealing with employment.

Among the issues brought before the Trustees was the Student Council dorm hours proposal, though it was not presented as an issue for action. The proposal was brought by the Student Services Committee of the college to the Trustees as an information item. Student Services did not recommend the policy, and consequently, it was never brought to a vote.

Student Services voiced the desire to have "some discussion" on the issue, for example at hall and dorm meetings. Some areas that were specified for analysis were enforcement of the new visitation program, financial consideration, and student safety. Student Council President Jay Nicholson described his feelings from the trustees on the proposal. "I felt they were very receptive." He expressed confidence that the proposal, in some form, would be voted on at the trustees next meeting in October.

The trustee meetings opened Thursday, with various trustee committee meetings. The Board of Trustees consists of three committees: student services, academic services, and financial services. The entire day was devoted to these committees. Academic and Student Services committees both invited students to come and share their

impressions of the college.

Aside from those invited to attend, the meetings were closed. Some of the issues discussed in the combined trustee meeting on Friday, were the Centennial Scholarship and plans.

Thursday night was the big Trustee Banquet. Students were moved to the lawn for supper, in an effort to make a more comfortable atmosphere for the trustees. Though no issues were brought up, an anonymous source said that some "grissly subjects were discussed."

The banquet was a time to honor faculty and employees for their terms of service. One honored was Mrs. Betty Barchesky for 25 years of service. Mrs. Barchesky has served under five deans or vice presidents in her years.

Another honored was Professor Bob Green for twenty years of service. Professor Green, who received his first degree from Central College here in McPherson is acting head of English Department while Dr. Corinne Hughbanks completes her sabbatical in Bolivia.

Honored for ten years of service was Professor Rick Tyler, currently on sabbatical at Michigan State University.

Five year employees recognized were Mrs. Tamara Gayer, Mrs. Gayla Green, Professor Dan Hoffman, Professor Norman Hope, Mrs. Ann Jordan, Dr. John Pannabecker, Professor Roger Trimmel, Dr. Herbert Smith, Professor Robert Ward, and Mrs. Jean Smith.

These four McPherson College students will represent their fellow students during the 87-88 school year as Student Council Officers. Pictured from left to right are Carol Mack, Secretary; Jamie Spexarth, President; Stuart Cline, Vice President; and Gayle Vacura, Treasurer.



Elections were held March 12 during convocations. Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates gave speeches before the ballots were cast.

Jamie Spexarth, remarking on the elections, said that he "is very concerned with student interests" and is "looking forward to playing a key role in voicing those interests."

Ed Policies Committee determines changes

The Educational Policies Committee has determined several changes in regards to scheduling classes and convocations. These changes will be implemented for the upcoming Fall semester of 1987.

Next fall there will be only one convocation scheduled per week. Convocations will be scheduled for Thursdays as much as possible, but they could be scheduled on other days of the week as well. According to Dr.

Dale Goldsmith, Vice President for Academic Services, this change will be implemented mainly to open up "more hours in the day for classes."

Currently there is an overload of classes meeting at certain hours of the day, while other hours are considerably less crowded with classes. This change will open up the 9:30 hour for two and three-hour classes, and will encourage more balanced scheduling of classes throughout the day.

The faculty meetings will be

switched from 9:30 Friday to 11:30 on Wednesday. In addition, the Student Council may have to reschedule its meetings as well.

Wednesday morning classes will normally meet from 8:30 to 11:30.

Afternoon courses will be scheduled in the following manner: four-hour courses in the afternoon will be scheduled M-T-Th-F. Three-hour courses in the afternoon will be scheduled M-W-F. Two-hour courses will be scheduled M-Th and/or T-F.

Evening courses will be encouraged, according to Goldsmith, especially courses of a popular nature with fairly large enrollments. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings will all be utilized for scheduling classes.

These changes should help balance out the scheduling process, and less scheduling conflicts will occur with the additional hour in which classes can meet.

Concert Choir to tour

The McPherson College Concert Choir will conduct its annual tour March 20 through 27, going through Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska. Directed by Professor Robert Fisher, the "Higher Love Spring Concert Tour" will perform nine church programs and five high school programs. In addition to the 40-voice choir which includes the Starlight Singers and SPECTRUM band, Dr. Larry Kitzel's trombone ensemble will accompany the tour.

The Concert Choir program scheduled for churches will include narration that highlights various examples of "Higher Love." Musical selections will further illustrate the narrative.

On Friday, March 20, the Topeka Church of the Brethren, 3205 N.W. Rochester Rd., will

host the group at 7:00 p.m., followed by a Saturday appearance at the Kansas City Messiah Church of the Brethren, 1925 Hardesty Ave., at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, March 22, the choir will give morning and evening concerts at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. respectively at the St. Joseph (Missouri) Church of the Brethren, 502 Kentucky St. at Grant, and the Ankeny (Iowa) Church of the Brethren, 417 S.E. Grant St. On 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 23, the musicians will continue with a performance at the Ankeny High School and travel on to the English River Church of the Brethren, Rt. 1, South English, (319) 667-5235 for a 7:00 p.m. concert.

On Tuesday, March 24, Hudson Highschool will host the group for a 1:30 performance. South Waterloo Church of the

Brethren, 6227 Kimball Avenue, will be the site for the evening's program at 7:00 p.m. On Wednesday, March 25, the choir will follow a 12:45 Eldora High School concert with a 7:00 p.m. performance at the Ivester Church of the Brethren, Rt. 1, Grundy Center, (515) 858-3897. The group will complete its Iowa appearances Thursday, March 26 in Adel at 1:00 p.m. at DeSoto High School, and 7:00 p.m. at Panther Creek Church of the Brethren, Rt. 3, (515) 993-4096.

On Friday, March 27, the "Higher Love Spring Concert Tour" will conclude with concerts in Nebraska at 1:30 p.m. at Wymore Southern High School, Wymore, and 7:00 p.m. at the Holmesville Church of the Brethren, Rt. 1, Holmesville, (402) 228-0373.

Hunger conference meets

"Root Causes and a Crisis in Values," a conference on the issue of world hunger, will be taking place at McPherson College on March 19 and 20.

Three presentations will be given. "Hunger: The Over-all Picture" will be presented by Dr. Dean Freudenberger of the Claremont School of Theology. Dr. Shantilal Bhagat of the Church of the Brethren will give a lecture entitled "World Hunger: Crisis in Values." Finally, Dr. Freudenberger will present

"Hunger: Specific Issues and Values."

The conference will begin with registration on Thursday morning, March 19. Two of the presentations will be on Thursday, with the final one Friday morning. The conference will also include workshops, discussion within smaller groups, and worship and prayer times.

The conference is planned for those concerned with hunger in the world and its effects. It will

attempt to help those studying and searching for ways to address the "root causes" of hunger. It will be open to staff leaders, members of the hunger committee, and church pastors as well as any students who have an interest.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. Friday. Fees are now \$15, and students are invited to come free of charge.

Interested students should contact the CIC for further information.

Former Who's Who students still shine

A look at McPherson College students who were honored in Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges ten and twenty years ago shows a group of people who lead very successful and diversified lives.

An earlier issue of the Spectator carried an article on seven McPherson College seniors who were bestowed this honor for the 1986-87 school year. Merrie Cline, Greg Gunther, Kevin Miller, Kathy Moore, Jay Nicholson, Annette Taylor, and Marla Ullom were this year's nominees.

As a class project, Susan Taylor's journalism class decided to send questionnaires to Who's Who members from the classes of 1977 and 1967 to see how those outstanding students have continued to grow and achieve.

Fifteen students were selected to Who's Who in both 1967 and 1977. Of the thirty questionnaires mailed, Taylor's class received twenty two replies. All of those persons' lives seem to reflect the academic achievement, service to the community, leadership, and potential for continued success which merited their selection to Who's Who.

The questionnaires included such items as the persons' current occupations, their community activities, and their most satisfying experiences since graduating from McPherson College.

The occupations of these people are one indication of their continued success. One is a continued pediatrician, teaching academic pediatrician, teaching and researching at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Another is an executive member

of the Brethren Church's World Ministries Commission. Others include managers, directors, mothers, teachers, a doctor, a free-lance writer, a social worker, an attorney, a librarian, a farmer, and an electrical contractor.

Their pursuits are varied, but all of them have excelled in one way or another.

As one would expect, many of these people have settled far from McPherson. Eight of the respondents currently reside in Kansas, with others living in Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Georgia.

These former Mac students excel in service to others. Roger and Carolyn Schrock, who are married and both 1967 Who's Who students, worked as missionaries in the Sudan. Modena Hoover Wilson was a Peace Corps Volunteer. George Snavely helped victims of an earthquake in Guatemala. These are just a few examples.

Several of the people are very active in their churches. Many are Sunday school teachers. Others serve as laymen and are on various church committees.

Others have been active in education, being teachers, coaches, and specialists.

When asked what they remembered most about McPherson College, the respondents seemed to have two main favorites - friends made faculty. Fun, caring friends made the times at Mac great. Teachers were described as being easily reached, interested in their students, and very good friends.

An overall feeling of "togetherness and family" summarized the

former students feelings of the College.

Many of the people mentioned their most satisfying experience since graduating as being the raising of their children. Others especially found helping others, succeeding in their careers, traveling, and being with family members as being satisfying.

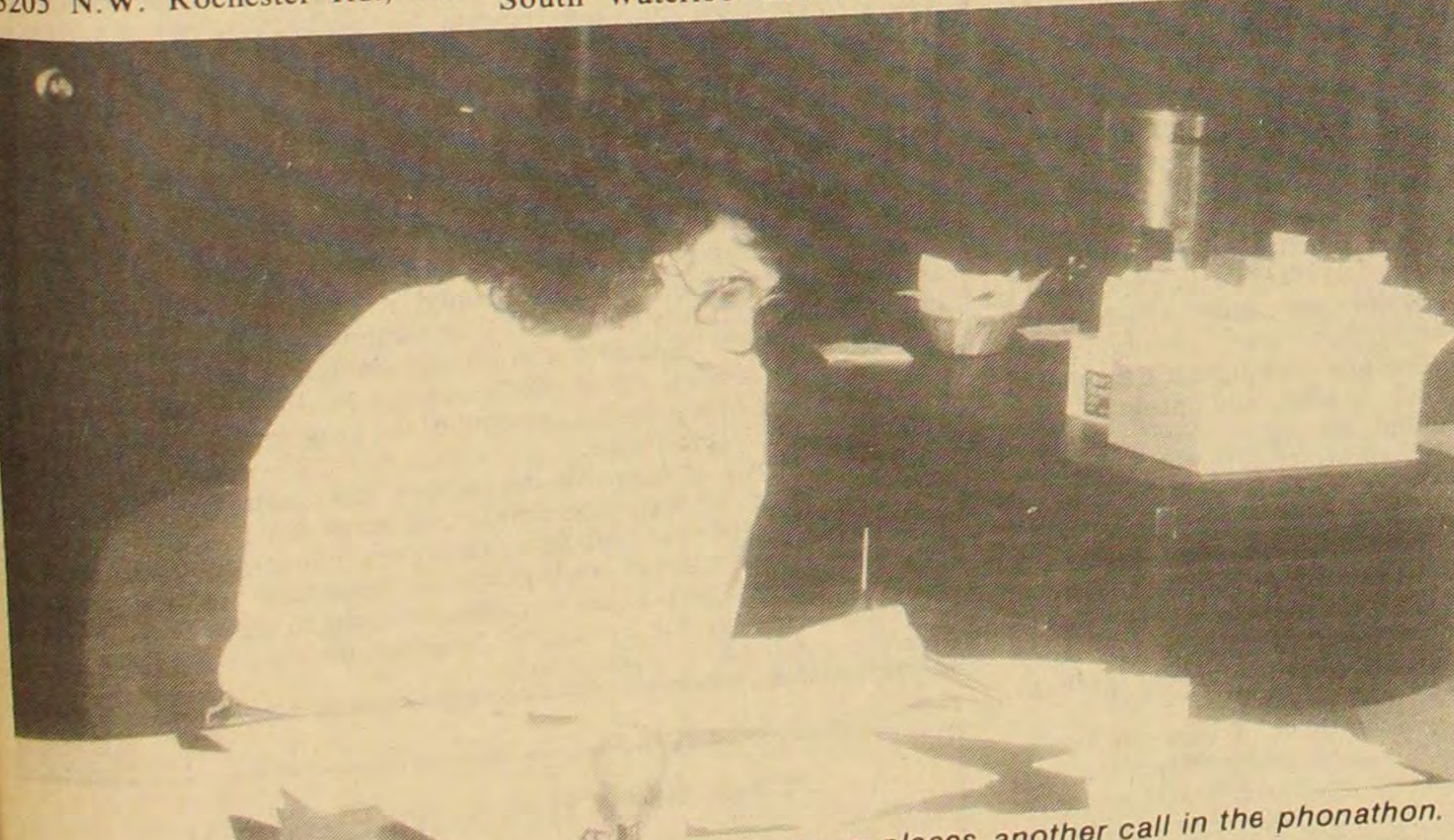
Several of the respondents felt that their religious convictions have been instrumental in their lives. Two married Who's Who students, Galen and Carol Neher, shared the idea that "things of the world" are unimportant in comparison to their relationship with God, and that "true success" does not come from earthly success.

All of these people have left their marks since graduating from McPherson College. Their stories are interesting and inspiring.

Those selected to Who's Who in 1967 include the following: Roger Schrock, Carolyn Pieratt Schrock, Carol Klotz Neher, Harvey Werner, Tim Matthei, George Snavely, Jerry Parsons, Barbara Bollinger Flory, Linda Kurtz(Fike) Beher, Modena Hoover Wilson, Ron Flory, Ron Cassidente, Don Flory, Galen Neher, and Pearl Miller.

1977 Who's Who students included the following: Marlene Adams, Bruce Clary, Rick Cooke, Corina Beam, Dave Frantz, Mary Richardson, Ron Hoivis, Kathy Chambers, Dewayne Jackson, Cindy Mines, Roger Peckover, Kathy Melhorn, Jan Schrock Beach, and Jana Wine Porter.

Individual biographies of Bruce Clary, a 1977 McPherson College graduate, and Barbara Flory, a 1967 graduate, appear in this issue of the Spectator.



Kathleen Pfaltzgraff, a member of Dotzour's winning team places another call in the phonathon.

Phonathon nets \$170,000

Student callers were fundamental in the success of the 1987 McPherson College Phonathon, according to Bruce Clary, Director of Development.

Over \$170,000 was raised in the recent fund-raising effort, which ended March 9.

Five teams of four student callers competed in two sessions. Dotzour second floor old wing south won the \$200 grand prize for obtaining the most pledges.

Runner-up was Student Activities Board, which won \$100.

Also, for the first time work study students were hired for the phonathon. They were really

good. They were just fanatic callers," Clary said.

Friends and alumni of the college pledged \$108,062, which will be used for the general operating expenses of the college.

In addition, the Paul and Pauline Vaniman Pair Challenge raised over \$60,000 for the computer science scholarship fund. The Pairs matched every \$1 of new or increased giving with \$2.

"This challenge was primarily responsible for the success of this year's phonathon," Clary said.

The Pair Scholarship Fund, the college's seventh largest, has granted academic assistance totalling \$13,100 to 11 different

computer science students in four academic years.

Clary pointed out that none of the phonathon money will go toward capital improvements, such as the campus beautification project.

Members of Dotzour's winning team were Kristy Clark, Tammy Parker, Renee Pfaltzgraff and Carrie Davidson.

SAB's team included Tom Vialpando, Marlene Duran, David Unruh and Sheila Howell. Prize money will go into the organizations' accounts.

Looking at the success of this year's phonathon, Clary said, "I'm sure I'll depend on student callers in the future."

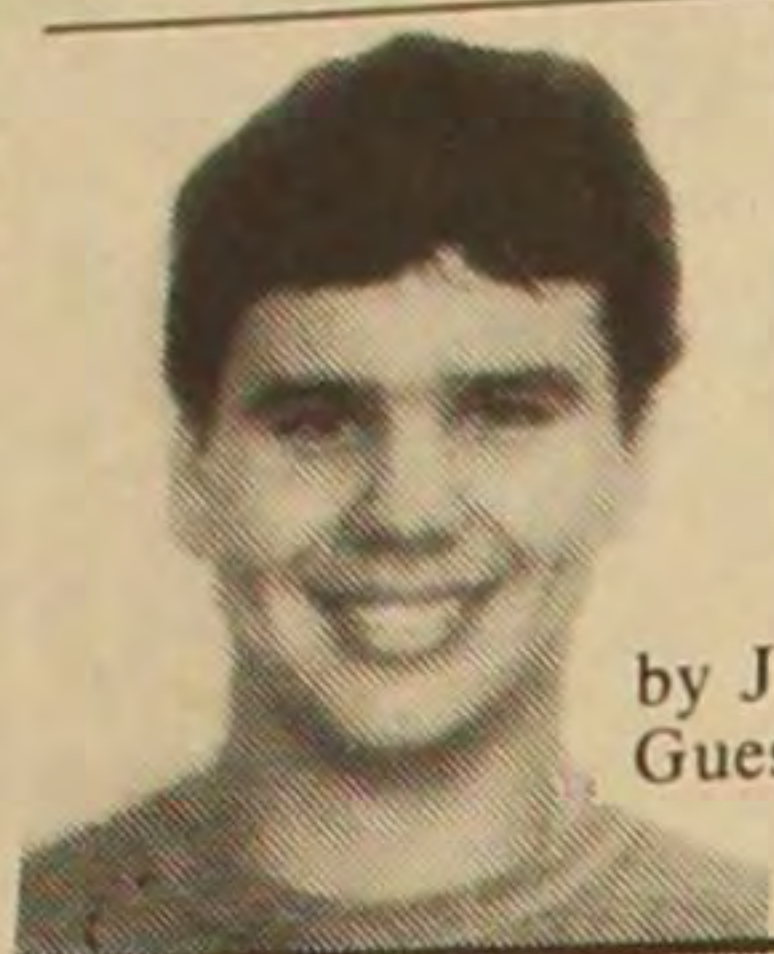
Dorm hours, is there a solution?

It is general knowledge anymore that there is some concern on this campus regarding the dorm visitation policy. As reported in the latest issue of the Spectator, a proposal had been drawn up by Student Council—a result of informal student discussion groups organized by the Housing Office and the recent survey conducted by Stuco. This proposal was ultimately intended for the Board of Trustees' approval, but was subject to review by several administrative committees. To the dismay of several of us heavily involved with the proposal, the Student Services committee put the brakes on our effort. (They claimed there were too many issues involved which were not sufficiently addressed.) This action killed any chance for a policy change effective at the beginning of next school year.

Probably the main concern is keeping everyone who is involved (that's not just students; parents and college supporters must be considered) comfortable with a change. On the surface, it appears that the entire student body is in favor of expanding dorm hours. As a senior, I have been exposed to countless discussions questioning the necessity of dorm hours. The dissatisfaction seems to be building, evidenced by the fact that very few, if any, issues of the Spectator this year have been free of some reference to visitation. In addition, there have been at least two surveys conducted this year in an attempt to reach a resolution.

visitation policy gives the impression that the school is too liberal. A counter to that is that a person would be turned away because of such a restrictive policy. This being a church related college, a considerable amount of support comes from religious affiliation. Those supporters are

not interested in paying for an institution with poor morals. It has been suggested that the night time is a popular time for certain extra-curricular activities. An increase in evening dorm hours would mean a potential increase in those activities. Whether or not students would accept that reasoning, outsiders might expect the worst (and thus consider dropping support).



by Jeff Keck
Guest Writer

But that may not be all bad. The next Board of Trustees get together is in October, leaving a good deal of time for serious consideration of this issue. There are several items that do need to be addressed in that time. The special Stuco committee, consisting of Francis Dutton, Carol Mack, Dawn Merrifield, Laura Shelton, Jay Nicholson, Marla Ullom, and myself, which was created to handle the issue, will be meeting with Dr. Butler to discuss, in detail, the factors necessary for a successful campaign and how to involve the entire campus. At this point it is that involvement which is vital to the survival and acceptable resolution of this issue.

Our committee will be trying to outline the steps that need to be taken to get campus-wide discussion going. We will be looking to the dorm councils to address the issue, generating general dorm reactions. From there, there is no limit on the type, size, or function of a group dealing with the issue. The goal is to find out where the campus stands and how it would handle a change in policy.

Besides the concern for the people involved with the college, there is the reputation of the college that must also be looked at. There is a concern that potential students would be turned away just because the

So if it's such a big issue with so much opposition, why are we still being "treated as children" (as some choose to put it)? Well believe it or not, there are those students who don't feel there is a need for more hours (some would even be comfortable with less). As much as any other group, this group must be respected—they pay the same tuition. It is hoped that in the coming months, all of the opinions from the student body, ranging from "too many restrictions" to "too liberal", will be voiced.

This is not an attempt to change anybody's mind. Instead it is a call for involvement. Most of you will have to live with the decisions made regarding this policy, so why not give your two cents worth. In reality, your opinion (if expressed) will be worth much more than two cents. There is a move (a strong one at that) to make a major change in policy—it cannot be taken lightly. If it is to

be resolved properly, everyone needs to become involved—not just those opposed to dorm hours. It would be a big mistake if that opposition was made up of only a small group, but managed to make a change affecting everyone. Once again, the topic will be under discussion by various groups. If you wish to voice an opinion, the Housing Office, Student Council (especially those in the special committee mentioned earlier), and Dorm Councils are all good groups to start talking to. Every opinion is important and will be considered.

Somewhere, over the rainbow...

During a recent spades vigil, I made the somewhat rude yet observant comment that if you took away the mountains, Colorado would be no better than Kansas.

I realized that I had been somewhat hasty in my decision when my partner, a native Kansas type, threatened to do all sorts of ugly things in regards to his bidding. I then started my quest to find meaning in Kansas.

has opened my eyes to many potential tourist attractions, like the signs outside of Oakley pleading me to stop and see the "5-legged steer" and "World's Largest Prairie Dog". I have visions of a 50 foot tall prairie dog. I hope I am not disappointed. I have high hopes to travel all across the state in pursuit of such attractions as: the world's deepest well in Greensburg, the greyhound hall of fame in Abilene (I like Ike, too) and the Leavenworth State Penitentiary.



by Cindy Trimmer
Editorial Editor

Kansas is a potential capitalist's dream. Although Don Johnson does not claim to have lived in Wichita, the city is the Air Capital of the world. Wichita also has the distinct honor of housing the home office of Pizza Hut, a mecca for pizza lovers everywhere.

Noted for its apparant flat topography (I would like to debate this fact, after running one

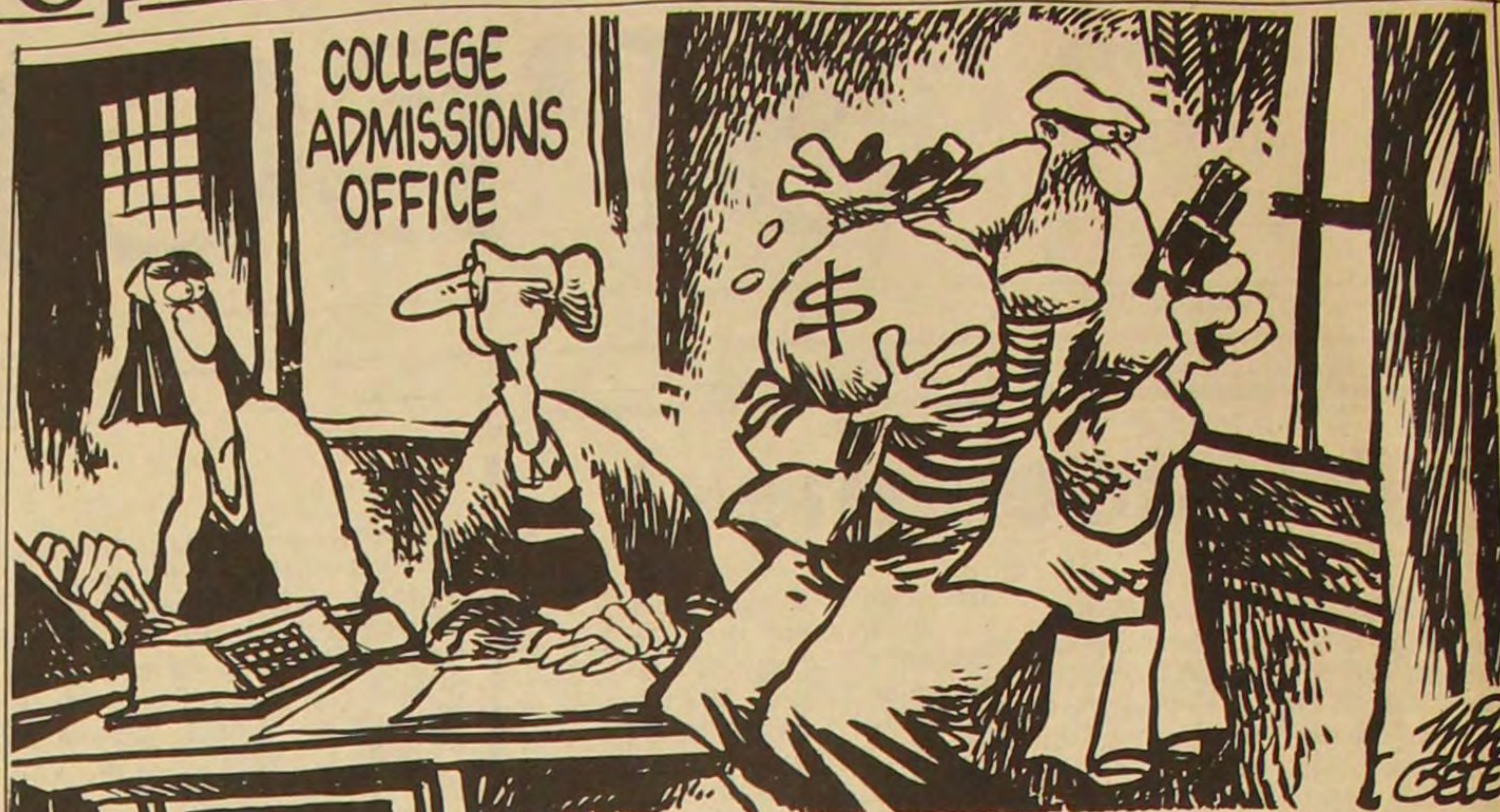
season of cross country), Kansas has some wonderful benefits in the area of agriculture. Kansas is the

leading producer of wheat and sorghum (what happens when you don't brush your teeth), third in beef and ninth in hogs. And where else can you fly a kite almost every day of the year? Quite aptly, Kansas is the Sioux word meaning "people of the South wind".

Kansas has had some notable advances in the area of education. In 1954, the Supreme Court ruled that segregation was unconstitutional in the Brown vs. the Board of Education, Topeka. And, the first consolidated school West of the Mississippi was started by Diana Suiter's grandmother's father in Lorraine, Kansas.

Of course, one can not overlook the scenic beauty of Kansas. For miles and miles all you can see are fields of sunflowers. A nice break from miles and miles of smog, and the sunsets here are truly spectacular. Therefore, after my quest involving pilgrimages to many people and places on this campus, I have decided that Kansas does indeed have merit.

But in the words of the immortal "there's no place like home".



I DON'T KNOW HOW HE DOES IT... EVERY YEAR HE PAYS HIS KID'S TUITION IN FULL.

True to life, 'Dining Room'

by Kathy Moore
guest writer

The once hallowed family dining room is the foundation of the current drama production on campus. "The Dining Room" offers a brief glimpse into families lives and homes.

A variety of relationships are presented in the vignettes. Robert Palmer painstakingly portrays an elderly grandfather who discusses staying home versus attending an expensive, private school with grandson, D. Scott Webber.

Dawn Culbertson plays a troubled wife, mother and daughter who begs her father, Paul Sweeney to let her come home to find herself again.

Nakola Bond is a wealthy woman who faces losing her faithful servant, Marsha Bennett, the symbol of her successful parties and social events.

Palmer steals the limelight as he, Culbertson, Bond and Webber act out a hilarious and obviously true-to-life small fry birthday party. Palmer regresses to his childhood very effectively, inspiring the others right along with him.

Culbertson's confused and displaced senior citizen role brought up sensitive feelings about oldage. Her sons, played by Sweeney, Webber and Palmer struggle to bring her to the present reality. Her daughters-in-law, Bond and Bennett express less than desirable impatient and disgruntled behaviors that are too typical.

The actors and actresses each interpret several roles, their time and efforts to execute character changes have paid off.

At times distractions occur near the ends of current stories when participants of the next episode come on stage. This is a weakness that diminishes the shine of the production.

The simplistic set consisting of a wooden table and chairs, side bureau for accessories, and wooden-floored platform are perfect for the play, which focuses on the action and conversation in the room. The audience sees the set, but is drawn beyond it to the matters of heart and mind.

To quote from the program, "this play is a tribute to what the dining room once was and perhaps may be again; the communication center of the home." The actors and actresses fulfill the tribute and take us home to our dining room of the past.

For Henry

by Laura Shelton
Staff Writer

There was an article in the Wichita Eagle Beacon that looked similar to most tragic articles we read in the paper. The title read: HONOR STUDENT KILLS SELF. FRIEND IN ATTACK--TEASING MAY HAVE PROMPTED SHOOTING. I read on about a 12 year old adolescent and his best friend, a small town that is too insignificant to be placed on any road maps, a history teacher of over 30 years in the local school system and his narrow classroom with wooden floors and 1930- style desks that have tops which flip open so students can set their books inside.

I remembered being a 12 year old with legs, arms, feet and hands that were far out of proportion to the rest of my physique. I thought of another student, who was overweight, had acne, and never washed his hair. Then there was the little girl with the squaky voice, flat chest, and a face that still belonged in the third grade. The quotes in the article tried to give insight on what it was like to be an overweight 12 year old with no hope, who was teased by peers: "he was suicidal, he was a little strange".

We were all a little suicidal and strange during adolescence. Yet most of us survive the experience--though we may shudder to remember our young past. Somehow we outgrow the stage of cruel chants and pulling hair, though we can still hear the high-pitched squeals that "Henry has germs, so cross your fingers and run like hell!". Perhaps we were the ones with crossed fingers, or a disgusted, guilt-ridden on-looker who too intimidated by peer pressure o stand up in the name of justice, or worse yet, perhaps we were Henry.

Regardless of our role in the social caste system of adolescence, it is a period in life which usually leaves an image in our mind of a dreaded P.E. class or junior high initiation that is still clear and distinct.

With shame, I must admit that I would have probably overlooked the story of the 12 year old honor student, had the event not occurred in my own high school, had I not been familiar with the lift-top desks, wooden floors, and decrepit maps of seventh grade history class. I have found myself asking why some of my strange, suicidal friends of junior highs did not express their pain in a similar fashion, when their feelings and self-esteem were fragile, just as the student who took a gun to school.

One might ask how kids can tease and be so cruel, but it is probably for the same reason that adults give condescending looks and relish in harsh gossip. Who among us can answer that question?

Spain: political miracle

It has been ten years since Francisco Franco died and fifty years since the beginning of the Spanish Civil war--the most traumatic event in modern Spanish History. The Civil War split world opinion, solidified the alliance between Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany, and provided a testing ground for World War II. For Spaniards, however, the war's end meant forty years of dictatorship, as a shrewd Franco stayed out of the war that put an end to fascist regimes.



by Catalina Carbonell
staff writer

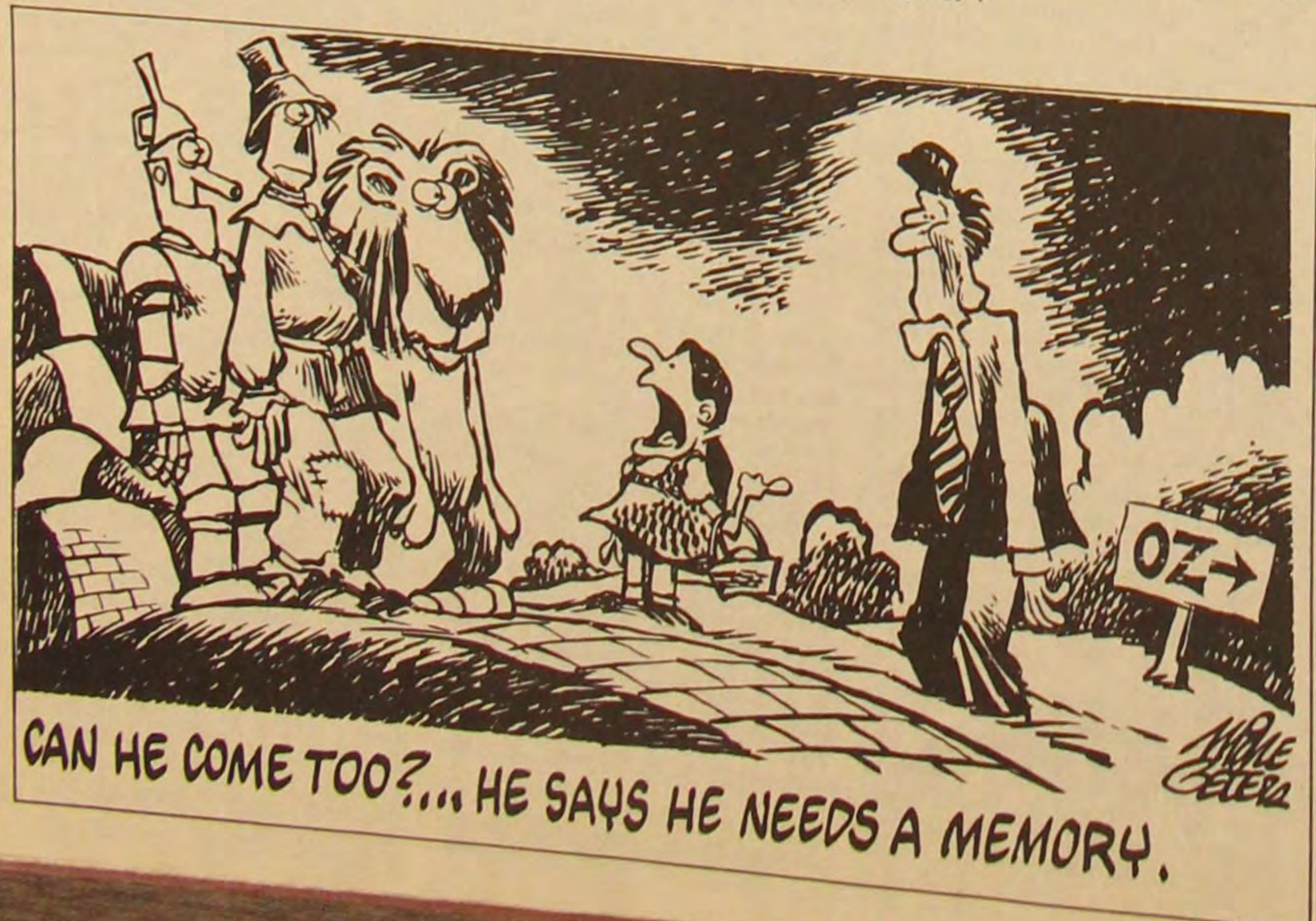
Spared the cost of World War II, the Spanish paid another price. They lost their political liberty, remained isolated from the rest of Europe and missed out on its subsequent economic development. If the Spanish Republic had succeeded, Spain would have been brought into the Western mainstream by modernizing its society and economy.

In the decade since his death, Franco has been forgotten by many. School children in a recent survey identified him as a Spanish king. In the same ten years, Spain has accomplished a political miracle by consolidating democracy after forty years of dictatorship.

At first, King Juan Carlos proceeded cautiously in returning Spain to the European mainstream, but in 1976 he chose a young man, Adolfo Suarez, to run the country. Suarez replaced Franco's follower, Arias Navarro. In a bold action Suarez eliminated the one party state and legalized other political groups including communists.

With the return of democracy, Spanish life experienced a rapid change. Spain gave itself a Constitution, legalized divorce and abortion in certain areas and ended its isolation by joining the European community and NATO. These developments did not come about painlessly. Suarez's Center Union fell apart, and Basque separatist terrorism shook the country. In 1981, military rebels threatened the new political system but the king defused the rebellion and its leaders were jailed.

The strength of Spanish democracy has made the country an important and respected international actor. In particular, Latin America is a fertile field for Spanish action. The mother country still colonies. Spain's transition from dictatorship to democracy should serve as a model for all Latin American nations emerging from oppressive military dictatorships.



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Sports

Floyd tries to trigger Genesis effect

This is the first of three articles previewing 1987 McPherson College football team.

By Jack Sneddon

When James Floyd comes to camp this Fall he will be looking to finish out a four-year career and to help unfold a genesis effect for the Bulldogs toward success.

Floyd has coped with injuries ranging from a pulled hamstring muscle to a mysterious knee problem. He also has had to learn three different systems and personalities from a trio of coaches: Dave Cripe, Steve Phipps and the current head man Dan Thiessen. Cripe was the coach in '83, when Floyd was third on the team, that went 2-6-1, in rushing, splitting time with Gary Overla. Floyd compared the personality to that of John Madden, the former head coach of the Oakland Raiders, as being crazy but under control. "He put the fear of god in you," said Floyd "(doing) things like headbutting chalkboards, lockers and players." But Cripe also had a sensitive side where he could sense a problem with his players and he will try to help. "He cared about people and did not show any false fronts," says Floyd. Floyd compares coach Thiessen to former Green Bay Packer coach and Hall of Fame enshrinee Vince Lombardi, in his methodical way of conducting business. "There is a reason for everything he does." He has also impressed Floyd with his conditioning program. "I've never ran 100 yards 20 times in succession before in my life." Thiessen has brought a different brand of football that relies a little more on the pass than on the run. But

Floyd believes that the team will go with whatever is working the best at the time. "Last year, we couldn't get the run going, so we had to go to the air for big gains." "If we run a little more play-action (this coming season) then we will keep the linebackers honest." The runningback from Omaha, Nebraska, likes the excitement of the team, people on campus and in the community are showing for '87. He cites events such as the idea of a voluntary spring football conditioning. For Floyd "would like to see the returning linemen staying in condition (during the off-season) and to teach the new linemen the ropes." "For the veterans are the backbone of almost any good team." "We had the drive and the fire last year but it takes more than that to beat experienced college football players." There were over 35 freshman on the Bulldog squad last fall. Another event Floyd believes is a positive thing is the Weight Lift-Athon, that was held on Tuesday in the Sports Center.

For Floyd his personal goals are to be healthy by the start of camp and to do the best he can. "If I can do the best that James Floyd can do then we will score points." He already has his eye on a victory against Bethany, which will be during homecoming (making it the first homecoming victory in many years.)

"As I walk around campus, wearing the new football jacket, people have noticed that I have inscribed 'poetry-in-motion'. I have caught alot of flack for that. What I have there is not what I think I am but something that I can become with the right chemistry." Floyd adds, "This season will also be the time that people will have to prove their worth on the football field." So people should take notice when he moves with the gracefulness of a poem composed by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Robertson's the name and Round Ball is his game

By Maurice Jenkins

Guest Writer

I will start a story about one of McPherson College's long-lived sports, basketball. Kansas is not Indiana. We do not have a basketball team coached by Ray Knight and the movie Hoosiers is not about our state. But the McPherson College's basketball team, that is a story by itself.

Something is in our gym; it is alive and I felt it when our team beat our rival, Bethany College. This is my third year at college and I have seen for myself the spirit that becomes so alive when the basketball season starts. Well, when I think of the basket-ball season, I think of the man, Senior Dave Robertson. He has always stuck out in my mind since he first came here from Bethany. When you talk to this player as much as I have, in class and in pick-up

games, you can distinguish his determination through the look in his eyes. It is in the eyes-so distant and determined. He appears to be one of those individuals who is always winning. I think it is in the attitude. No matter how up or down the team is, Robertson is always hustling.

"Robertson is a good long range shooter. He is a very determined kind of a guy, a natural born leader. He is not a ball hog but I think the most impressive part about Robertson is that he has character," says Nick Owen, a fellow basketball player.

The basket-ball player is also pursuing his business degree and this will be the last basketball season for Robertson here at McPherson College. Not only will he be missed at the business department but he will also be missed flying down the free throw line, dunking viciously on some poor Bethany Swede.



James Floyd, brushing off a defender will try to bring stability to the Bulldog's ground game.

Track hopes for quick jump off the block

by Dimitri Tamalis
Guest Writer

The Mc Pherson's college track team opened its outdoor track season here at McPherson College on March 18. Dan Hoffman, the team fifth year head coach, sees a steady growth in the team as a whole. According to Hoffman, with a definite positive attitude the team seems to be a lot stronger than last year's.

Even the most unfaithful fans of the McPherson's outdoor track team would be able to tell the team's players without a scorecard. There are only 38 members

on the team and they are usually the same people who participated on the indoor track team. (Indoor track season began on January and ended in February. The outdoor season will stretch from March until May.)

Balancing the team will be Sophomore Robert Ewy from Kingman, Kansas; Senior Denise Race from Evans, Colorado; Junior Doug Wine from Enders, Nebraska; Sophomore Melissa Wynn from Ferguson, Nebraska; and Tonya Kingery from Basin, Wyoming. These people will bring stability to our young team," says Hoffman.

Practicing everyday from 3:30 until 5 p.m., the team and Hoffman feel that they are ready for the upcoming season. "Our basic weakness is in the distance running for both men and women," says Hoffman. "However we are definitely strong in the field events."



Freshman Matt Reazin and the McPherson Track Team are off in search for a successful year

Tennis sets for a new season

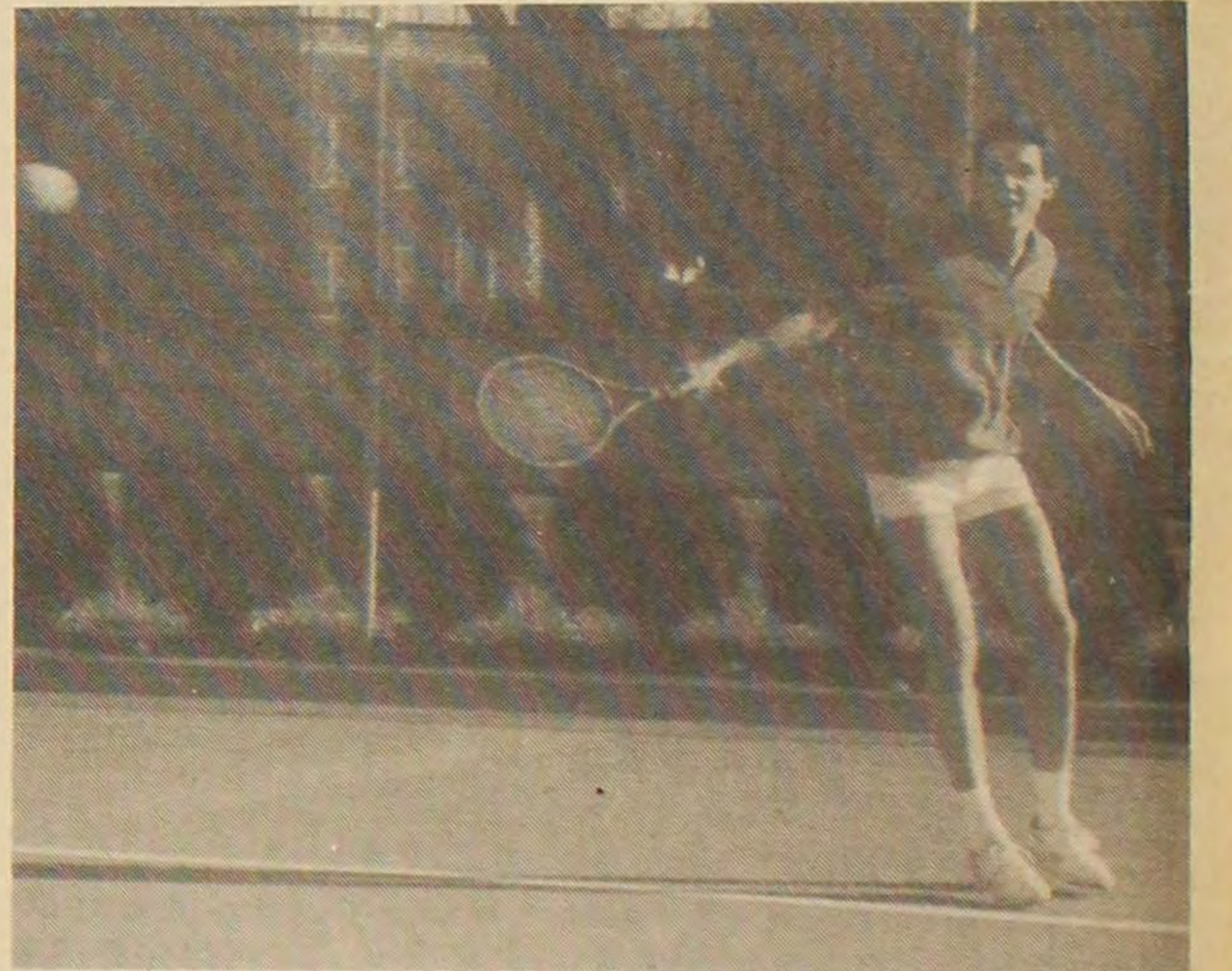
When the young and reckless Houston Rockets stole the Western Conference Title last season in the National Basketball Association from the Los Angeles Lakers, there was a changing of the guard - an almost mystical change in the balance of power. More realistically, there seems to be an old guard in the state of Kansas too. Bethany College captured the Tennis Conference Champion Title last year, completing a twenty-three year reign. The Swedes, thus, represents the old (and big) guard.

The same situation will likely to occur again this season as the Swedes are heavily favored to repeat. But, Roger Trimmel, the McPherson College tennis coach,

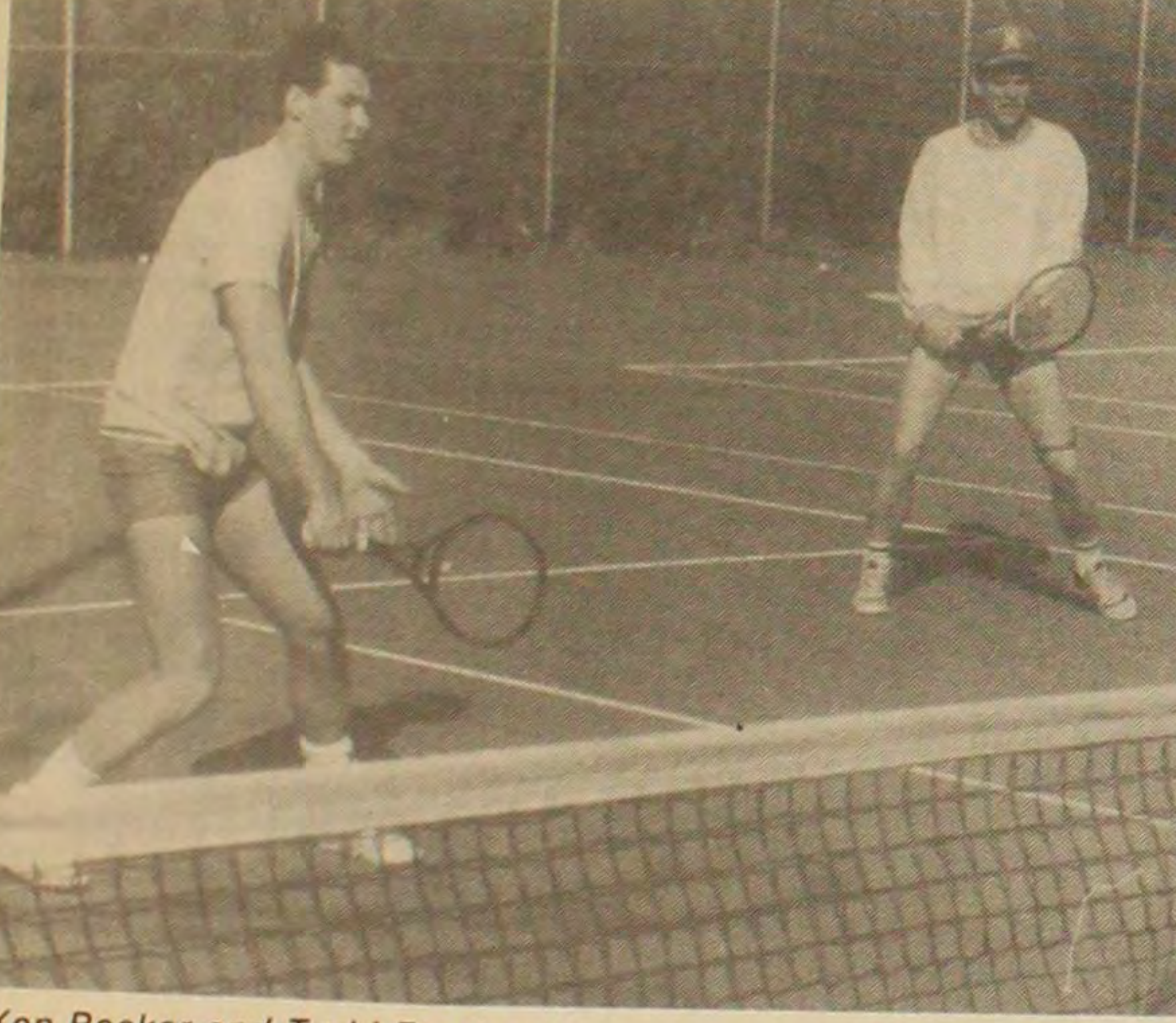
is hoping that his team will do what the Rockets did - to be that mystical change in the balance of power.

The McPherson Bulldogs is showing much promise this year in returning three key players. Led by Ken Becker, Ron Hornbaker and Mike Minich, the Bulldogs will this year hope to be competitive in the seven team conference. Although the returning players will more than help the team, according to Trimmel, the incoming freshmen should also contribute greatly.

We have a very talented group of incoming freshmen. Dave Berret, Darren Boster, Troy Linnen, Todd Frankenberry and Kevin Rich should do well this year," says Trimmel.



Eyeing the ball and a promising year, Ron Hornbaker is one of the key returning players.



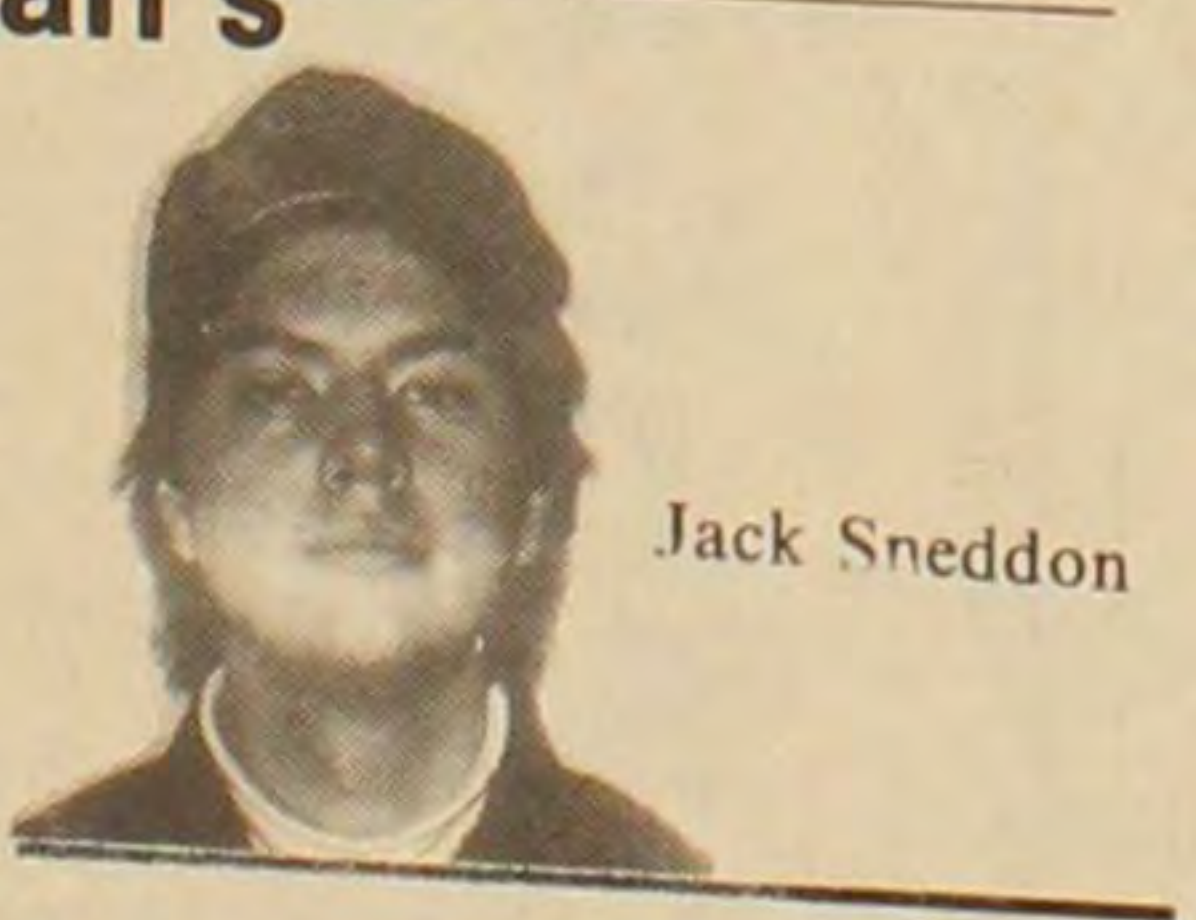
Ken Becker and Todd Frankenberry are armed and set to prove their worth on the tennis court

Major League Baseball: A Season Under Preview

From the Nevadan's Corner

Since it's spring time and major league baseball teams have been preparing for the upcoming season, it's appropriate that I make a few predictions. Who is going to challenge the Boston Redsox and the California Angels in the American League and who is daring enough to dethrone the New York Mets?

We'll start off with the New York Yankees atop the American League East and capturing the league crown. Owner George Steinbrenner has put together a pretty strong team with the exception of pitching, that includes Rick Rhoden, formerly of the Pittsburgh Pirates, along with fellow pitchers Dennis



Rasmussen, Dave Righetti, possibly Ron Guidry and Nevada native Rod Scurry. Guidry remains a free agent but may be signed and sealed by May 1. King George may have made a mistake not signing right-hander Jack Morris; his reason was because he had to sign Willie Randolph and Guidry before they become free

agents. (Well one out of three is not too bad.) At the plate, all-star performers like Dave Winfield, Rickey Henderson, Don Mattingly and new signee Gary Ward pack a potent punch. Youngsters like Mike Pagliarulo and Dan Pasqua will help out. In the AL west, the Kansas City Royals are my pick, since I'm in Kansas. (Also more important was the acquisition of outfielders Danny Tartabull from the Seattle Mariners and Juan Beniquez from the Baltimore Orioles.) Like usual, where George Brett goes the Royals will follow. The Angels may repeat, if some of the younger players develop. Players such as Mark McLemore at second and speedster Devon White. (when he was up with the Angels he had 12 hits and six stolen bases) Catchers

have become in abundant supply with the trade of pitcher Ron Romanick to the Yankees for Butch Wynegar. Wynegar joined Jerry Narron and Bob Boone, who filed for free agency and cannot re-sign with the Angels till May 1.

While in the National League East, I'm not looking for the New York Mets to give a repeat performance for the League championship despite the talent and depth on this team. The addition of Kevin McReynolds in the outfield and left-handed reliever Gene Walter, both from the San Diego Padres should more than help the team. McReynolds had 96 runs-batted-in last year, which was three more than teammates Darryl

Strawberry (93) and nine less than catcher Gary Carter. On the corners in the infield, Gold Glove first baseman Keith Hernandez and rookie third baseman Dave Magadan may give the Mets adequate defense. On the mound the "Big Four" starters, of Ron Darling, Bobby Ojeda, Sid Fernandez and Dwight Gooden will be back stronger than ever. Walters will give reliever Jesse Orosco and Roger McDowell breathers down the stretch.

And finally, my pick for the NL west. Expect playoff victories over the Mets and World Championship rings for the Houston Astros. But that could change in a hurry if Glenn Davis doesn't come back to camp. The team still has a pretty strong nucleus with people like the

duo at shortstop of Dickie Thon and Craig Reynolds. Both players hit at about the same batting average; Thon finished with a .248 and Reynolds had a .249. The outfield is strong with Kevin Bass (.311, 79 RBIs) in rightfield, Billy Hatcher (38 stolen bases, .258) in center and, as usual, Jose Cruz (.278, 72 RBIs) in left. Off the bench will come Davy Lopes (among the top in career stolen bases) who can play either infield or outfield, along with infielder Phil Garner, who has a few championship rings thanks to stays with the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Oakland A's of the '70s. Catching is pretty weak with Alan Ashby behind the plate, but he works well with pitchers such as lefty Bob Knepper, Nolan Ryan and Cy Young winner Mike Scott.

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