

Halloween Hijinx

Vicki Finkenstadt
Sports Editor

As Halloween fades into the distant past of October, I still think about some of the events that happened over that weekend. Dana Weddle and Julie Oltman trick-or-treated in the hall collecting a vast treasure of munchies and some non-eatable goodies. I was very envious. I filed that away for a possible hall event next year.

On a walk, I was scared out of my shoes by a couple of very scary goblins who demanded a treat from me. I pointed out that they had already tricked me, therefore I did not owe them a treat. They patiently explained my ignorance to me about how they were entitled to do both. My witty, Halloween come-back was, "Oh." Then I had to ashamedly admit that I had no treats to give them. I braced for another trick, but they rushed off to find a more plentiful catch. I remember when my parents would tell me of their Halloweens when the kids treated others instead of black mailing good folks with "trick-or-treat." Now, we are not even given a choice — we get tricked even when we treat!

The two main events on campus were the movie, "Jagged Edge," sponsored by the Student Activities Board and Dotzour's Halloween Dance. Of course, there was "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" at the Spiral Theatre. "Rocky Horror" amazed me because I have never witnessed such obnoxious, incoherent, and immature behavior. Regardless of that, it was a blast! It was fun to push all responsibility and deadlines into the back corners of my mind and let go.

The Dotzour Halloween Dance was attended by well over one hundred students. A new aspect was the admission price of fifty cents. It didn't seem to hinder the attendance and helped to defray the cost of refreshments, prizes, and dance music. A warm thanks goes to the Dotzour Hall Council, Dotzour residents, and SAB for the time, work, and equipment.

Finally, I am pleased to be associated with McPherson College. We have some of the finest people on campus in all areas of participation. Keep it up!

Positive look

The last couple of articles I have written for the faithful of 'Spec have had fairly negative implications. Not wanting to get stuck in a gripe rut, I decided to try to make this a more positive article.

One of the first positive things that come to mind is the progress that has been made toward improving Metzler's image. I've noticed, this semester, people from other buildings treat us Metzlerites with a lot more respect than ever before. Maybe with any luck the school will carry out the plans for remodeling Metzler this summer.

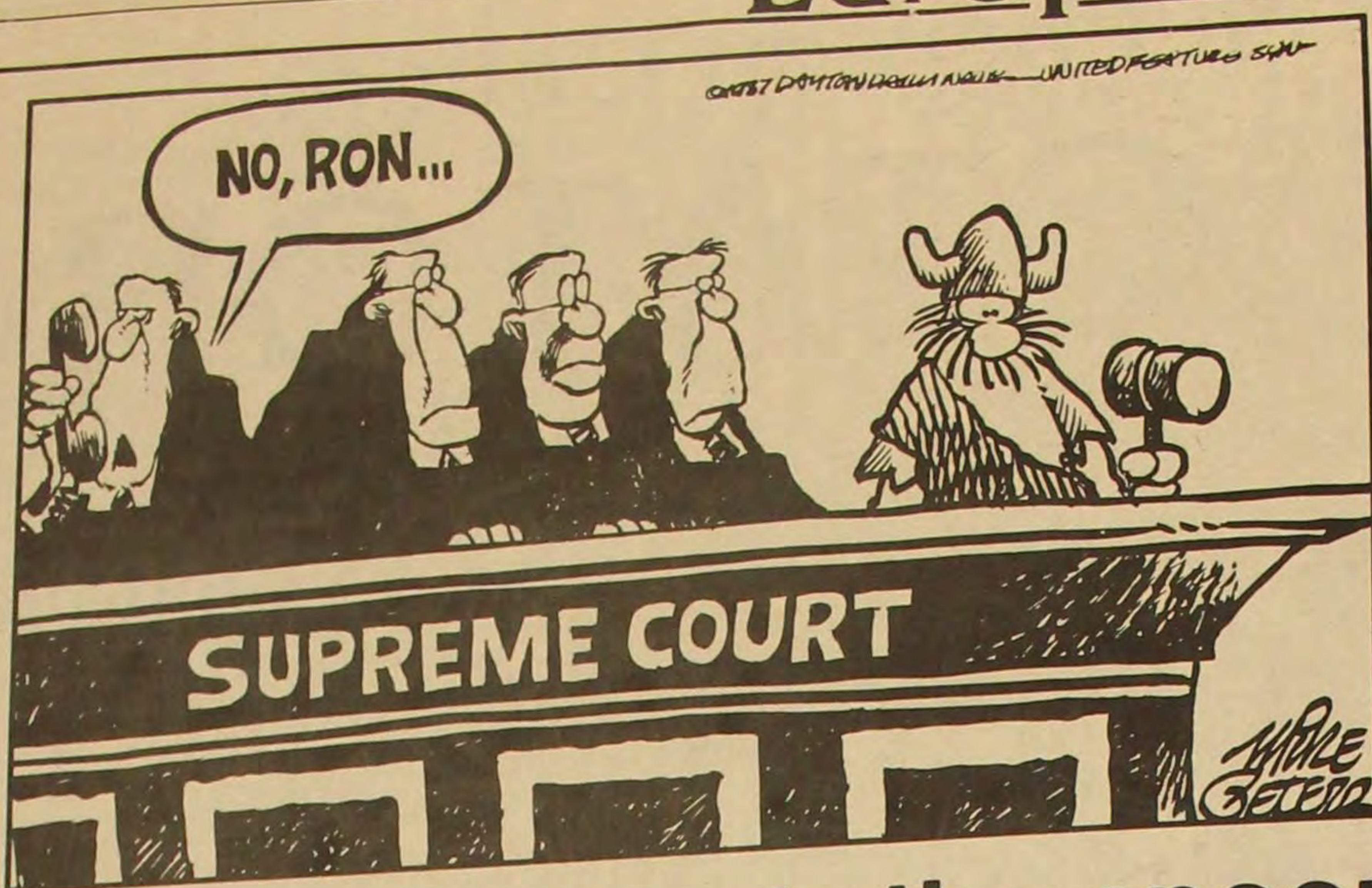
Upon arriving on campus this semester, I, along with many other returning students were skeptical about the progress, or lack thereof, that had been made on Dotzour and the new campus entrance. Due to lots of hard work and long hours by the maintenance department and the students employed by them, the work was almost completed by the time the Homecoming-Centennial celebration rolled around.



Chris Lawrence
Staff Writer

This is the year that was supposed to turn around the football program, and hopefully win some games. Now admittedly they haven't won any games yet, but they did give us a very exciting first game and, several hard fought, close battles since. Fighting many injuries and having a young team, Coach Theisen and his assistants have done a good job in at least providing a number of good games which is something we haven't seen here for a few years.

Hopefully I have brought up a few positive aspects that we all tend to overlook when we start complaining about everything else. With the upcoming holidays, maybe we should all take a look around us at the abundance of things we have to be thankful for, instead of looking for things we don't like.



Your best friend--the spoon

Jenny Williams,
Staff Writer

How lucky we are to live in such an affluent culture! We are the richest nation in the world, yet we also appear to be the most spoiled; there are too many things we take for granted. Therefore, I feel a need to pay tribute to an object we constantly utilize but rarely acknowledge, an object which influences the most remote corners of the Western world, an object which has helped make modern man what he is today — that humble utensil, the spoon.

From its physical appearance alone one can see its prestige: a small, rounded scoop-like thing, gently curved, fitted to a slim, delicate handle. Such an aesthetically pleasing object could only have been created for a special purpose. It was probably the work of an early man for a friend or loved one prone to muscle spasms while eating, and who, it was feared, would do himself or herself bodily harm if allowed to use a fork. This safety feature prevails today as mothers spoon-feed rather than fork-feed their babies; neither is anyone going to give a knife the benefit of the doubt

after watching The Jagged Edge.

But enough already of its glorious history. Let us look at how the spoon shapes the life of modern man. By imagining a world without spoons, we see a ghastly difference in food consumption. Without the proper stirring utensil, we could still be cooking over open fires or, heaven forbid, living off toast and Doritos. Just think of the widespread malnutrition, not to mention the innumerable outdoor barbeques by D.M. Premier...Foods such as ice cream, yogurt, Spaghettios (the list is endless) would not even have been invented. And what about table etiquette? No more spooning out cream and sugar for coffee; dumping it in the cup would be the only way. Such preposterous behavior is too disturbing to think about by those who attend formal receptions and-or trustee banquets. We would have to drink soup out of the bowl — taking care not to get assorted meats and vegetables stuck on our faces, grab food from serving dishes with our grubby little hands (gravy could be tricky), shake our ice tea to dissolve the sugar while taking care to keep the glass covered tightly with a hand...the world would be inhabited

by malnourished, uncivilized, heathenistic peons!

Before bringing this tribute to a close, I cannot ignore the impact of the spoon in areas other than the culinary arts — economics, for example. All the people who manufacture spoon rests for kitchen use and those little souvenir spoons, covered in gold stuff that starts flaking off as soon as you buy them, would be out of a job. Children would never have the joy of fighting over the cake batter on Grandma's wooden spoon, and college students would have no effective way of flinging food particles across the cafeteria. Most importantly, what would young people of a few short generations ago have done while feeling romantic? Somehow "forking" doesn't quite cut it (no pun intended).

In these few paragraphs I have tried to give readers a deeper appreciation for our friend, the spoon, but also generate a growing sense of gratitude for all the little things that make life worthwhile. Keep this in mind next time you see a bumper sticker that says: "Have You Licked Your Spoon Today?"



AIDS: is it fact or fantasy?

Cindy Trimmer
Editorial Editor

I had picked up my tray and was getting ready to leave the cafeteria. Being somewhat pre-occupied with an upcoming exam I asked a classmate what I had missed in a class one day. Another student at that time handed me a pamphlet and said, "Cindy, we're worried about you."

The pamphlet was entitled "Understanding and Preventing AIDS." I laughed and blew it off. But I was inwardly bugged, remembering that friend had sent me yet another pamphlet, this one entitled "Making Sex Safer." Why should I be concerned about AIDS? I don't date much, rather I suffer from SAADSS, sadly acquired affection deficiency syndrome.

Curiosity eventually got the better of me and I actually looked at the pamphlets. One of them told me that among other things, "SAFE" was dry kissing, touching, fantasy and external watersports. "DANGEROUS" included unprotected vaginal intercourse, unprotected anal intercourse and internal watersports. Well, what is an internal watersport anyways?

My quest for the definition of an internal watersport took me all across the campus, many people — students, faculty and staff I asked and many answers I got — everything from water polo to taking hot showers together. The fact that no one, including myself knew what

an internal watersport was didn't bug me as much as the lack of knowledge on the very controversial topic of AIDS.

AIDS stands for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, a virus which cripples an important part of the body's immune system, the white blood cells known as the helper T-cells. The helper T-cells also activate other cells that help provide antibodies to stop infections. As the helper T-cells are destroyed, the main initiator of immune system is destroyed. This action gives rise to the assumption that "people don't die of AIDS, they die of diseases they can't fight off." But research has shown that the virus can kill by causing brain diseases without any opportunistic infections.

Probably the most unfortunate aspect of AIDS is the attitude that the majority of people have adopted towards the issue. The fact that the two largest high-risk groups having AIDS have traditionally evoked discomfort and downright antagonism, 74 percent of all cases reported belong to Homosexual and Bisexual men, 17 percent of all cases belong to intravenous drug users.

Some studies show that the risk of transmission of AIDS is exclusively that of intimate sexual contact and shared intravenous needles.

The fact that people fear toilet seats, drinking fountains and donating bloods is from misinformation and fear. The causative virus is actually quite fragile, it does

not survive in the air, or on inanimate objects. AIDS is a disease of behavior, unlike chicken pox or the common cold.

For me, the real scare comes in the fact that the AIDS virus has been isolated in plasma, serum, saliva, tears and semen. This gives rise to the fear that the virus can easily be transmitted by the close non-sexual contact between cuts, sores, abrasions and the blood or serum of infected people. The best experts however still claim that "infection with the AIDS virus is still rare among heterosexuals who have not used IV drugs or had sex partners who were members of high-risk groups."

So I guess the question could be what can be done, or who cares? I care, for someday I may enter into sexual relationships and this knowledge will be quite helpful. I also believe that an increased awareness nationwide is needed to help stop the spread of the disease. Right now there is no cure for AIDS. Information should be available about safer sexual practices and techniques for risk reduction. The information is available, but more often than not the "it can't happen to me" crowd ignores the facts, and perhaps some won't suffer, but then again some may.

And for anyone who cares, an internal watersport is dangerous because urine that enters the mouth, vagina, rectum, open cuts or sores can spread viruses such as AIDS.

'Inalienable rights'

The American and his rights have long been struggling to stay together. Wasn't it a matter of colonial rights that first led the revolt that became our revolutionary war? The Civil War, too, centered around an issue of state's rights. The demand for rights was the battlecry of leaders such as Martin Luther King.

Civil rights, equal rights, human rights...the terms are ubiquitous. Courts across the country are the battlefield today as the conflict of rights of persons are determined, restricted and protected. Mr. A was driving his motor cycle downtown one evening when he was struck by a car that ran stop sign. Mr. A, seeing a commercial from his hospital bed, was convinced to call on the talents of an upstanding law firm that of course received no payment unless a settlement was achieved. The court decided that the driver of the car was negligent, and therefore infringing on Mr. A's rights are preserved in the form of a simple cash settlement.

Being a lifetime citizen of the United States, it's very easy for me to recognize certain "inalienable rights." There are, of course, some rights that are more questionable, like the right to a free education, the right to carry any gun at any time, or the right to abort a fetus. Rights come in various sizes; some are much clearer and more universally accepted.



Paul Minnich
Editor

All rights are, according to Webster, "powers or privileges to which one is justly entitled." This presupposes that some institution has bestowed these rights. The institution can be the constitution, the church, or the nature of creation, itself. Human rights are a good example of this.

There is little conflict with the concept of basic, equal rights for all humans, regardless of social status. It is widely held that these rights should be protected by anyone able.

The entire concept of rights, however, is immoral. This ethic that one is entitled to something, is an aggressive ethic. It is self centered, even when it is embodied by "human rights" — protecting another's rights so that your own will be preserved in return.

The idea of having rights demands that people look first at themselves, in situations, to make sure their rights are protected. If they are being broken, it leads one to go to extraneous means of regaining his rights. If they are not being broken, then one looks to make sure no one else's rights are hurt. One always sees a situation throughout the belief that he can do anything he wants as long as it doesn't hurt anyone.

The opposite of the ethic of rights, is the ethic of responsibility. This ethic is other centered. This position holds that one's first obligation must be toward others. It is based on the supposition that because of some situation, you are now held responsible for others and their well-being.

Social responsibility means the responsibility one has for their neighbor (in the biblical sense of neighbor). It entails reaching out to others, even when it infringes on your alleged "rights" and the pursuit of happiness. It obliges one to take those losses necessary to help others.

The ethic of responsibility requires one to look out for others before looking out for themselves. Many problems arise from an individual's assertion of rights. Two often come in conflict because each person sees only their rights and neither is concerned with their responsibilities.

The significance of this somewhat drawn out comparison is that many who consider themselves morally minded Christians are caught up in the ethic of rights. Jesus never taught about rights, only responsibilities. He did not guarantee equal rights, nor even human rights. He demanded social responsibility.

Dear Editor,

This letter is not intended to be slanderous to any persons associated with the food services. It is, however, a letter regarding a principle that concerns every student who participates in the school's food service program. It is a problem that I am sure I have not been the first to encounter. Let me explain.

Thursday afternoon, I entered the cafeteria at 12:02 p.m. I was in a great mood. I was full of excitement about being able to express my individuality and choose freely from any of the appealing entrees that were available. I chose the croissant sandwich. I also requested a portion of mushrooms, upon which I received a measly sample of four. Hardly enough to even get a taste of the darn things. The food service lady, who shall remain anonymous, informed me that I could come back for seconds if that was what I so

desired.

I took this rejection in stride and went to sit down. I quickly consumed my mushrooms in anticipation of an abundance that was to come.

However, much to my dismay, the lunch lady who had so gladly invited me back for seconds was quick to inform me that seconds on mushrooms were no longer being given out. This was the last straw. As a student at McPherson College, I am required to purchase the food service. I pay \$875 per semester for this food service only to be denied a second helping of mushrooms.

I am merely attacking the principle. If I am required to purchase the service, I feel that the service should cater, within reason, to my wants and needs. I don't think the asking for four more mushrooms was being too unreasonable. Do you?

Paul Bishop

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Judds bring tour to Wichita

by Alecia Cobb
Staff Writer

Coming to Wichita on Nov. 12 is the winner of the Country Music Association's 1987 Vocal Group of the Year Award — THE JUDDS. THE JUDDS will be bringing their award-winning group to the Kansas Coliseum as part of their Heartland World Tour.

A mother-daughter duet, Naomi and Wynonna Judd have been thrilling audiences with country hits for three years.

Before finding stardom, the Judds led a normal life. Naomi worked as a model and secretary while trying to raise two children as a single parent in Los Angeles. After several years,

the lack of morals in the Hollywood atmosphere prompted Naomi to move her family to a mountaintop in Kentucky. It was here that she decided to work for a nursing degree. At this same time, Wynonna began to play the guitar. In the solitude of the mountains, mother and daughter began to make beautiful harmony together.

Naomi moved the family again after getting her nurses degree and began to circulate the demo tapes that Naomi and Wynonna had made at home. It was slow going and success seemed out of reach.

They finally got a break when Naomi gave a tape to one of her patients' fathers who was a producer for RCA. After several producers

heard the tape, the Judds began opening for other singers such as Dolly Parton and Alabama. As more people heard them, their popularity grew.

Today, three years later, they are one of the best country vocal groups in the world. Nine out of their last 12 singles have become No. 1 Billboard Country Singles, and they have received numerous other awards for their songs including a Grammy Award last year for Best Country Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal.

You have the chance to see THE JUDDS in concert — live-singing some of their old hits plus several new ones. Do not miss this great opportunity.



The mother and daughter team of the Judds will be bringing their award-winning music to the Kansas Coliseum on Nov. 12. Naomi (left) and Wynonna (right) began their trek a while back, but their music, today, will thrill you forever.

Ball team is hanging tough

by Paul Bishoff
Guest Writer

I remember a day early in the month of September when I joined approximately 85 other young men on the McPherson College practice field. It was so dark at six o'clock in the morning that we could hardly see one another. But we were together and we were a team. As a team, we have been through many things. We have had both good and bad times. However, as is the trend in life, the bad things stick out like a sore thumb while the good things are flying off to the side and waiting in the wings.

The first couple of weeks were the roughest. Virtually every position was open and up for grabs. Everyone was intense and wanted to impress the coach by being the hardest hitter that they could possibly be. We wanted to prove that we had what it takes to be a Bulldog. We entered the 1987 season being

marked as the team with the longest losing streak in the NAIA Division II. We also started the season with a head coach (Dan Theisen) who is only beginning his second season at MAC. We also have a new offensive and defensive-line coaches. The team experienced new help in the area of both the offensive and defensive backs.

The point that needs to be made is that the players and coaches have accomplished an amazing task. Not only have we had to learn our assignments, but we have had to learn to get to know each other and to get along in a player-to-coach relationship. We are a young team, but we will continue to grow together.

It is not often mentioned, so I would like to personally accept the responsibility of expressing the team's gratitude for the outstanding support that we have received. The most noticeable is that of the student body, faculty, and the community in

their attendance and support at our home football games. These people are the 12th man and are very important to the team's success. Their support is very much appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

As a team, we have made great advances from last season. After having played Friends University on Saturday, Oct. 31, the Bulldogs were able to compile 249 yards rushing and 307 yards passing; this created an impressive 556 yards of total offense.

After having seven games behind us, the MAC offense has compiled a total of 1,855 yards. The MAC defense has only allowed 1,952 yards with a passing defense that is presently the KCAC leader.

As a team, we are working hard to finish out the season strong. We are also looking ahead to next season. We intend to be a team that is not to be taken lightly. We will be a team with experience and unity. We will be a team that will win games.

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What ?? Another Flagg!!

by Alecia Cobb
Staff Writer

Is it rumor or is there really more than one "Professor Flagg" in the Math Department this year? Wonder no longer. Mrs. Mary Flagg, wife of Ray Flagg, is the newest addition to the Math Department at McPherson College.

Contrary to what most people think, "math is logical; it makes sense; it is not magic," says Mrs. Flagg. "It is necessary for everyday living and for a well-rounded education."

Mrs. Flagg not only teaches several math courses, she also teaches some computer courses. "Just like mathematics, computers are necessary for everyday life," she says.

As you can probably tell, Mrs. Flagg has a real love for teaching and learning. "Even though I have taught the same course maybe 15 times, I always see a way that it could be improved," she says.

This love for learning has been

present in her life since childhood. "Teaching has always been my goal," says Mrs. Flagg. While a student at the University of LaVerne, a sister college of McPherson located in LaVerne, CA, she realized that she would someday like to return and teach in a small Brethren college like LaVerne. After completing her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1975, Mrs. Flagg accepted an assistantship at Texas A-M University where she completed her Master of Arts degree in 1978.

Flagg's enthusiasm for both subjects. "Mathematics is beautifully logical just like a piece of artwork," she says. Computers also can be very useful to anyone, not just someone majoring in a computer science field. "Computer literacy courses are good for those interested in learning what computers are about. These courses can be tailored to each individual student's needs and interests," says Mrs. Flagg.

Mrs. Flagg uses her skills in computers in a very practical way by being a "Computer Mom" at Washington High School. She also enjoys gardening, especially during the summer and when she isn't occupied with her two children Emily 9, and Kevin, 6. Another thing that keeps Mrs. Flagg busy is volunteer and church work. She is on the Stewards Commission at the Church of the Brethren and enjoys the work she can do for them.

"I really enjoy helping individuals," she says. "It is challenging to deal with a student's already defeated attitude." Mrs. Flagg is willing and ready to help any student who needs it. "My favorite aspect of teaching is dealing with the students on a one-to-one basis."

With that in mind what are you waiting for? Make an appointment.

"Computer literacy courses are good for those interested in learning what computers are about."

-- Flagg

Since that time she has taught in several places including Texas A-M, East Texas Baptist College, Tabor College, Bethany College, and now McPherson College.

Having such wide experience in teaching mathematics and computers has not dampened Mrs.



Richard Oliver gets crowned by Anthony Sutton while Tad Holliman watches. Ray Minchew/Spectator

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Basketball begins as Fall Seasons draw to a close

Lady Red intense, ready to win

Stephanie Meyer
Staff Writer

"I'm excited. The attitude and the effort have been tremendous and encouraging." The Lady Red Basketball Coach, Deb Geissert, has a very positive attitude about this season.

This year the fans can expect a much quicker game when the Lady Red take to the basketball court. In addition to picking up the pace, the Red will also be applying more defensive pressure to their opponents this year. Last year the Red were 7-11 in conference play; hopefully these changes will enable them to improve their record.

As always, the KCAC will be very competitive. Coach Geissert believes that "anybody can beat anyone on a given night." She also feels that there could be a tight race for the conference title. Four teams will probably be contending for the title: St. Mary's of the Plains, Friends, Bethany, and Sterling,

The Red have seven talented freshmen who will "contribute tremendously," according to Coach Geissert. She notes that the freshmen are good scholars as well as athletes. They are Christy Allen (Woodland Park, CO), Vickie Briceno (Johnstown, CO), Joyce Brown (Houston, TX), Simonne Duranleau (Whitewater, KS), Wendy Hartman (Lamar, CO), April Sacha (Loveland, CO), and Stacey Walker (Lincoln, KS). The team will depend heavily on two returning sophomore letterwinners. Ann Nelson (Rocky Ford, CO) and Tracy Barrett (Cheraw, CO) contribute about one-half the size of the team.

Six juniors will be helping the Lady Red this year. There is much diversity in the size and experience

with the juniors. They are Lisa Patrick (Lindsborg, KS), Michelle Streit (Tipton, KS), letterwinners Vicki Finkenstadt (Dayton, OH), Lisa Mick (Tipton, KS), Tonya Kingery (Basin, WY), and Scarlet Rudd (Adair, OK).

The Red will be led by two seniors, Marla Wasson (Holcomb, KS) and Dawn Merrifield (Glendale, AR).

There are 17 women participating in the basketball program. They will be playing aggressive and demanding basketball. All should see some varsity action this year. On November 3, the Red scrimmaged with Seward County Community College. The early scrimmage should prove to have been a helpful experience. The team got a glimpse of the level of basketball they will have to maintain. All of the team participated and contributed. The scrimmage pointed out some weak areas that will be needing improvement such as rebounding and defense.

Coach Glenn Gayer, having previously coached men's basketball at Bethel for two years and Buhler High School for 14 years, is starting his second year as assistant coach at McPherson.

Deb Geissert is beginning her second year as head coach for the Lady Red. Before coming to McPherson, she coached at Seward County Community College. Her overall record is 12-14. The Red intend to improve that record.

The junior varsity will open their season on November 14 at Central College at 5:30 p.m. The Varsity will open at Marymount on November 16. The Lady Red Classic is scheduled for November 19, 20, and 21. This non-conference play will benefit the Red and prepare them for a successful season.



Sophomore Doug Clark practices free throws for Bulldogs.

Dogs Competitive in KCAC

Doug Eckhoff
Staff Writer

The McPherson College Bulldog Basketball team has been hard at work since the school year began at the beginning of September. All that hard work should pay off on November 12 as the 'Dogs tip off their season in the Bulldog Classic with three non-conference opponents. This year's team will feature Bartlesville Wesleyan, Colorado Christian, and Union College.

Coach Roger Trimmel and the whole team are very excited about the second week of their season when the Bulldogs travel to Colorado to play three very tough road games.

While in Colorado, the team will pick up valuable experience against the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Regis University at Denver, and Colorado Baptist at Denver. The men's basketball team will open their conference season in the Sports Center on December 12 against the Bethel College Threshers. It should be a tough game.

Coach Trimmel says, "The conference is very well balanced and very tough at this point. There is no real stand out in the ratings." Last season the Friends University Falcons captured the conference title, and Bethel took second. The Bulldogs finished above .500 last season, and they return a lot of experience this year. The 'Dogs plan to compete for the top spots in the Kansas College's Athletic Conference.

Coach Trimmel expects the 'Dogs to play the same type of game as last year. They rely on an "up-tempo" game and full court pressure to defeat their opponents.

One very important factor this season will be the leadership of the returning players. Brian Hill, who will be the "swing" man for Mac again this year and was named All-KCAC last year, and Mike Apple at the post will both be deciding factors in the game.

Other returning players to watch

for are Dave Barrett, Mike Dunekack, Doug Clark, Anthony Franklin, and Bill Kelly. There are many players returning who played junior varsity last year.

The two new coaches this season are Coach Ken Butler from Halstead High who will be assisting Coach Trimmel with the varsity. Coaching the junior varsity is Coach Norm Hollis. Coach Hollis is a student assistant to Coach Trimmel.

Coach Trimmel says that they have what it takes to have another exciting and fast paced season. Coach Trimmel says that they will be very tough to beat at home this year. The 'Dogs will get everything they can on the road. Everybody in the athletic program urges the entire community to join the 'Dogs and support them.

Mac Fans the bes

We have just about finished the fall sports program. Tennis finished third in the conference, cross country expects to place high in the conference meet, football is showing tremendous improvement over past years, and volleyball despite their record, had excellent talent and spirit.

Throughout the semester I have always tried to express the positive aspects about our athletic teams. First of all I must commend all the sports writers who have put out the time and effort to cover the events: Doug Eckhoff, Jack Sneddon, Jack Patino, and Matt Scoggins. I also owe thanks to the photographers since it is my policy to include as many pictures as possible since they represent the action and intensity of the games or matches.

The primary object of my gratitude is extended to the athletic teams and their coaches. To my recollection, they never once gave up or expressed a bad attitude on the playing field or courts. This says a lot about our class and character. We represent McPherson College to other colleges as well. Second, the fans were terrific. The McPherson community supported their teams. Yes, it would have been nice if there had been a few more victories, but the effort and intensity seemed to make up for it. It offers the community something to look forward to in the near future.

I would like to dwell a moment on volleyball. The Lady Red only played four matches in the Sports Center, the rest were played on the road. I believe this had an effect on the women. I am pleased to note that at the home matches there were numerous fans from all areas of the campus. At the nearer "away" matches there were also a lot of fans. We believe in our volleyball team.

I would like to note that Lisa Patrick lives in Bittering Hall. This was one among many of my mistakes in the first semester of my editor position. Like our teams, this semester has been a learning experience for me.

In conclusion, I would encourage the community to continue their support. Basketball will begin in a few weeks, and football has one more game. We must show the same determination and enthusiasm we demand of our teams. It will have an effect!

Vicki Finkenstadt
Sports Editor

Football continues

In a hard fought match against the Bethel Threshers, Nov. 7, the 'Dogs lost 21-11.

They were also handed a loss in a shootout with Friends University, 55-43, at Wichita on Halloween day.

A week earlier, the Bulldogs were under a scoring avalanche orchestrated by Kansas Wesleyan, 60-8, at Salina.

McPherson College will wrap up the 1987 season against Tabor College at Hillsboro on Saturday at 2 p.m.

CC bring medals to Mac

By Matt Scoggins,
Staff Writer

The mens cross country team has struggled over the past several weeks to overcome injuries, illnesses, and absenteeism. As a result, the mens team has not competed as a team since October 10, when they were in Salina. They will be hoping for a full, healthy team for the conference meet where the men will be shooting for a top finish. The men will also be competing for those all-conference spots, top 10 finishers.

The last major meet that the team ran in was the Fort Hays State Invitational where four runners represented the Bulldogs. The top finisher was Jack Patino who finished 19th in 26:48, behind some of the best runners from our league and from Colorado. Also finishing for the Bulldogs were Jeff Gussie in 28:13 at 41st, Jeff White in 28:44 at 48th, and Phil Koch in 29:56 at 56th. Matthew Scoggins, Ray Minchew, and Brent Webster were unable to be at the meet because of prior arrangements.

The men also competed in a Junior College meet over fall break; several had a good showing but the race was more for a workout. The team has continued to work out since the Fort Hays meet and is keying for the conference meet. During

practice last week, the men did a three mile time trial; some very impressive times were run by the men.

The womens team has begun to show vast improvement as they seem to overcome the rash of injuries that they suffered at the beginning of the season. The only drawback is that the team only has four runners and can not compete in any meets as a team, other than the conference meet. This makes it tough to judge how they will perform in the conference meet, but judging from the individual performance so far in the season, the women should be very competitive.

The last meet that any of the women have competed in is the Fort Hays meet. The women ran in what was probably one of their most competitive meets. Several of the top teams out of Colorado were at the meet as were the strong Kansas teams. In the race for the ladies, Wendy Hartman and Beth Brown both had strong races. Wendy covered the course in 20:24 which placed her 46th. Unfortunately, both Sally Geisert and Monica Stockmeyer were unable to be at the meet.

The women should perform well in the conference and district meets. We should see some medals from the women since we hope to have some top finishers.

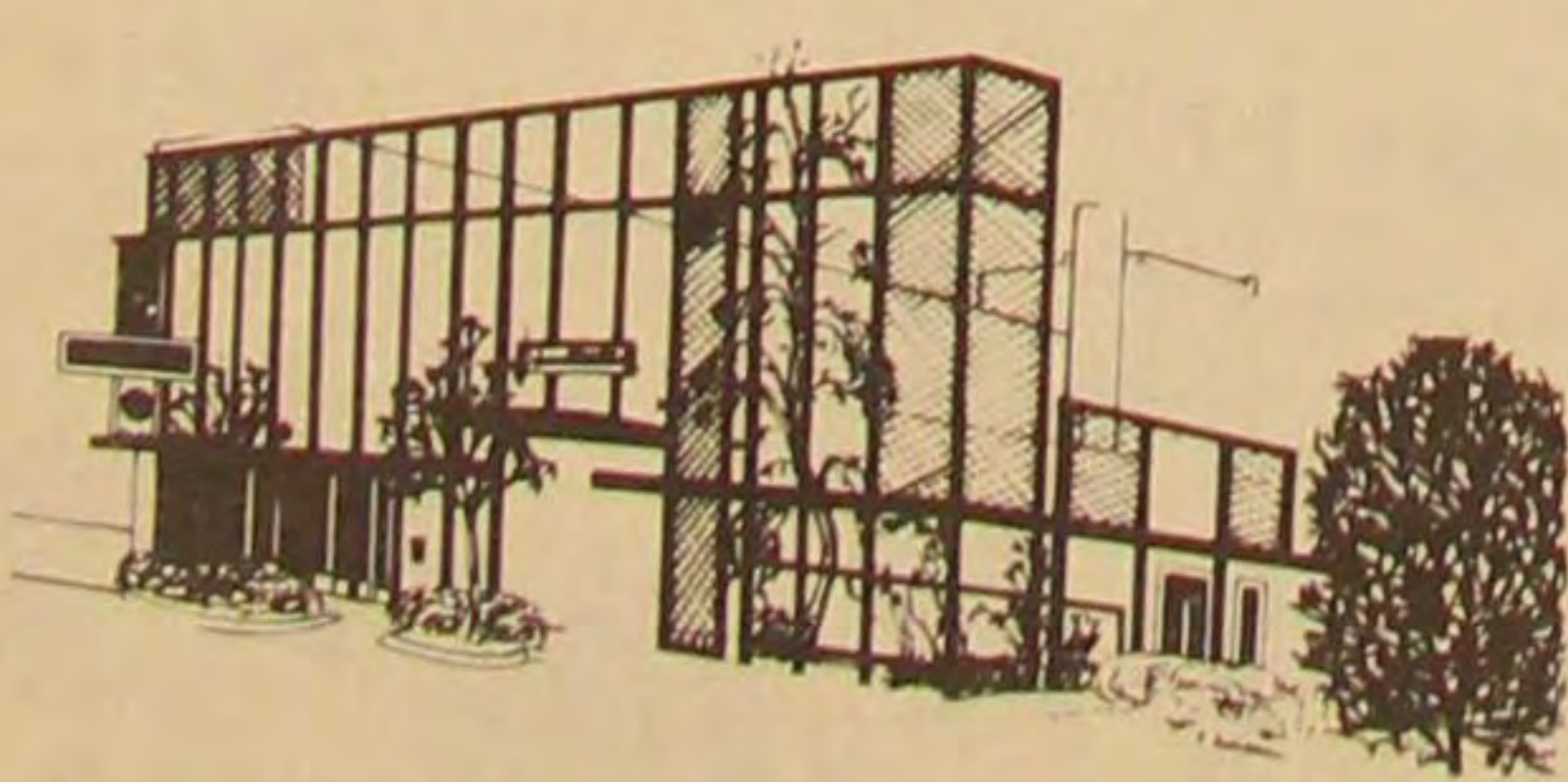
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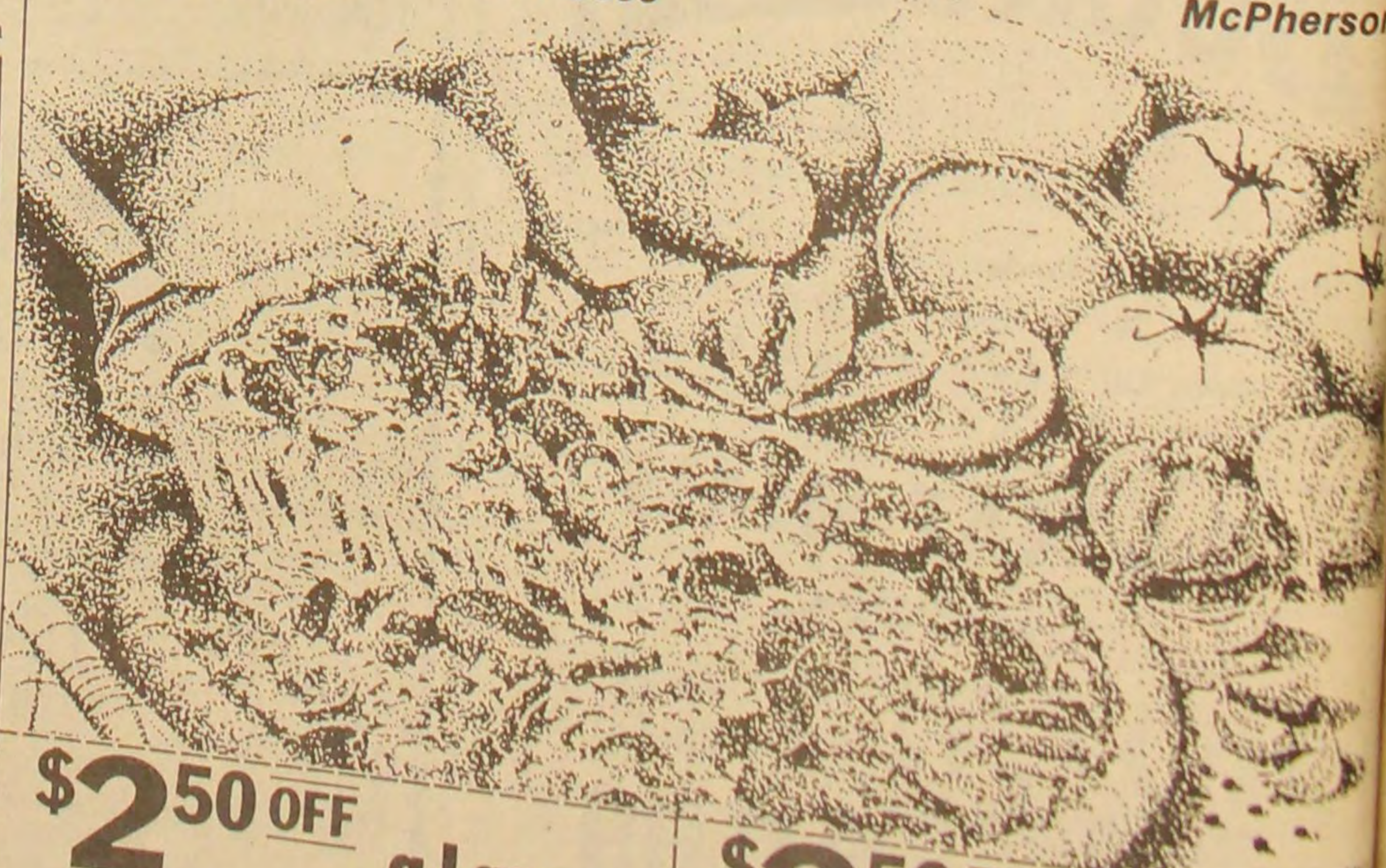
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