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From left to right, Scott Nibert, professors Dennis Stichter, Jim Willems, Rod Custer, and in front Dr. Dale Goldsmith and Dr. John Pannabecker stand by the 1926

Model T Ford Roadster Pickup which was the January 1987 interterm project.

Professors attend the largest car and flea market in the world

Visitors to the 1987 Hershey Area Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) Car Show and Flea Market were invited to enter a drawing for a free January 1988 interterm workshop in authentic antique auto restoration technology here at the college. Restoration Technology Professors Rod Custer, Dennis Stichter and Meister Jim Willems represented the college at the car show and flea market on Oct. 8-10 in Hershey, PA. The largest event of this kind in the world, 1,764 antique automobiles and 9,049 swap meet spaces were viewed by the estimated 300,000 persons in attendance.

Upon their return to the college, the restoration technology faculty joined with Dr. John Pannabecker, Head of the Industrial Education Department, Dr. Dale Goldsmith, Vice President for Academic Services, and student Scott Nibert, President of the colleges C.A.R.S. Club, to draw the winning name of Jim Forbes, Putnam Valley, NY, for the prize of free interterm tuition and room (a \$575 value and 3 hr. college credit).

The colleges auto restoration technology program is the only degree bearing program of its type in the United States. The two-year program leads to an Associate in

Technology degree, and typically consists of two full school years including two interterm workshops during January. The major goal of the restoration program is to teach authentic auto restoration at its best. The vehicle classifications and quality standards of such national automobile clubs as the AACA of America play a special role in curriculum development and project selection.

Choir to perform in Dec.

by Dawn Culbertson
Staff Writer

I'm sitting here in Beeghly waiting for 12:30 to come around, nobody is here yet, so I can sit here in the lounge and stare at all of the things on the bulletin boards. Now, don't misunderstand me, I don't usually stare at bulletin boards while I'm waiting for my classes to start, but today something interesting on the choir board caught my attention. So, I, being the concerned student I am, got up and took a closer look. "SPRING TOUR REPORTOR LIST" Hmmm, I thought, then I studied it. Very interesting list! All over the music building and on campus for that matter all over campus, there is a buzz asking questions like "When is the next concert?" or "What are you playing?" So, after some intensive, investigating reporting, I have uncovered this information.

The Concert Choir will be performing the Vivaldi Gloria Work, with an accompanying orchestra. After numerous rehearsals, the choir will perform two concerts with the or-

chestra. On Dec. 8, at Central college, and on Dec. 13, at 4:00p.m. in Brown Auditorium. In addition to choir, the Singers will also perform. Choir and Singers will be under the direction of Professor Katherine Baker, who is new to Mac this year.

Under the direction of Dr. Larry Kitzel, we are treated to music of the Pep band, during the home football and basketball games. Adding color and spirit to the games are a treat and a nice addition in variety.

Next semester will have a variety of different activities. The annual Spring Concert tour will be taken west of Colorado, and vocal music recitals will take place. Senior, Krista Dell, and Senior Eric Johnson, will perform sectionals this coming spring.

Choir, band, and any music interest is widely encouraged, here at McPherson. Any interested student is encouraged to come and see what is going on. Let's make some beautiful music, come join us.

Home Economics to be dropped?

by Randy Beeghly
Staff Writer

"The Education Policies Committee is evaluating the status of the Home Economics program," according to Dr. Dale Goldsmith, Vice President of Academic Services at McPherson College. Low enrollment in the program at this college is a reflection of a trend in most colleges in the country. And, it is causing many colleges, including McPherson, to rethink the viability of offering a Home Economics program.

Currently, there are only one or two students on campus pursuing a degree in Home Economics. For a degree program, many courses must be offered. And, enrollment in these courses is often very low.

The Education Policies Committee has several options to consider. First, the program could be dropped altogether. But, there may be other solutions that are less drastic.

For example, the committee may recommend that some of the technical specialties in home economics be retained. Some of the possibilities could be textiles, home ec. education, interior design, and nutrition.

Another possibility is the retention of some of the courses for electives and general education. Home Economics would then be a service department without a major.

If the decision is made to retain the current program, it would have to be staffed on a regularized basis. Currently, the acting chair of the Home Economics Department is Dr. Doris Coppock.

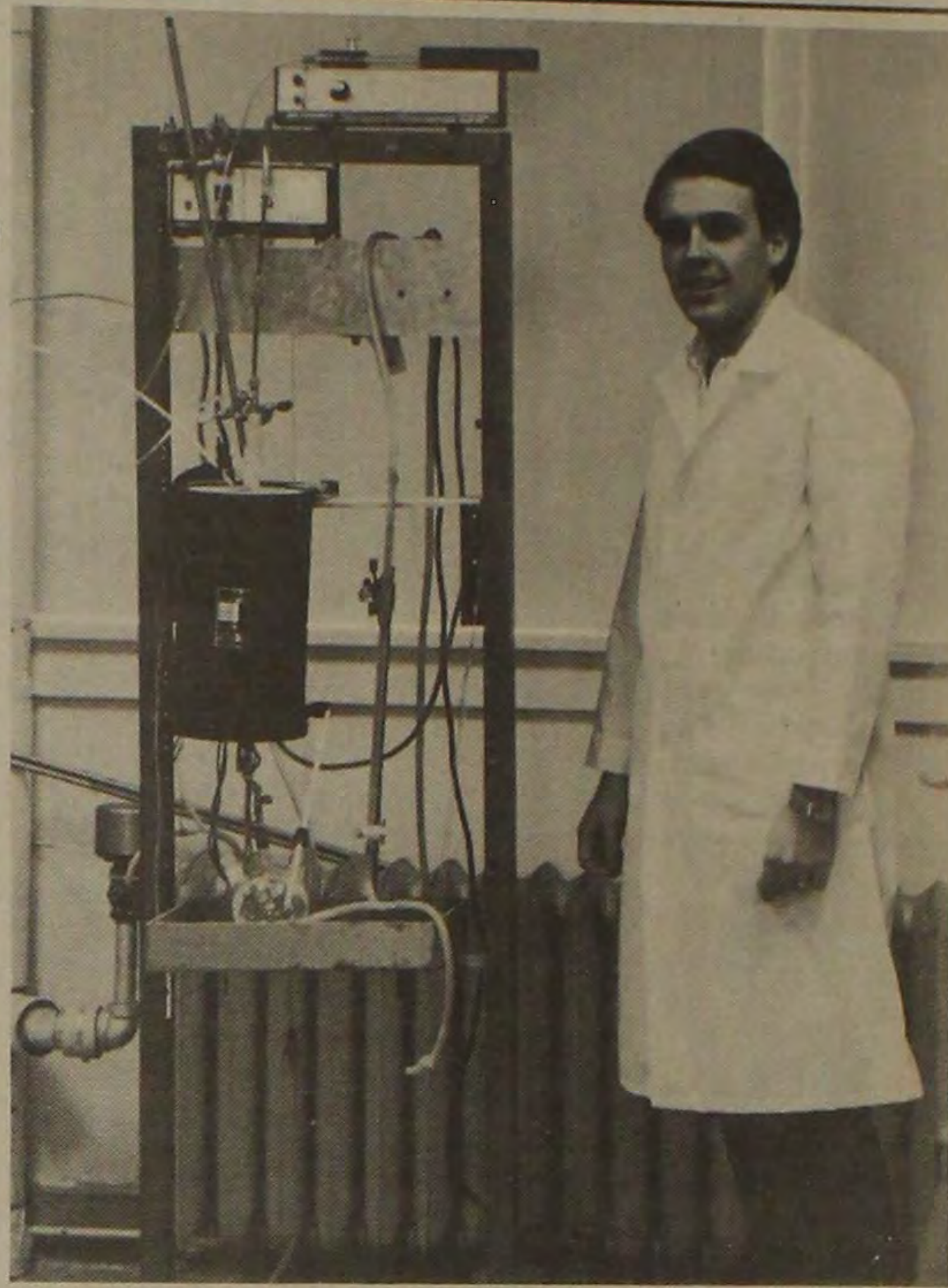
Whatever the decision is, regarding the program's status, Dr. Goldsmith points out that all persons currently enrolled in the Home Economics program are guaranteed the opportunity to complete their major. He notes that it is the policy of the college to allow currently enrolled students to complete any program before the program is dropped.

Krehbiel receives recognition for chemistry research

David Krehbiel (sr., McPherson) received the third in a series of recognitions of his research in chemistry at the Nov. 5 meeting of the Midwest Regional Chapter of the American Chemical Society (ACS). David made a poster presentation before the society on the Wichita State University campus. His poster and presentation were on "Catalytic Conversion of Sunflower Oil Using Zeolite Catalysts," the subject of his senior research project.

David was previously honored by the Wichita Section of ACS on Oct. 19, when he was one of five students selected for the society's Outstanding Senior Chemist Award. He was nominated for the award by Dr. Richard Zerger, Professor of Chemistry.

David accompanied Dr. Theodore Kuwana, Regents' Distinguished Professor in Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Chemistry at the University of Kansas, to the National Science Foundation's quarterly review of funded research in Washington, D.C., Oct. 16-17. He was asked to express his opinion of what he had learned during his ten-week summer fellowship in bioanalytical research under Dr. Kuwana's direction.



David Krehbiel (sr., McPherson) stands next to the apparatus used in his chemistry research project entitled "Catalytic Conversion of Sunflower Oil Using Zeolite Catalysts."

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New director chosen for career/life planning

by Melissa James
News Editor

Lois Reimer, McPherson, is the new Director of Career and Life Planning. If her name sounds familiar it's because she was the Counselor and Director of Religious Life Activities the first part of this semester while filling in until Reverend Kim Hill Smith arrived.

Mrs. Reimer has four main goals she would like to accomplish as the new director. First, she would like to help students (mostly freshmen and sophomores) get to know themselves better which will help with their decision making skills.

Second, (again working with mostly freshmen and sophomores) she would like to help students see how their abilities and interests relate to various careers.

Third, she would like to help students (mostly juniors and seniors) make the transition from being a student to being on their own. This would include resume writing and interviewing skills.

Finally, she would like to help faculty work with students in their personal and career growth.

Mrs. Reimer would also like to have some workshops on personal development and job search skills.

"Because my time on campus is fairly limited, I would like to work more with groups, especially on the workshops, however, I am available for personal consultation," said Mrs. Reimer.

Mrs. Reimer will be starting a placement club for the upperclassmen called, W.H.A.T., me worry? W.H.A.T. stands for "What Happens After This?"

Office hours for the Career and Life Planning Center will be: Mon., Wed., and Thurs. 1:00-5:00p.m. and Thurs. evening 7:00-10:00p.m. However, student assistants will be in the office at other times (to be posted) for anyone who can't make the scheduled hours.

When Mrs. Reimer is not in the office she enjoys spending time with her husband Gerald and her daughter Sandi. Her hobbies include; traveling, hiking, snow skiing, and sewing. "All of which I love to do," commented Mrs. Reimer.

Mrs. Reimer's educational and work experience more than qualifies her for the position as director. She has a B.A. with a double major of Elementary Education and Special Education in Learning Disabilities and Behavior Disorders. And a Masters degree from Wichita State in Student Personnel and Guidance. She has also completed her requirements for Elementary Counseling at Emporia State University.

As far as work experience, Mrs. Reimer has had a lot of jobs, such as: working at the McPherson Family Life Center in the parenting program, practicum in counseling, here at the college, assistant of the Learning skills center at McPherson and part time Director of Housing. Mrs. Reimer was also President of Central College alumni and President of Kansas College Personnel Association.

Mrs. Reimer is a well rounded person who should do a great job as the new director of Career and Life Planning center.

Barrett/McClean elected to Student Council

by Carol Mack
StuCo Secretary

On November 12, the student body elected two new people to positions on the student council: Tracy Barrett as Vice President and Joe McClean as representative-at-large.

An executive position is no new task for Tracy (so., Cheraw, Co.) as she served as President of Student Council in her high school for one year. Tracy has been a strong leader in a number of sports at McPherson, participating in volleyball, basketball and track. After her first meeting, Tracy commented, "I'm excited about having this position and hope to do my best. I think I have a good group of people to work with."

Joe McClean is also coming to the council with some experience behind him. Joe (fr., Rosehill) served as a representative in his high school government for two years.

After welcoming the new members to the meeting on Nov. 12, the council received a report from the dorm hours committee. The committee indicated that a survey was almost completed and they are hoping to start collecting data before Thanksgiving break.

Also at the meeting, the council appointed two people to fill the vacant positions on the Food Committee. Dana Decker and Joe McClean are the new members. They encourage any students, who have questions or comments about the food service, to contact them.



Tracy Barrett (so., Cheraw, CO) is the newly elected Vice President for Student Council.

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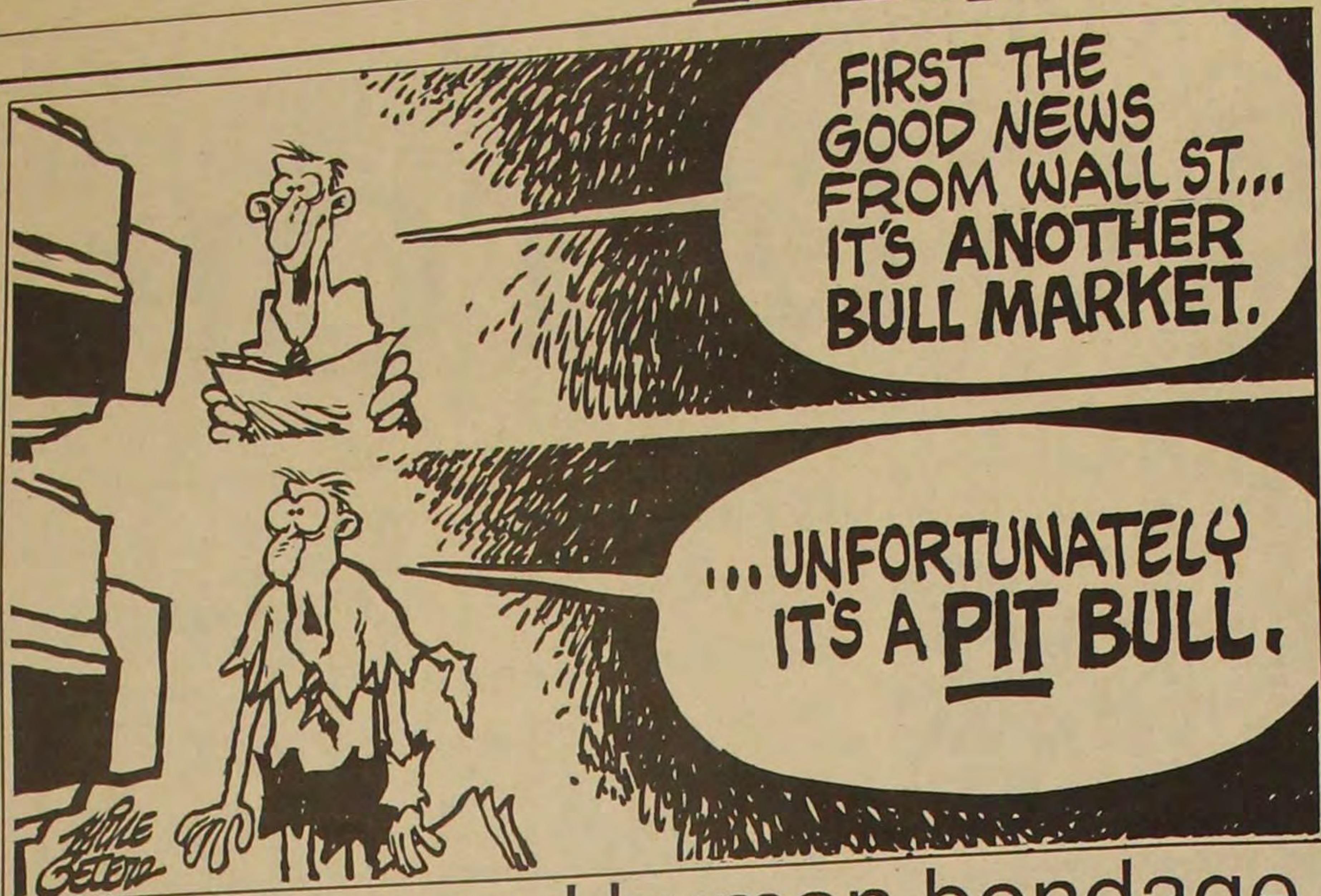
Interdisciplinary majors

It's easy to do sometimes. In writing an editorial, I find myself centering on the bad and never the good. It seems like those things that are going well don't deserve the attention that other, less successful items do.

With extra effort, I present something that is working fine: interdisciplinary majors. Many are unacquainted with this option, so first I will explain a little about it.

McPherson college offers around 20 options for academic majors. These range from industrial arts to accounting. The requirements for these majors are, in the end, subject to the Educational Policies Committee. Currently two of these are being studied with probable revisions forthcoming.

Little known on campus, however, is the fact that one can actually graduate without following one of these courses of study. The alternative is the interdisciplinary major. Surprisingly though, this option dates back at least to the 70's.



Of college and human bondage

Thick, thin, coarse, smooth, braided, twisted, soft, frayed, new, old, hand-made, and all colors of the rainbow. Listed above are some of the types of rope college students use for bondage. Bondage is a popular game amongst students, even more popular than Ultimate. Not only students play but as the year progresses faculty and administration also get involved. College tends to catalyze the bonding process because the students you now live with must become your family.

Motives for bondage are highly individualized but within each stage of bonding at least one general motive can be discerned.

The first stage is "surface" bonding. College freshmen exhibit this stage with unsurpassed excellence. When freshmen hit the campus scene many will know no one, some will know a few people, and a few will know several people. Their first reaction is to attach themselves to someone therefore saving themselves the embarrassment of having to walk around alone in the lost puppy syndrome. The effects of being in a strange environment, surrounded by new people began to show as the freshmen agglutinated. Freshmen like to feel that there is safety in numbers against the unknown of college life. The rope for surface bonding is extremely thin and easily broken. Nonetheless, surface bonding is the platform for friendship.

The friendship stage rapidly develops out of a need to be liked and out of a need for social interaction with people you like. This stage brings humor and fun to college life. On a campus of this size friendship can encompass nearly all of the student body. This closeness lends a warm quality to the college family. Two to three weeks into the semester you can walk around campus and say a personal hello to most of the people you meet. The rope grows stronger and is less susceptible to breakage.



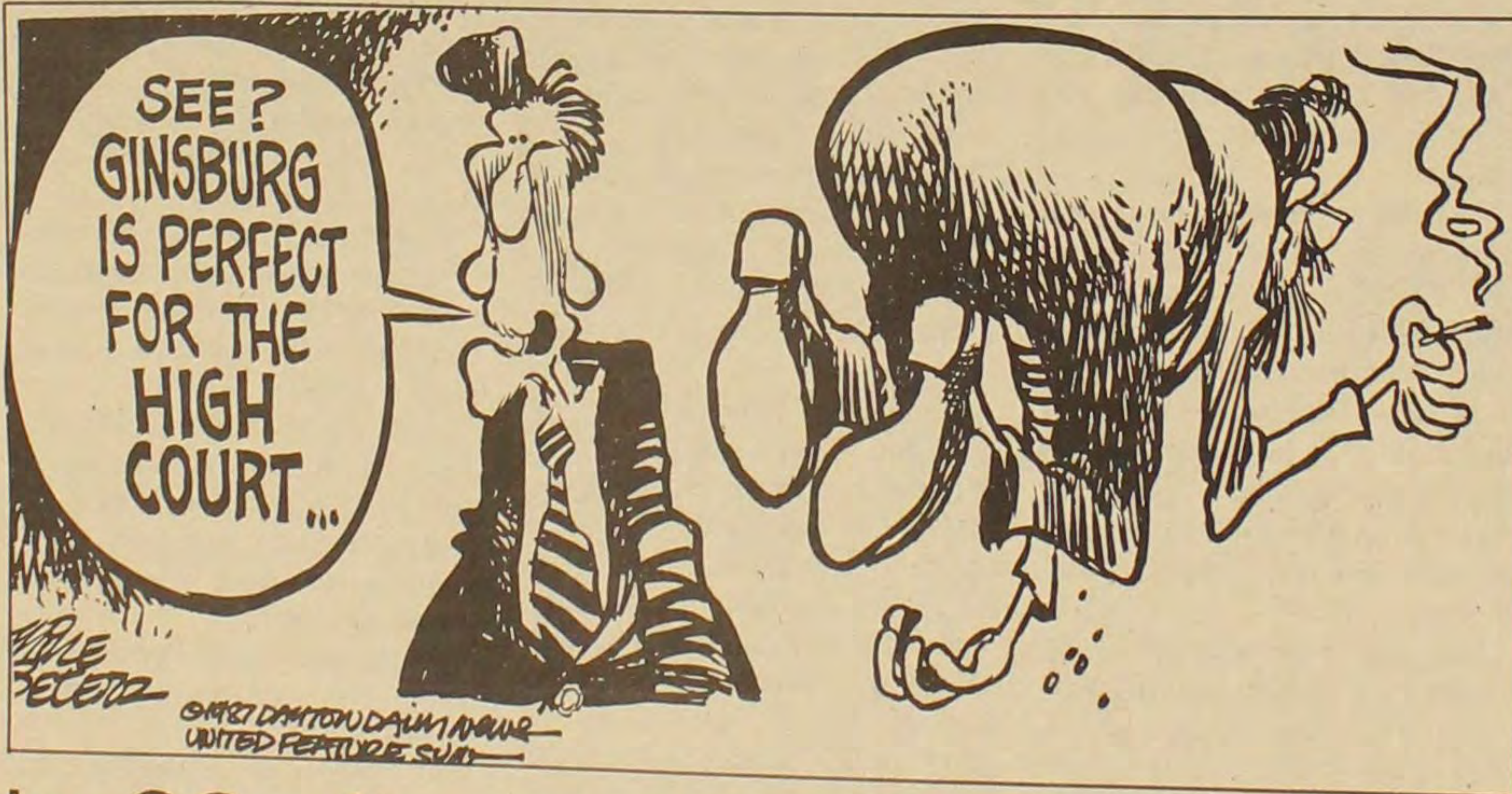
Michelle LaFay Staff Writer

A subsidiary of the friendship stage involves interplay between professors, administration, staff, and students. Again the circumstances around this interaction is unique due to size. Most professors here are on a level of friendship with students that would not be attainable at a larger institution. Professors are active as sponsors of clubs, as coaches, or just as someone with whom you can discuss politics, the stock market, and daily mineral requirements. This rope is diverse and has many offshoots.

A natural progression from friendship into relationships follows. College students form relationships in an environment free from parental restrictions. For some this is a first attempt at an "adult" relationship where there are more important decisions to make than what movie to see. These relationships tend to involve deeper interaction and to be on a more serious level. Relationships represent the highest form of bonding. They cumulatively incorporate all the skills learned in earlier stages of bondage plus a few new skills. The rope is thick and painful to sever.

The final form of bondage is the bondage between you and yourself. Many college hours are spent on introspective evaluations. Flunked exams, lost relationships, intense lectures, and late night discussions are assimilated and examined within oneself for personal value. This is the time for the coming together of what you are, what you think you are, and what other people think you are into the complete, unedited version of what you can be. The rope is silvery and elastic, able to weather all transitions.

College provides an opportunity to experience bondage at its best. A college veteran once told me that college bondings are of the longest duration and are the best kind of bondings. I agree. Bondage is a game in which every college student should participate.



Celebrate 22 alternative holidays

Now that the traditional holidays are almost here—only 33 more shopping days until Christmas, the average college student tends to think about snow, stringing Christmas lights and playing Christmas carols on their stereos.

But soon enough, after the average college student has consumed too much left over turkey and realizes that those hasty New Year's resolutions made in a weak moment can't be kept, the mind tends to look for other diversions.

Fortunately for all concerned, there are plenty of holidays and festivals celebrated on any given day around the world. And, amazingly enough, some are observed on this campus, with a few slight changes.

Jan. 16 is National Nothing Day. This day has been set aside for the citizen to sit around and do nothing—no celebrating, or honoring or doing anything. Some administrators probably believe that this day is generally observed every A.C.E. Wednesday, and at least one student was very glad to celebrate this holiday, the day after the Centennial Homecoming weekend.

In Japan on Feb. 3, a Bean Throwing Festival is observed in Setsubun. Normally this holiday celebrates the last day of winter and masses of

worm being found in a pickle during brunch could ruin the dignity of this fine appetizer.

On Feb. 12 there is the Imperial Valley Lettuce Ball. Who knows, some day our Student Activities Board in a moment of desperation might come up with a "come as your favorite vegetable" dance, too.

Toward the end of March and into April on almost any sunny day, one can find female students of all types imitating the Bronze Bikini Bounce, normally celebrated on Feb. 13.

Another March Festival is Return the Borrowed Book Week March 1-7. This is not to be confused with the "great book drop off" of a couple years back when 30 or so students checked out 10 or so books in one day and returned them through night deposit that evening. Strict observance of Return the Borrowed Book Week can lead to "Ticked Off Librarian Year".

Also celebrated during the spring is Let's-all-play week.

This observance results initially in intense athletic recruiting.

The last result is National Underdog Day celebrated on Dec. 17. Normally observed to salute the unsung heroes,

this day should be dedicated to the football team that ended the season 1

and a lot.

An unfortunate sort of event is the Trail of Tears Drama. Actually observed to recognize the arrival of the Cherokee nation into Oklahoma, this ritual will occur on Sept. 1, 1987, and Feb. 1, 1988 when frustrated and broke students leave the enrollment line.

Moving right along is Eliza Doolittle Day (Heroine of Bernard Shaw's Pygmalion). This day stresses the importance of speaking one's native language correctly. People who wash their clothes, come from Colorado, Missouri or AR-Kansas should be given no flack on May 20.

Aug. 6 is Judge Crater Day, in honor of the strange disappearance of the New York Supreme Court Justice in 1930. This could be the real reason why no one can go into Arnold or Kline Hall.

And last but not least is National Be-Late-For-Something Day on Sept. 5. This day has been set aside

for a release from the stress of always having to be somewhere on time. This holiday has been quite popular with most Central students.

So while people are decking the halls with boughs of holly, I would like to wish all of you a very merry un-birthday, and to all a goodnight.

The giving that counts

by Pamela Sue Reeves Guest Writer

What happened to Thanksgiving?! In the present time, nearly all stores that sell decorations, put them up in celebration of holidays such as Valentine's day and Halloween. Lately though, once Halloween is over and the orange and black streamers have been taken down, up go the window paintings and decorations for Christmas.

Wait a second; Christmas?! I thought Thanksgiving came before Christmas.

You remember Thanksgiving, don't you? The holiday set aside for Americans to give thanks for having such a wonderful country and celebrate our "inalienable rights" that Paul Minnich wrote of in the last paper. The holiday that lets us celebrate the survival of a young country. Apparently our heritage doesn't mean that much to us any more.

As McPherson College celebrates its Centennial Anniversary, we as students should have been confronted by the Centennial motto several times... "Affirming our History; Assuring our Heritage". The idea that "Thanksgiving is just the time for me to go home and pick up my Christmas decorations," does not (at least to me) fulfill the concept of "Assuring our Heritage". Rather, we should remember what we are thankful for... a five day weekend, a chance to see old or meet new friends. A chance to remember how much fun we've had so far in our lives, with our friends and family.

Sure, Christmas is a wonderful time of the year, but perhaps we should celebrate Thanksgiving first so that we can remember why at Christmas time that "it's the giving that counts; not the receiving".

What are you thankful for?

Vicki Finkenstadt Sports Editor

Thanksgiving. It's a special time... why else would the college give us three school days off? For some students, it is a time of family celebration. For others, it is a time to party and have a generally good time. For the lucky few, however, it is a time of solitude and of peace. Each person has their little things to be grateful for and each has their way to express it.

What does this have to do with clowns? When my clown personality is dominant, I observe the interaction between the clown and the environment. I learn a lot since it is a different experience. My clown is a silent one; this creates a new mode of communication and of perception.

Think back to the Thanksgiving convocation and the clowns. "The Giving Tree" is a powerful story of itself, yet didn't the clowns add a new dimension to "The Giving Tree"? I know that it had an effect upon me. It seemed to open up the interpretations of Thanksgiving.

I am grateful that my "clown" allowed me to discover her many years ago. Since then, I believe that my life has been enriched and that my clown has enriched other's lives and the world by being active. I express my gratitude toward my clown by celebrating life with her; that is, my clown performs her magic of communication in a new and unique way.

Clowns and Thanksgiving. What are you grateful for in your life?

Language barriers

Etsuko Shimabukuro Staff Writer

At five minutes before ten o'clock in the morning, someone knocked at the door of my room. I opened the door and found a woman standing there. She introduced herself as a nurse. Then she said to me, "Etsuko, you have tuberculosis." I didn't have tuberculosis in my vocabulary, so I couldn't understand what that word meant. I took my Japanese-English dictionary and looked up the unfamiliar word. Tuberculosis is "kettsukaku" in Japanese. I got the meaning of the word, but then thought I misunderstood what she had said. I asked her to repeat it. She told me the same word. I showed the word which I looked up in the dictionary to her. Then she said, "This is the word I told you." I couldn't believe my ears, because I was checked by a physician before I came to the United States.

I went to the infirmary with her to check my physical examination report which a Japanese physician wrote in Japan. I looked at it and it showed that my health was excellent. I couldn't find any problems

there. I asked her why she thought I had tuberculosis. She said, "The Japanese physician wrote positive about your body, so you have tuberculosis."

I explained that in Japan "positive" meant good health. In other words, I have an antibody (protection) to tuberculosis, so I am positive. But she insisted, "In the United States, positive means you have tuberculosis." I explained and explained, however she couldn't understand. We wouldn't concede to each other. After this argument she told me that she needed another person's advice, who was familiar with Japanese medical care.

I left the infirmary and waited for the other person's advice. While I was waiting in my room, I was thinking of the worst situation. I imagined, if I had tuberculosis, I would have to be hospitalized. How long would I have to be in a hospital? My parents would worry about me. Would I continue studying here? Is my roommate O.K.? Did I give other students tubercle bacilli? What I imagined got worse and worse.

Two hours later I found a message written by the nurse on the door of my room. "Etsuko, your X-ray shows you're normal. You don't have to worry about your health. You do not have tuberculosis. Finally, there was no doubt about my health. Different expressions between the U.S. and Japan caused us to be confused. For two hours I was a tuberculosis patient."

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Haley brings humor and intelligence to lecture

David Clayton
Staff Writer

It seems appropriate that the author of a book as rich in heritage and culture as "Roots" would realize that among his greatest rewards is having the opportunity to learn about other cultures.

"The thing I value above everything else "Roots" has brought me is the exposure to different people from the world," Alex Haley, 66, said. Haley visited McPherson College as the 1987 speaker in the Mohler Lecture series.

Haley's humor, intelligence, and gift for storytelling were evident throughout his speech, leaving little doubt as to why he is one of America's premier speakers.

A press conference earlier in the day, however, gave detail to the man more so than the man's works. Haley revealed the depth of his character, answering questions with practical wisdom, often measured words and tone. In many of his observations, his respect for other cultures shown through.

When asked about his feelings on the Persian Gulf situation, Haley examined the issue not from a militaristic viewpoint, but from a practical, if not idealistic one.

"I'll tell you what bothers me about (the Persian Gulf)," Haley said. "I am just so tickled as to what kind of world we could have if we just went about trying to have that kind of world instead of trying to kill each other. I find it so distressing that the cost of one nuclear submarine might educate 10,000 human beings."

A similar irony he noted is the fact that each year the amount of money spent on prisoners increases, yet the cost of one year of college, a possible deterrent, is less than that of incarcerating a prisoner for one year.

"We human beings seem to have a punitive quality," Haley commented. "Rather than the best of us, we wallow in the worst of us more than we need to."

Haley's respect for culture was also in evidence in his preference for the "salad bowl" metaphor when referring to America rather than the standard "Melting Pot." In the "Salad Bowl" version, many different vegetables are mixed so that all of them together make the delicious salad, but in the process, not a single one loses its own peculiar characteristics. To Haley, respect for and keeping one's own heritage and culture benefits us all.

"I think that all of us ought to be incredibly proud of who we are and the group we came from, and that we should then try to share more about our group with others. Then we all learn." After listening to Haley awhile, it's not hard to believe him when he says he feels brotherly love for "someone from here, there, or yonder around the world."

A veteran of the US Coast Guard, Haley will soon cast off aboard the SS Wellington to do some intense work on his next book, "Henning," which is the name of the small Tennessee town he grew up in.

"Henning" is a book of nostalgia," he said. "Some of it's funny, some of it's sad, some of it's poignant." He then related what a

psychologist who was his seat-mate on a flight once told him about the future of nostalgia.

Because children today are so involved with televisions, video games and the like, they are beginning to identify more with these machines than with other people.

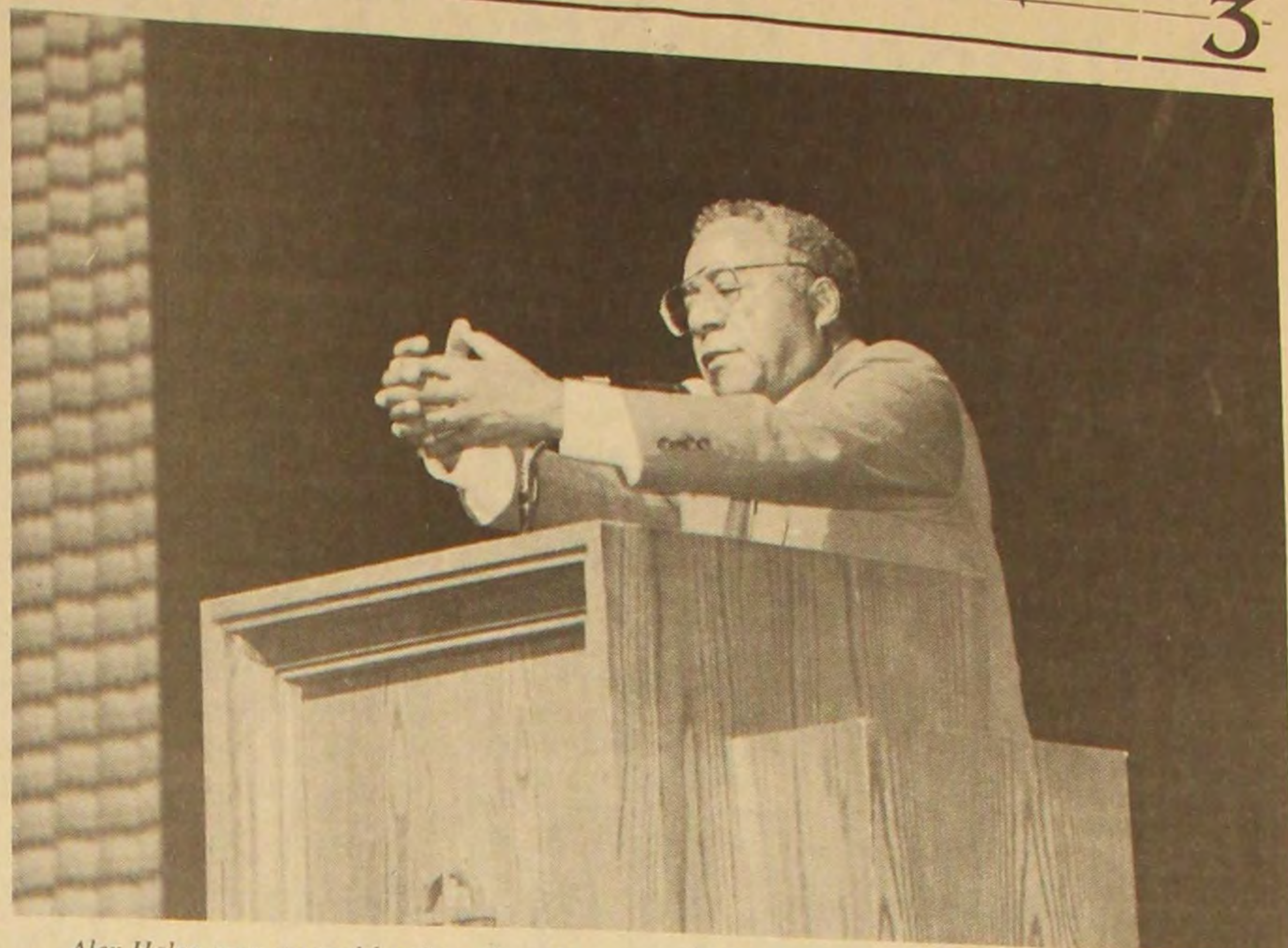
"This is the first generation to grow up without television," Haley said. "We are losing that part of our culture at an alarming rate." Hopefully, just as "Roots" was the catalyst for many genealogical hunts, "Henning" will restore nostalgia to many front porches in America.

Whether black or white, Asian or American, rich or poor, Alex Haley gave us all a gift that special evening--insight to those who grew up differently, and some good memories, or a little bit of nostalgia to those who grew up similarly. He also left a little of his respect for heritage and culture to each of us. And what did we give him in return?

"I never in the world would have dreamed it, but right here I picked up something today that is very meaningful to me," Haley said, referring to the restored car that picked him up at his hotel. The auto bore a sign with a special meaning from his life.

"I want to talk with somebody about buying that car," he said.

The next morning, I'm told, before he headed out to Washington to meet with another group that has a local culture slightly different from our own, Alex Haley was trying to work out a deal for the car.



Alex Haley uses grasped hands to show the large crowd in Mohler Hall his vision of world unity. Haley will be starting on his new book, "Henning," about his growing up in that town.

Costa Rica: What a sight to see

by Guest Writer
Crystal Whiting

I lived in the Switzerland of America for five months of my life. Costa Rica is known by this nickname because it's a vastly beautiful country, and at times, I felt as if I were in paradise.

Costa Rica is a third-world country, although it reminds me of the US. It has the highest standard of living in all of Central America.

During my five-month stay there, I lived the life of a citizen, not a tourist. I spoke the language, obeyed the rules of the country, and I ate the rice and beans for every meal. I also lived with a Costa Rican family.

At first, it was very difficult because I didn't speak Spanish very well, and understanding proved difficult for me also. Does anyone speak English? My father knew "good morning" and "how are you?" He also knew American dollars, but every Latin knows them.

The bus, which costs nine cents per fare, would take you anywhere in San Jose. The contamination that came out of the buses and cars was unbelievable. I hadn't seen so much pollution in all my life.

I'd cross the street and I would be in danger of getting hit by a bus or a car. Pedestrians don't have the right of way, and believe me, the drivers would have hit you if you were in the way! Each time I crossed the street, I prayed that I wouldn't get hit.

I fought against cultural and stereotypical problems, but I was unable to defeat them. The Latin men were also a problem; they liked to stare at the US women and whisper compliments as they walked by. They would show their interest by staring intensely at your body.

The stereotype of US women being very "easy" was real to them. They are a sensation in Latin America. I fought against the stereotypes of all

Americans being rich, buying all of my clothes in Miami, and that having American dollars was the best thing to have.

Another shock was cockroaches. I've never seen one in my life before I went to Costa Rica. They were gross huge insects that scared me to death. One night, I saw one in my closet and chased it around my room until I made sure it was dead (I awoke my family from this). My senora always told me that the cockroaches are in every house in Costa Rica, and that they were your friends. Well, they are no friend of mine.

But there were good times as well as bad times, with the good outnumbering the bad. What was good was walking the beaches of the Pacific Ocean or the Caribbean Sea, or watching the monkeys climb the trees as they screech. The iguanas, parakeets, huge frogs, and the many species of butterflies complimented this trip.

We saw coconut trees, banana plants, pineapples, papaya, mango, oranges; every fruit you could possibly think of and more. The tropical climate was fantastic! Their summer is January through May. The clear blue-green waters of the Caribbean and coral reefs were awesome. The beauty is so indescribable because it is so intense.

The mountains and the volcanoes had a beauty all their own. I looked out at the mountains each day surrounding the city—unbelievable. Listening to the Latin music, Reggae, Salsa, Merengue, Soca, and Calypso was so exciting for me because the music there is so much a part of their culture. There is one word to describe it—passion. Being able to hop on a bus and travel to the sea or anywhere in Costa Rica for \$1.75 was fantastic.

Why did I go there? I went to study at the University of Costa Rica,

which has about 30,000 enrollment. Studying wasn't something I accomplished well while I was there. Actually, studying wasn't in my vocabulary at all. I really went to experience the culture, study it in depth, and to learn Spanish.

I went to concerts, dances, bars, plays, and traveled within Costa Rica. I attended meetings for American citizens living there who were concerned for peace. That taught me a lot about my country and gave me a different perspective of American politics. I became aware of the problems in Central America, especially Nicaragua. I've always been concerned about political problems, but being in Costa Rica made me want to get involved in helping others who are less fortunate than I.

There was one time I actually enjoyed studying at the university. University Week caused chaos with people's studying. It was a week of partying, going to concerts all over the university, listening to Latin music, dancing, and a time for meeting new people, especially of the opposite sex.

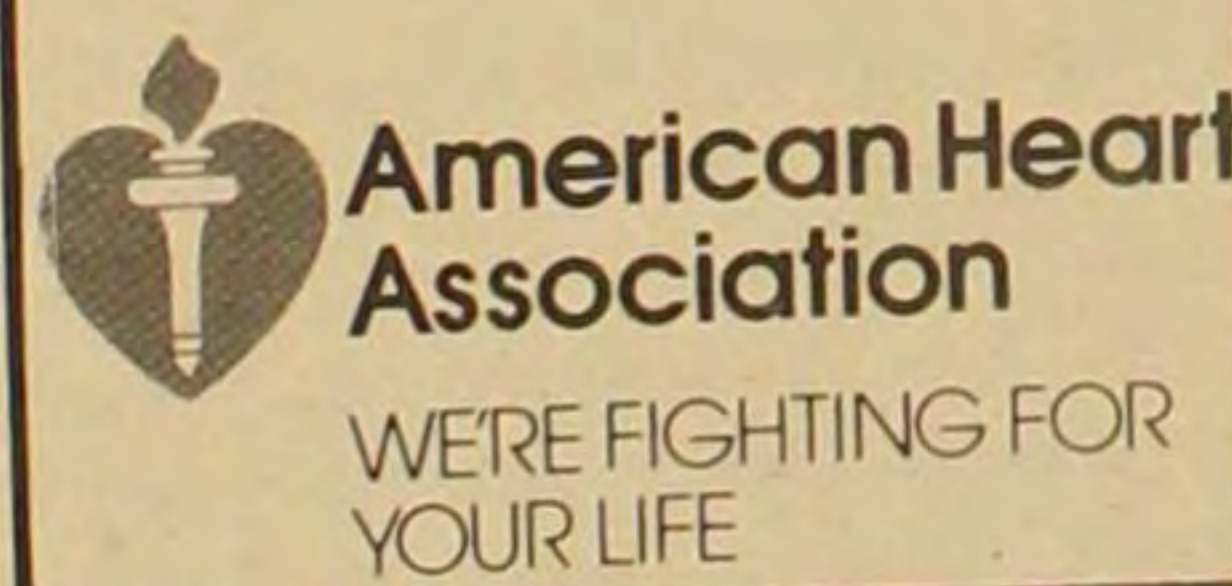
It was a campus policy that tests weren't allowed that week, and studying was put off till the next week. Definitely, it was something I hadn't experienced in the states.

I went with 38 other Americans from different universities across the nation. We each brought a unique part of us to Costa Rica and shared that part with all. Everything was experienced together. We were like the flower children of the 60's—we grew close.

I'll never forget Costa Rica or my friends that I met there. It's all part of me and will be forever. I'm a different person because of my trip to Central America. The world has opened up to me and it will never be closed to me again.

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From Andres to Van Halen, the guitar tops all

by Jack Patino
Feature Editor

The guitar: what better instrument to make a boring social event more enjoyable? Yes, that's right! I'm talking about that glorious wooden box with six strings that produces beautiful music in the hands of someone who knows how to play it. Or on the other hand, dreadful hisses and twangs erupt in the hands of those idiots who don't.

In honoring this thing of beauty, I would like to honor the people who have made the guitar a symbol of fine music everywhere. One of my biggest heroes is Andres Segovia. Segovia was a masterful flamenco guitarist, who, at the age of 80-something, still made guitar-lovers' ears melt. Segovia died not more than a year ago.

Another hero of mine happens to be Jimi Hendrix, who died back in the late 60's. Hendrix played the guitar in a style which astounded many of the ace guitarists around. Hendrix' life was the same as that of Ritchie Valens, who rose to fame quickly only to be robbed by death a few short years later.

Third on my list is Randy Rhoades. Rhoades began as the lead guitarist for the then very-young Quiet Riot. He was then acquired by ex-Black Sabbath lead singer Ozzy Osbourne. He played with a style that blew the minds of the more advanced guitar aces around 1982. As fate would have it, death took Rhoades away from the music scene in an airplane crash.

The last two people on my list are highly respected by me, and for that

matter, they're still living. They are David Gilmoure and Eddie Van Halen.

Gilmoures latest work can be heard on his hands current hit, "Learning to Fly," by Pink Floyd. What is glorious about his style is that he follows no style. His liquidous "bend and wiggle" type of playing is so smooth and free, that it doesn't sound like a guitar being put to the test. Despite the absence of lead singer Roger Waters, Gilmoure still manages to hold the band down with more hits to come.

AAAHHHH!!! Now last, but definitely not the least, is Mr. Van Halen himself. I would have to rank him as number one amongst the guitar impresarios around today.

What I like about him is that he has speed, agility, and sense of his guitar. His solos never sound like they have been learned months in advance—as others do. He is like Gilmoure, free and easy, but wicked when he wants to be.

One of these days, my roommate and I will become good enough to remotely compare with any of these individuals. But until then, we'll keep our feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars—wait a minute. That's Casey Kasems' line. Champagne wishes and caviar dreams? No, that belongs to ROBIN LEECH!!! I'll leave you guys with this famous quote.

"Life is like a septic tank: what you get out of it is what you put into it." I think Socrates said that.



Joe Van Halen? No, it's just our new representative-at-large, Joe McClean, attacking the guitar.

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Bulldog Football Victory, Tennis Third in KCAC

The big "w" for football

Jack Sneddon,
Staff writer

The Bulldogs discontinued the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics District II record losing streak of 24 consecutive games, with a 22-15 victory over the Tabor Bluejays on Nov. 17. This could possibly be the start of a new tradition.

"We took on great stride toward putting things together, both offensively and defensively," said head coach Dan Thiessen. Thiessen, a former Tabor player and head coach, is in his second year at the helm for the 'Dogs.

Linebacker Bobby Holland blocked a punt, to begin a scoring drive for Mac. Putting in solid performances were the defensive line of Chuck Holtgraves, Mike Mnich, and Eric Tracy. 1987 also saw the end of Billy Jamison's and James Floyd's college careers. Both were injured early in the season.

On offense, quarterback Mike Henson passed for 217 yards. He finished with 1598 yards for the season, a top figure in the KCAC.

The rushing attack was led by two runningbacks who hit the century mark in yardage for the first time in Mac's history. Jeff Hulsey rolled for 162 yards while his running mate carried for 112.

It has been expressed that the 'Dogs performance on Saturday may carry over to next year. "I see a greater unity (within the team), for we know we can win," said Johnson. "The fellas gained a lot more confidence in themselves and the team as the season progressed."

By the way, the 'Dogs began the losing streak in the third game of the 1985 season during the tenure of coach Steve Phipps.

One thing can be said for the 1987 football season, it was interesting to watch and to participate in.

The 1988 season will include a trip to Langston University in Oklahoma on Sept. 17 as the 'Dogs play a 10 game season.

If the athletes remain with the team, then the 'Dogs may "turn the KCAC on its ear." But, as philosophers say, "only time will tell."

Men's BB rolling along

by Doug Eckhoff
Staff writer

The McPherson College Basketball Team opened its 1987-88 season with a bang on Thursday, Nov. 12. Brian Hill's slam on the opening tip-off was the start of a decisive victory. The 'Dogs smashed Colorado Christian 105-74.

The Bulldogs were impressive from start to finish. They played the kind of ball Coach Trimmell likes to see. They set the pace of the game and never let up.

McPherson came into the second game of the Bulldog Classic, Nov. 12-14, looking once again to set the pace, but it appeared that Bartlesville Wesleyan had the same idea.

Bartlesville had two very hot guards, Rusty Stecker and Don Scott, who scored 26 and 23 points. Coach Trimmell's Bulldogs couldn't stop them.

The Bulldogs, who lost only twice at home last season, just couldn't get the momentum they needed to get ahead and stay ahead. They dropped it 84-76.

Coach Trimmell said, "It was a

typical early season game. We had no patience on offense and did a very poor job of rebounding, especially on the offensive boards. I don't want to take anything away from Bartlesville Wesleyan. They have a good club."

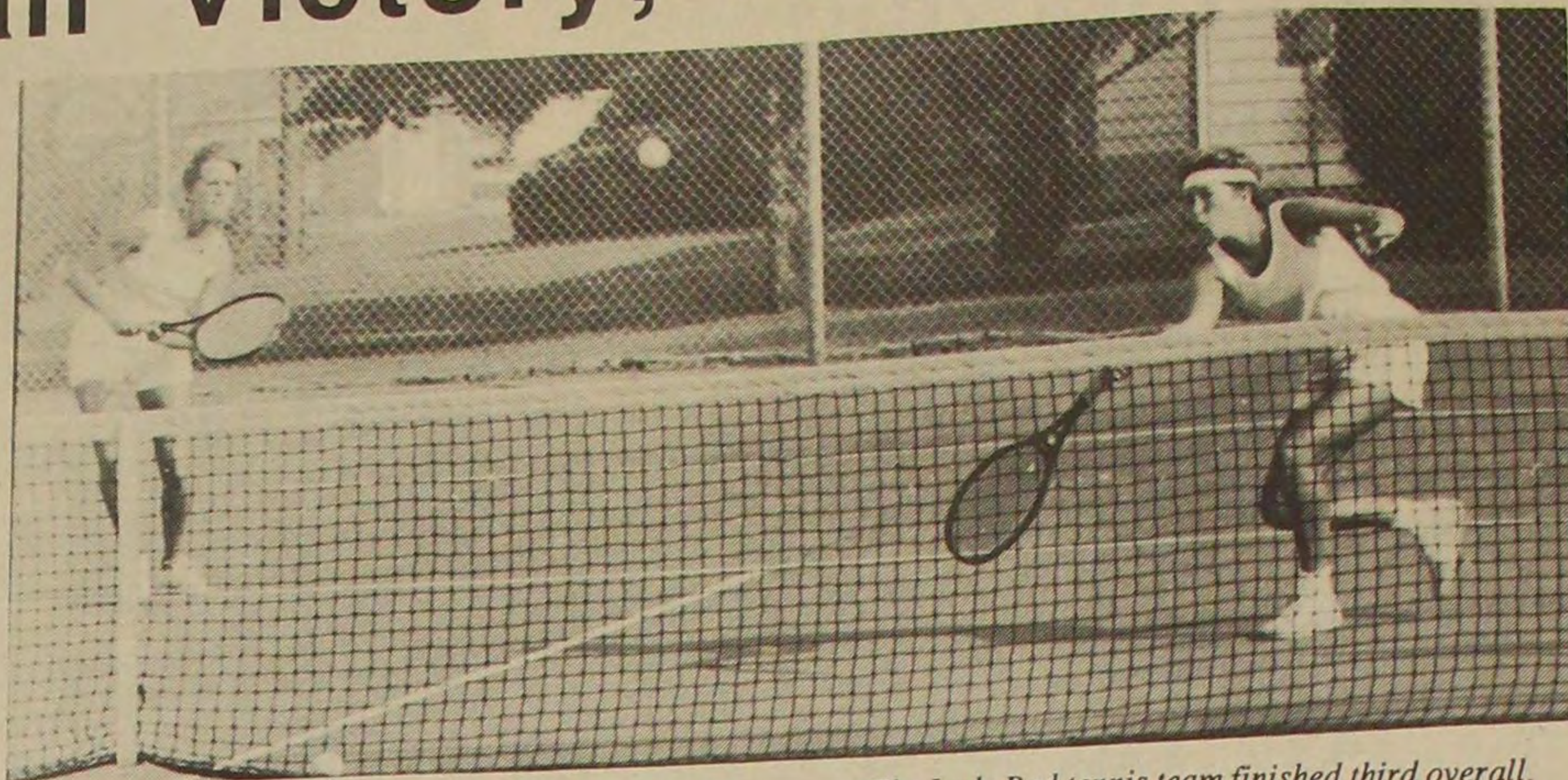
The offensive effort for the 'Dogs was led by Mike Apple with 16 points and Brian Hill with 15 points. Mike Rohn added 14 and Doug Clark had 13 points. Including Eric Smith's 10 points, the Dogs had five people in double figures.

On Saturday, the final day of the tournament, the Bulldogs captured their second victory by pounding Union College 73-39. The win was not as impressive as expected, but the Dogs got experience from it.

Bartlesville Wesleyan was the champion of the Bulldog Classic, 3-0. McPherson, Bethany, and Kansas Wesleyan finished with 2-1 records.

The Bulldogs had two all-tournament selections: Brian Hill and Mike Rohn.

The Dogs were on the road this weekend to Denver.



Second doubles team of Julie Oltman and Cindy Powell, seniors, took second in the KCAC tournament.

The Lady Red tennis team finished third overall.

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Third in KCAC, Powell Griffis honorable mention

Vicki Finkenstadt
Sports editor

It was a team effort that pulled third place in the KCAC for the Women's Tennis team. Bethel was first and Southwestern took second.

Cindy Powell, playing in the number two spot, took fourth against Tabor. Cindy Griffis, #3, won third against Tabor. Amy Yoder, #5, and Deanna Elliot, #6, also took third.

The first doubles team of Sacha/Griffis took fourth against Tabor in the KCAC tournament

Powell/Oltman, the number 2 doubles, captured second against Bethel. The third doubles, Yoder/Elliott, took fourth against Sterling.

Seniors Cindy Griffis and Cindy Powell were picked for All-KCAC Honorable Mention. Coach Doris Coppock said, "It was a combination of their improvement over the season and the contributions to the team."

In the conference, Sacha was 2-4, Powell 3-3, Griffis 4-2, Oltman 2-4, Yoder 3-3, and Elliot 4-2. The doubles were Sacha/Griffis 4-2,

Griffis/Oltman 4-2, and Elliot/Yoder 3-3.

Overall, the records were Sacha 4-5, Griffis 5-4, Powell 6-3, Oltman 4-5, Yoder 5-4, and Elliot 5-4. In doubles, the Lady Red came out: Sacha/Griffis 5-4, Powell/Oltman 6-3, and Yoder/Elliott 4-5. These do not include the tournament victories our Red claimed.

Throughout the season the Red continued to improve and polish their skills. The result was a well deserved top finish in the KCAC.

Women strong, attitude important for winning team: we've got it!

V. Finkenstadt
Sports Editor

The Lady Red opened their 1987-88 season against one of the toughest competitors in the District 10, Marymount College of Salina. The Red were defeated by a score 92-41.

Turnovers were a major factor in the game. The Red had 31. Coach Geissert has set a goal of averaging less than 20 turnovers a game. Another factor was the shooting percentage. The Red shot 14 out of 62 for a percentage of 22.5%. The Red were also out-rebounded 56-28.

A highlight of the game was that everybody on the team played a portion of the game. Coach Geissert plans to run plenty of substitutions to keep the fast paced action going.

The Lady Red opened their home season this past weekend at the Lady Red Classic.

The McPherson College Women's Basketball program hosted the tri-annual Lady Red Classic this weekend. The Classic rotates between KCAC members, Bethany, Kansas Wesleyan, and McPherson,

and hosts non-conference NAIA colleges. This enables the teams to work out the kinks in their programs before the conference play starts.

This year McPherson coach Deb Geissert schedule some tough teams: Hastings from Nebraska, Bartlesville Wesleyan from Oklahoma, and Central Methodist from Missouri. Kansas Wesleyan declined the tournament this year, so there were only five teams present.

The Lady Red played Hastings on Thursday dropping the game 64-88. The game was won in the first half when Hastings outscored Mac 50-27; Only five of the Red players scored in the first half. The second half was much improved when nine Mac players scored points and the Red matched Hastings 37-38.

In the second game, Bethany ran over Central Methodist 71-46.

On Friday, Mac played Central Methodist winning 53-44. The game featured even scoring and playing by both teams. Bethany won against Bartlesville Wesleyan 59-48.

The "barn-burners" occurred on the last day of the tournament. Mac played Bartlesville Wesleyan defeat-

ing them 46-44. Bethany's game against Hastings was very intense. The score 77-60, in Bethany's favor, doesn't reflect the uncertainty of the outcome. It was a two point game until a technical foul on Hastings coach and a rash of fouls which left four Hastings' players on the bench with five fouls. Bethany capitalized on the free throws putting them ahead in the last three minutes of the game.

Coach Geissert said, "Four games in six days did us good. We are a lot further along than we were (at Marymount). We're 2-2 overall. We didn't miss KW one bit."

Assistant coach Glenn Gayer pointed out that "it was a good experience for us. We played smart ball, we hustled, and we kept our heads in the ball game the entire time."

The Lady Red continue their season after Thanksgiving break.

Matt Scoggins
Staff writer

The men's and women's cross country season has come to an end after a frustrating season of injury and sickness. For the individual runners, there were some very good performances by all but unfortunately for the women they never had a full team in the big meets and for the men, who never ran good races on the same days.

The womens team had their first chance to compete as a team when they entered the conference meet. The women did fine with a strong showing in fifth place just behind Olathe with the Southwestern team winning. Leading the ladies was Wendy Hartman with a 10th place finish. That makes Hartman a member of the All-Conference. Farther back for the women were Sally Geisert in 21 st, Beth Brown in 24th and Monica Stockmeyer in 27th.

Last weekend the women were represented in the District championships by Hartman and Geisert who competed against the power house runners from ESU, PITT, and FHSU. Both did very well on the fairly flat and confusing course as there were many turns and loops. Once again the ladies were led by Hartman in 28th with a 21:15 and not far back was Geisert with a 23:12.

The men entered the conference championships with hopes but a fourth place finish was all they could manage. The team finished very close to both second place Bethany and third place Sterling but was unable to pull it out. But even if all the runners did not have their best races, Jack Patino did as he became the second runner for McPherson to receive an All-Conference award by finishing in 8th in a 27:25. Not far back was Phil Koch in 14th at 28:04, Jeff Gussie in 24th at 28:57, Matt Scoggins in 25th at 28:58, Ray Minchew in 34th at 29:55, Jeff White in 35th at 30:27, and Brent Webster in 45th at 32:06.

While the men were only able to finish 4th at the conference meet they had their revenge in the district championships by beating all the conference teams except South Western. The men finished 6th behind SWC, PSU, FHSU, ESU, and MANC.

The men were led by Patino with a 16th place finish in 26:38, just one place out of all-district. The other runners finishing for the men were Matt Scoggins at 27:43 in 32nd, Jeff Gussie at 28:12 in 44th, Phil Koch at 28:40 in 53rd, Jeff White at 29:05 in 58th, and Ray Minchew at 29:20 in 62nd.



Juniors Michelle Streit, Scarlet Rudd, Lisa Mick and freshman Vickie Briceno and Joyce Brown cheer their teammates on during tournament action at the Lady Red Classic. The Lady Red are 2-2 overall.

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