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Interterm opportunities abundant

by Alecia Cobb
Staff Writer

Looking for adventure, something to do during Interterm? The opportunities are abundant this year at McPherson college. Several interesting classes are being offered during Interterm, many including trips to adventurous places.

For five students from Mac, the subject of biology will literally come to life as they spend four weeks studying desert plants and animals. Desert Biology has its main emphasis on field study. This class will leave McPherson Jan. 4 and head for the Boyce Thompson Southwest Arboretum in Arizona. "This arboretum has samples of almost every type of desert plant," says Dr. Burkholder, Department of Natural Science. After camping for several days in the deserts of Arizona, the group will move on to the Oregon Pipe National Monument. They will visit the Sonora Desert Museum, Whitesands, and Carlsbad Caverns. The Shihuahan Desert in Texas will also be a major stop on their list of travels. "The students should notice that the deserts in Arizona and Texas vary quite a lot," Dr. Burkholder says. Big Ben National Park also in Texas will be a point of interest.

Observation is the main key to the students studies. They each have to keep a daily journal and will have a

project due at the end of the class. "This project will involve different things for different students because the choice will be left up to them, but examples of what they might do would be to trap an animal or collect certain types of plants," says Dr. Burkholder.

A total of 10 students will be going, with five of them coming from other ACCK colleges. There will also be two professors, one from Tabor and one from Bethany.

With assigned reading before they go and then several different places to see, these students should be very busy.

Another busy bunch of students will be those six who travel to Europe with Dr. Jan VanAsselt, Dr. Herb Smith, and Professor Wesley Pauls. These students will leave for Europe on Jan 5 and arrive in Frankfurt, Germany on Jan 6. They will then travel to Bern, which is the capital of Switzerland. Here they will spend several days visiting sights such as a clock museum, a school of commercial art, and a decorative till factory.

In Langnau, a small town outside of Bern, is located one of the oldest Anabaptist churches. The students will visit this also. They will then proceed to Huttwie, the town where Paul and Stephanie Graber (faculty two years ago) stayed and also where Wayne Ritchie (graduate) worked

with a cabinet-maker during his junior year abroad.

Students will be staying with families most of the time, so some of their hours will be spent with these people, doing whatever the families have planned.

Another point of interest will be Zurich, the largest town in Switzerland and the place where the Anabaptists originated. Here they will see some of the Anabaptist sights and tour an organ factory.

In Stutgard, Germany, they will tour a Mercedes Benz factory, then it is on to Schwarzenau, the birthplace of Church of the Brethren. Here the group will visit many sights associated with the Church of the Brethren and its origin.

There are many more places and things they will see such as the border between East and West Germany, a monastery, a wooden shoe factory located in Aalten, Netherlands, and Marburg, Germany, the location of a Brethren Colleges Abroad sister college.

With so many interesting and varied things to see you may wonder what the main emphasis of this trip will be. "Emphasis varies for the different students," says Dr. Herb Smith. "Some are going for the Anabaptist history, one is going for art history credit and another for industrial arts credit." The emphasis is

wide, but for each town, its history will be thoroughly studied.

Each student will have to keep a journal and at the end of the trip, they will have to write a paper.

If business is more your style, then there is a class for you. A class will be offered that is going to New York City and Washington D.C. In New York City, they will visit such places as the World Trade Center, Wall street, Federal Reserve and the Sterling Drug Corporate Headquarters. Another stop will be the South Street Seaport.

In Washington D.C., the emphasis will be a little more on the government side of business. The Bureau of Printing and Engraving, State Department, and George Washington University will all be visited. Students going on this trip will also visit the Capitol Hill complex. This includes the Capitol itself, Library of Congress, congressional office buildings, and the Supreme Court.

Other classes and opportunities are available. There are many ways to have an interesting Interterm away from campus. For those involved in all the excitement this year, it will be an opportunity of a lifetime. For the rest of us, we can only say "Maybe next year!"

Oasis -- a support group

by Randy Beeghly
Staff Writer

An oasis is a small place of comfort in a larger, harsher world. Oasis on McPherson college's campus is a small group meeting every Tuesday evening at 7:00 in the Student Union's Quiet Room. The group grew out of the desire of some students for "a more frequent, intentional Bible study and spiritual support group," according to Kim Hill Smith, Campus Minister.

The founders of the group were Suzanne Deitz, fr., Prairie Village, and Lisa Pierce, fr., Monument, CO. The idea for the group's name came as they were listening to a record album. The word oasis, a place apart to find comfort, was featured in the lyrics. The two freshmen organized the group and were its initial leaders in September.

Now, eight to fifteen people are attending the weekly meetings, which are open to anyone wishing to participate.

Typical meetings consist of guitar playing and camp-type songs, followed by prayer time and discussion. Past discussions have focused on individual faith pilgrimages and conception of God.



In the daylight this tree in front of Mohler Hall may not look much like a Christmas tree, but just picture it at night when it's dark and the lights are on.

Jack Patino/Spectator

Christmas spirit is here

by Dawn Culbertson
Staff Writer

"Tis the season to be jolly... Jolly?!? Right, but who has time? I mean really, with finals coming up and trying to find money to buy all of your friends Christmas presents, and, for some of us, finding the cheapest way home for the holidays, who really has time to be jolly?"

Lately the Christmas "spirit" just hasn't been around, but yesterday a revelation overcame me. As I was sitting in the lounge during our secret sister Christmas party, I realized that the Christmas spirit is around, and in fact, it's all over.

To sit and write a story about Christmas is more difficult than I thought it would be though. I don't want to dictate on paper the meaning of Christmas, it's whatever you mean for it to be. You are what determines whether or not your Christmas will be merry.

Being with friends, spending some time doing something with someone sort of down and out, and giving of yourself is what Christmas can mean.

Christmas is a celebrated event all around the world, each person enjoying the festive season in their own unique way. Many families have traditional ways of celebrating the season. One Mac student says that they celebrate more on Christmas Eve. They eat, drink and are merry the night before Christmas, then open gifts and sleep on Christmas day. Everyone has developed their

own means of celebration. This is what makes Christmas so unique. Some people celebrate by escaping to the mountains to catch some skiing and Christmas snow, others, like Marcia Unruh, may spend time at Christmas Eve service and then travel to see other family members.

Christmas caroling is a fun thing to do this time of year, followed by possibly trimming the tree, and sipping egg nog. But whatever you do this year for Christmas, always keep in mind that it is as special and joyous as you want it to be. Like I said, I'm not going to dictate to you how special your Christmas should be, but I am going to wish you all a safe and very Merry Christmas!

NEC Silent Writer added to computer system

by David Clayton
Staff Writer

McPherson College recently added a laser printer to its continually growing computer system. The NEC Silent Writer, located in Templeton, is capable of various uses, and will make many existing jobs easier.

In the academic area, Graphic Arts in particular, the laser printer's graphic capabilities will be greatly appreciated. At the administrative level, the printer has been and will be used to produce more intricate brochures and newsletters. The printer has also been used to set the type for this and the previous issue of the Spectator. The printer's uses are so diverse, in fact, that "we haven't even explored all the applications," according to Susan Taylor, advisor to the Spectator.

Appropriately enough, the three departments that benefit most from the printer divided the costs. Academic services, administrative services, and publications each paid one third of the bill.

"It's the type of thing that pays for itself rather quickly," said Taylor, "because a large part of printing costs are in typesetting."

The laser printer brings state of the art technology to Mac. "If you look at graphs in major newspapers, almost all are generated by systems such as ours," said Taylor.

Those who wish to use the printer need to put their name on a sign up sheet in Templeton, and some training is required. There is, however, a handful of qualified people around to help newcomers, most notably Gary Mahoney when he has free time.

New leadership course offered

by Doug Eckhoff
Staff Writer

Do you hope to be the boss some day? Well it's a fact that many McPherson college students do. According to Dr. Butler, "McPherson college graduates tend to take management positions more often than any other type job."

There are some leadership related jobs offered at McPherson college, such as a Resident Assistant. Who is to say that an RA is qualified to help me with my problems? No one in the past, but Pam Settles and the Educational Policies Committee have designed a course to train them to be effective leaders.

Originally the course was titled Resident Assistant Seminar and intended solely for RA's, but after being reviewed and approved the course title was changed to Leadership Seminar and open to all students.

This course will be listed under in-

terdisciplinary and will be offered this spring. The day and time of the class has not yet been determined but according to Dr. Butler it should be decided by Christmas break.

The objectives of the course will be to teach students to deal with problems of other students who look to them for leadership. Students enrolled in this course will learn to deal with all kinds of problems a college age student will encounter, such as substance abuse, sexuality, cult activities and many additional conflicts.

The course will be two credit hours and will be taught by Pam Settles and/or Dr. Butler. The purpose of the class is to provide structured learning experiences for students involved or desiring to be involved in formal leadership roles as Resident Directors or otherwise intending to fill any leadership position in or out of school.

Upon completion of the class the

student should be able to demonstrate effective skills in many areas including consultation, counseling, behavior management, conflict resolution and crisis management. These skills are called upon every day in most any leadership position so it is important for leaders to acquire them.

Although this class is very appealing to someone interested in counseling or being a leader, there is the question of whether it should be required for RA's. After talking to some RA's it seems that they have mixed emotions about the approach being taken.

One RA said, "It is a great idea but I'm very busy and I don't know where I'll find time to write another paper."

So it would appear at this point the class itself is a good idea but the students being required to enroll might have problems fitting it into their schedules.



Paul Minnich (jr., West Chicago, IL) using the new NEC Silent Writer

laser printer, finishes his last issue as editor-in-chief of the Spectator.

Matt Groggins/Spectator

Airplane memories

Looking out the window of an airplane ten thousand feet above the earth, the miniature scenery below reminds me of countless childhood memories.

From above, an overspreading river appears as the silhouetted form of a leafless maple tree which once grew in my backyard. A small lake on the outskirts of the river reminds me of a treehouse that my father built in the maple. I recollect the many occasions the treehouse served during play.

Beyond the river, a treacherous mountain range covered with white snow caps resembles posters of hot fudge sundaes topped with whipped cream in the Dairy Queen which my family visited when I was young.

Further along the airplane journey, a countryside view of square patches of golden brown wheat fields, and countering green hay fields appears as the checker board which my grand father taught me to play checkers on when I was 12.



Jason Barrows guest writer

Flying past the country side, an excavated section of ground looks like my backyard sandpile that I used so many times to re-enact battles with my toy army men. Earth-digging equipment and dumptrucks remind me of my toy "Tonka" trucks which I used to eventually dig up the sandpile.

Looking upon a town with its tiny buildings, cars, street lamps, people etc... invokes thoughts of watching "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood" with his miniature village. I also think of the scaled village surrounding my train set that I received for my tenth birthday. Furthermore, I remember walking hand-in-hand with my mom through the toy's division at Sears and eyeing the display of a little town constructed of "Lego" blocks. A highway running through the town below brings to mind a Christmas present which I received at the age of 13. It was a race track to race my "matchbox" cars around.

Finally approaching the airport, I recall memories of my mother reading bedtime stories to me. Ten thousand feet above the ground, I especially remember Gulliver's Travels and ponder his feelings as he awoke surrounded by Lilliputians.

It's amazing how many childhood memories are aroused traveling in an airplane in such a short time.



I want a wolf in my stocking

Cindy Trimmer Editorial Editor

After spending a summer with a wolf at summer camp, seeing "Never Cry Wolf" (not to be confused with Never Cry Cow, a recent Far Side comic) and doing some general research on the beast, I think the wolf deserves a second chance.

Perhaps unjustly, many people perceive the wolf to be bloodthirsty, and cruel. Some of this fear and misunderstanding comes from very old folklore of "Peter and the Wolf", "Little Red Riding Hood" and the "Three Little Pigs" (all of whom got what they deserved for being so stupid).

For any one who would take the time to look and learn, the wolf is a beautiful creature. Large and majestic, the wolf, a common base root of our domestic dog, once had free roam during the Ice Age. The wolf lived in numbers sufficient enough to maintain a delicately balanced ecosystem in which he fulfilled a natural function in controlling the numbers of large herbivores.

One such wolf, the Eastern Timber Wolf (Canis Lupus) is currently an endangered species in the United States. An

endangered species is one in which the population has been so reduced that it is threatened with extinction.

Before the appearance of man, extinction was due largely to geological and climate changes--an alteration in the environment.

This is still the primary cause of extinction, but the process has been greatly accelerated by man. By clearing land for urban development, whole ecosystems may be destroyed.

And again, the wolf has a bad rap, caused by fear and misunderstanding. Unfortunately, some of the hatred comes from the tendency for the wolf to view domesticated livestock as easy munchies. Though the

wolf may occasionally kill livestock, a wolf has never been known to attack a human, unprovoked. And the wolf kills only what it needs for survival, which is quite opposite to frontiersmen and current day hunters who kill for pleasure.

Many a child has always hoped that upon waking up on Christmas morning, a puppy would be waiting in the stocking. This of course is difficult, how do you get the puppy to stay in a hanging stocking anyway?

An exciting alternative is the "Adopt a Wolf" program, supported by the Timber Wolf Preservation Society. Instead of forcing some in-

nocent puppy to spend an uncomfortable evening in a stocking, for the same price, you can help save the life of an endangered species.

The Timber Wolf Preservation Society was formed in 1979 and is a non-profit corporation with about 700 members. Through the dedication of men like Jim Rieder, the society owns and maintains 17 pureblooded Eastern Timber Wolves and their main purpose is to educate people in the value of the wolf and reintroduce the wolves into a suitable habitat.

For a tax deductible donation, anyone can help support and maintain the work being done for the wolves by the Timber Wolf Preservation Society. And similar to other adoption programs, the adoptive parent will receive a 5 by 7 inch color portrait, suitable for framing, learn about the conservation and preservation of endangered animals and save the life of a truly neat animal.

I think that we owe this to an animal that was here before we were, and has done nothing to receive such an unfair treatment. I only hope that Santa Claus sees it in his heart to put an "adopted wolf" in my stocking, and in that of any one else who is concerned about preserving life on earth.

Brethren Who's Who

I was looking over the Spectator several weeks ago; it was the issue with the Who's Who Students on the front page. I was surprised to discover that all those pictured belonged to the Church of the Brethren.

Some simple research showed that Brethren students make up about 17% of the student population. Why is it, then, that 8 out of 9 Who's Who Students were Brethren?

I looked to a year old copy of the Spectator, and found that all 7 of last year's students were also Brethren. This, and subsequent discussions with students, led me to look at Spectators for the past five years, in which, I found that 32 of a total of 41 Who's Who Students were Brethren. That's a total of 78%!

The farthest back I looked was to the fall of 1970. Even there, 4 of 7 students fell into this category.

According to professor Al Dutrow, the Who's Who coordinator, the procedure for picking Who's Who Students is established by the faculty. Currently, a minimum 3.0 GPA is required to be a candidate. Seniors with this GPA are given an information sheet to fill out about their involvement in various activities over their years here.

The information gained from this sheet is the basis for a faculty vote on all the candidates. Faculty who have been teaching for more than one year may vote for up to 15 candidates. Any candidate who receives votes from at least half of the faculty is chosen as a Who's Who Student.

Why is it that Brethren students have so often been selected? It was suggested to me that Brethren students are more often leaders. Since leadership is one of the deciding qualities, I looked into this.

Excluding the Brethren Identity Group, one third of the elected officers of student organizations and dorm councils are Brethren. This percentage is, indeed, higher than the 17% Brethren on campus, but it in no way approaches the 78% in Who's Who.

One reason why I think Brethren are dominating the Who's Who roster is that 21 of 40 full time faculty on campus are Brethren. In no way am I trying to imply that some sort of conspiracy is going on; neither am I trying to imply that the students who are selected are not worthy.

Rather I believe that Brethren students, more than others, unconsciously stick in the minds of Brethren faculty. This puts other students at a disadvantage, and many who should be included in the group are omitted during the vote.

Every school is allowed to design their own selection system for Who's Who, and I think that ours should be modified. It should be studied for ways of avoiding this innate bias.

I know there aren't any easy answers, but I strongly believe that there is a problem, and it deserves attention. Too many elections on campus have lost faithfulness to their intent. Too many times, good criteria are overlooked. Who's Who is a very prestigious honor, and not being Brethren should not affect one's selection.

No prejudice in Who's Who

I am writing in reply to Paul Minnich's editorial in this Spectator concerning Who's Who. While I agree that there should not be any prejudice in picking people for Who's Who, I don't believe he has shown enough evidence to prove that there is any.

I, too, did some research and here are the facts I found in addition to those mentioned by Paul. Although only 17% of the student population is Brethren, the percent of those eligible for a Who's Who award is a much higher percent. Of those eligible in the last three years starting in 1987 back to 1985, 33%, 37%, and 32% respectively have been Brethren.

Try including only those who he classified as leaders. It seems probable that this percent would also double since "leaders" are usually those persons with higher grades and this is an eligibility requirement. If Paul's editorial says Brethren leaders make up 33% of the leaders on campus, and it would double, that number would become an astounding 66%. This would account for a very large portion of the 78% that he mentions.

He also suggests that brethren students unconsciously stick in the minds of Brethren professors. Then he says that only 21 of 40 faculty are Brethren. As you can see, in order to control who is selected and who isn't, all the Brethren faculty would have to vote the same way to assure the success of a selection.

To me this implies that they would have to get together and decide who will be in and who will be out, something so far fetched and unfounded that I won't address it further.

As with anything, facts can be twisted for one's own needs. I don't think this was an intentional effort to do so, but I do feel that we should be exposed to all the facts before criticizing anyone. Only by seeing all the facts presented in an unbiased manner can we make a correct judgment of this and other "problems."

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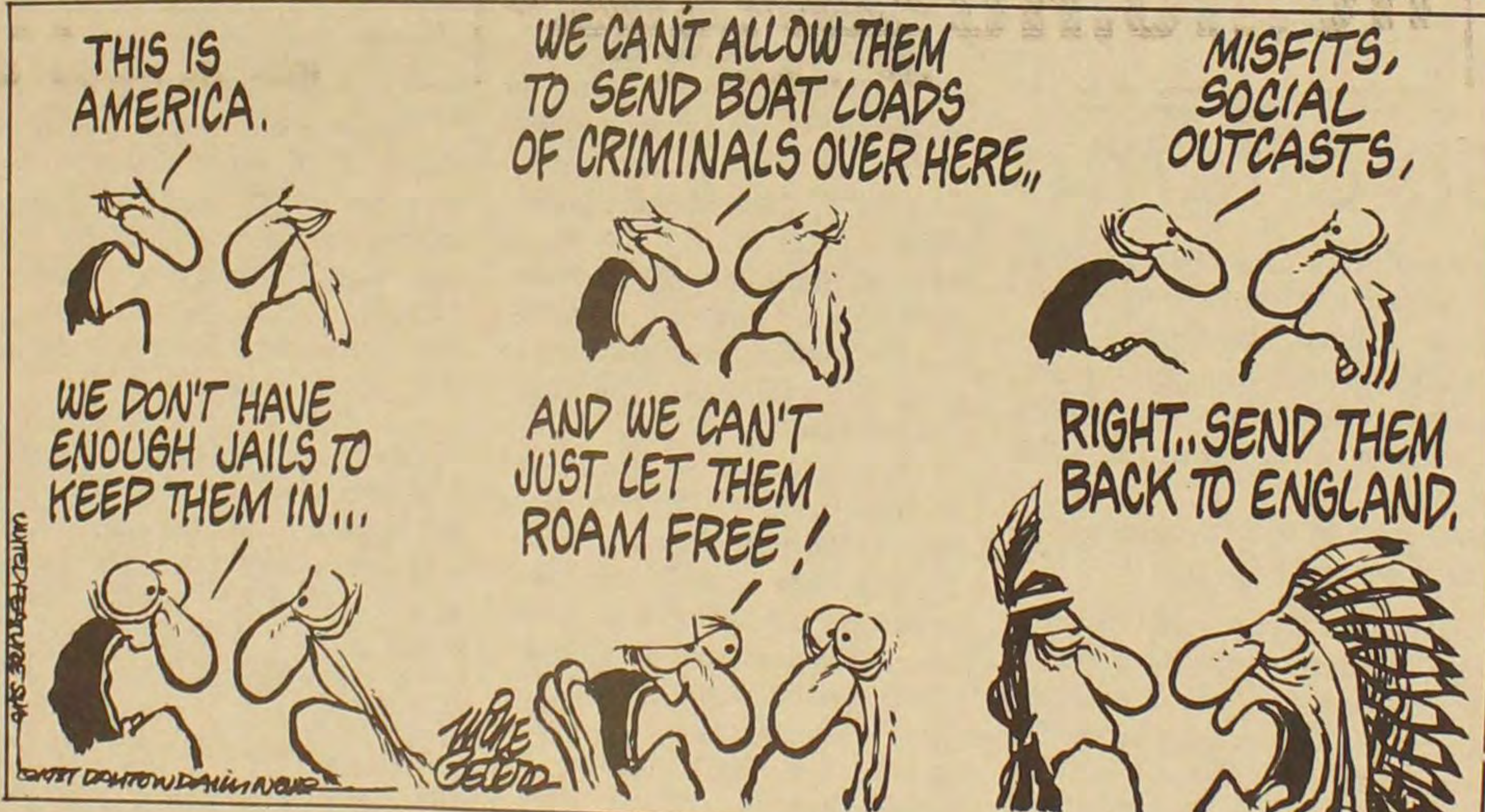
Acronyms Anonymous Association

- Michelle La Fay Staff Writer
During Thanksgiving break I bought an animal cracker tin commemorating the 85th Anniversary of Barnum's Animals. On the back of the tin there were several questions about Barnum's Animal crackers and I had perused them when I decided to throw a question of my own at my two friends. I asked them what Nabisco (the manufacturer of Barnum's Animals) stood for. I received no answer. Amazed by their lack of trivia I stated that I would have to write an editorial consisting solely of acronyms in order to inform people what all those capital letters stand for. Hence the list that follows is a compilation of acronyms that I found. Some may be useful, some are humorous, but most of all they may satisfy your curiosity.
College-related:
ACCK-Associated Colleges of Central Kansas
CIC-Campus Information Center
PhD-Doctor of Philosophy
SAB-Student Activities Board
StuCo-Student Council
TGIF-Thank God Its Friday
Governmental:
USA-United States of America
USSR-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
CIA-Central Intelligence Agency
FBI-Federal Bureau of Investigation
INTERPOL-International Police

- NASA-National Aeronautics and Space Association
FDA-Food and Drug Administration
IRS-Internal Revenue Service
SIECUS-Sex Information and Education Council of the United States
WPA-Workers Project Administration
MIA-Missing In Action
POW-Prisoner Of War
AWOL-Absent Without Leave
FAA-Federal Aviation Administration
FCC-Federal Council of Churches
UPS-United Postal Service
COD-cash on delivery
ERA-Equal Rights Amendment
DOT-Department Of Transportation
Scientific:
PET-positron emission tomography
CAT-computerized axial tomography
MRI-magnetic resonance imaging
EEG-electroencephalogram
EKG-electrocardiogram
TB-tuberculosis
MASH-Mobile Army Surgical Hospital
DOA-dead on arrival
DNA-deoxyribonucleic acid
CPR-cardiopulmonary resuscitation
AM-amplitude modulation
FM-frequency modulation

- a.m.-ante-meridian
p.m.-post-meridian
REM-rapid eye movement
ITCH-alternating current
DC-direct current
PE-potential energy or physical education
KE-kinetic energy
IR-infrared
UV-ultraviolet
LASER-light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation
DOS-disk operating system
RAM-random access memory
ROM-read only memory
BASIC-beginners all-purpose symbolic instruction code
Medical:
MD-medical doctor
AIDS-Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
XP-xeroderma pigmentosum
EMT-emergency medical technician
CST-certified surgical technician
PMS-premenstrual syndrome
Business:
FIFO-first in, first out
LIFO-last in, first out
GIGO-garbage in, garbage out
IBM-Itty Bitty Machines or International Business Machines
HP-Hewlett-Packard Inc.
M&M-Mouthwatering and Munchy
BBC-British Broadcasting Company

- NCRA-National Cooperative Refinery Association
AT&T-American Telephone and Telegraph
MGM-Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer
RCA-Radio Corporation of America
Organizations:
AMA-American Medical Association
ADA-American Dental Association
COYOTE-Cast Out Your Old Tired Ethics
KKK-Ku Klux Klan
WCC-World Council of Churches
AFL-American Federation of Labor
CIO-Congress of Industrial Organizations
NEA-National Education Association
ABCC-Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission
NFL-National Football League
NBA-National Basketball Association
PTL-Praise The Lord
WASP-White Anglo-Saxon Protestant
MADD-Mothers Against Drunk Drivers
DAMM-Drunks Against Mad Mothers
Miscellaneous:
ASAP-as soon as possible
SOS... or save our souls
PS-post script
PS-Nabisco stands for National Biscuit Company.



Exercise the use of your emotions: get caught in the snow

by Jack Patino
Feature Editor

Ahh, what a wonderful friend we have in snow! What is it about that darn cold white powdery stuff that brings out the different emotions in us? Does it contain hypnotic suggestions? Is it laced with cocaine? Are our children safe? The answer, you fools, is yes!

I had the extreme pleasure of spending Thanksgiving break in the quaint little town of Kingsley, Iowa. There for the first time in my life, I saw it snow! It floated down from the sky and gently landed on the ground. I couldn't begin to explain my emotions during this time, but I will anyway.

Like I said, snow brings out your emotions. When it first snowed, I threw my shoes on and ran outside to play in it. When I finally got outside, it quit. I got angry--emotion #1. It finally snowed hours later, so I played in it for what seemed like the longest time, full of kid-like joy--emotion #2.

For those of you guys who don't give a flying "fig" about snow, just humor me a minute. Where I'm from in California, it doesn't snow. A long time ago, it barely snowed, so our townfolk figured that Hell was freezing over and partied for days. They were obviously wrong, but in their

condition at that time, they didn't mind.

This wonderful excursion was spent at the house of Cindy Powell and her parents, Bob and Phyllis. Their guests, along with me, were Vic Ullom, Julie Oltman, George Gotto, and Julie Moyer. These people actually turned into kids and threw each other in the snow, which angered some--emotion #3.

Later that night, we ventured to Sioux City for some grueling physical workouts at a fitness gym. I've never seen so many fat people wanting to be skinny in all my life! During dinner, we got to watch some pretty good snow flurries until the scenery turned white with powder. It seemed amazing to me at the wonder of all this snow--emotion #4.

After another snowball fight, we all managed to lumber into the Bronco 4X4 and made way for the 25-mile drive back to Kingsley. What hadn't dawned on me was the warning that was said to me about the styles of snow to watch for: the best snow is large flakes floating down from the clouds. When it comes down at an angle, it gets very cold from the wind. But do not go out when you see it snowing sideways! That's the worst!

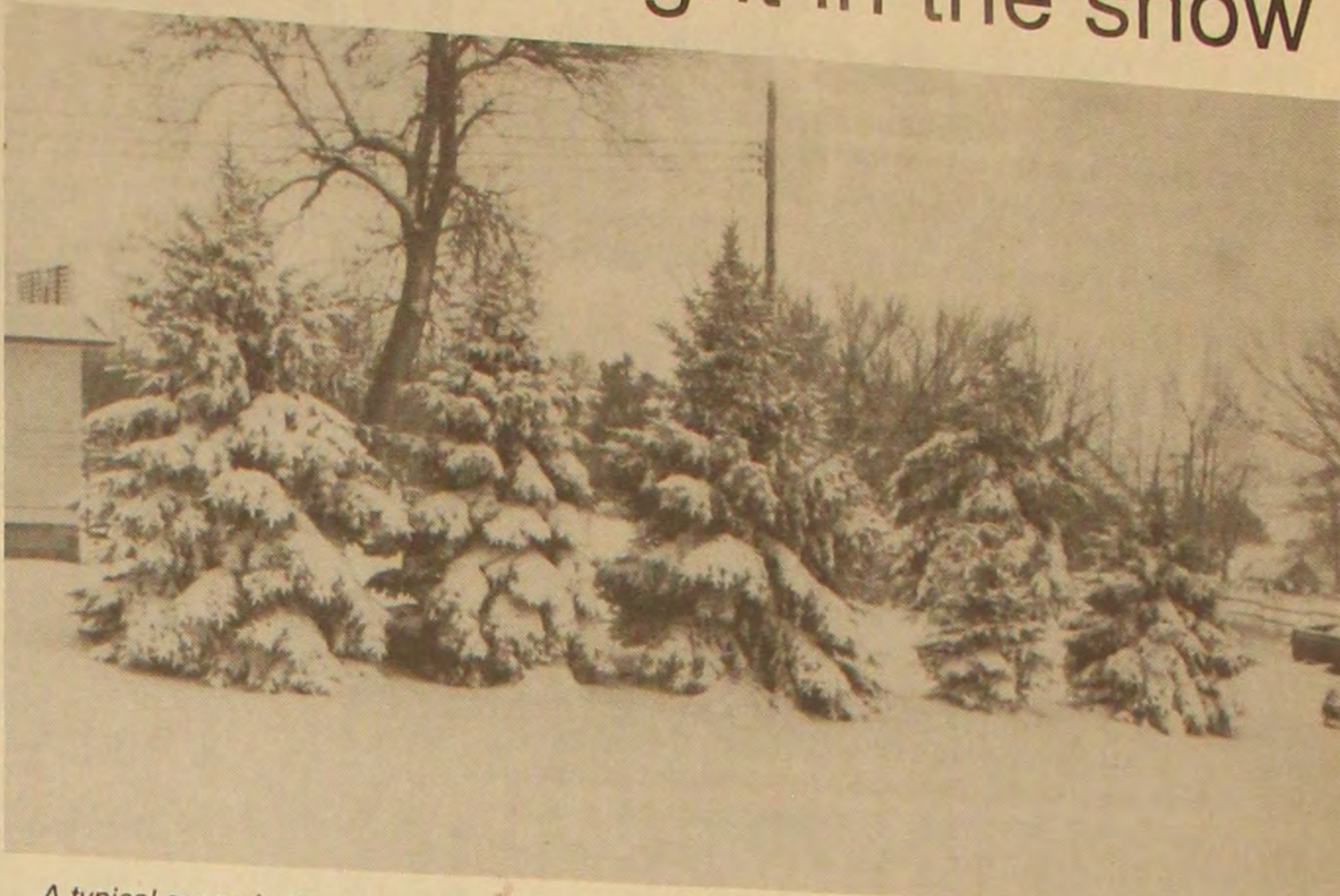
I happened to look up during our drive and noticed that the direction of the snow was indeed sideways. What

I also noticed was that on our departure from the restaurant, the truck slid side to side whenever the brakes were applied. The first thought that came to my mind was "Hey! When you're driving forward and hit the brakes, the damn car ain't supposed to go sideways! Sorry, but that's wrong! You're starting to scare me!"--emotion #5.

Getting to the house was the best part, because waiting in the living room is a large fireplace waiting to kick in. I kicked it in pretty fast, too. The fire was okay, but sharing it with an intimate friend made the entire trip worthwhile. I mean, imagine yourself kicking back in front of a cozy fire, the lights are off, soft music in the background, and a beautiful person to share it all with. You gotta love it!--emotion #6.

Well, we eventually had to leave this magnificent place to return to mighty McPherson. I didn't really want to leave the place, and in turn, I felt kind of sad--emotion #7.

So indeed, there are a lot of different emotions that you can experience whenever you're in the middle of falling snow. Don't take it for granted that this white junk is just freezing your hands; warm your hands up with a partner the next time it snows. Believe me, it's a lot better than bitchin'.



A typical scene in the town of Kingsley, Iowa, is that of snow-covered trees surrounded by blankets of that white powdery stuff. A little amount fell on that glorious little town and college we all like to call McPherson, but it didn't stay around too long. Only those who stayed here during break enjoyed (yawn) it.

Jack Patino/Spectator

'Same Time' is still good, enjoyable

by Paul Bishoff
Guest Writer

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the newest thing on campus. No it's not a new teacher or even a new specialized holding container for the ketchup and mustard. It is a theatrical production and a very good one at that.

Let me give you a brief rundown on the show so that you will know what to expect. All the action takes place in a bungalow room of the Sea Shadows Inn, in Northern California,

on the third weekend in February.

The show opens to the sight of two people in bed who have obviously spent the night making love. The year is 1951. There is, however, a catch to this natural human occurrence. The two people are married, but not to each other. The play deals with the progression of their affair as they meet together in the same place at the same time every year.

The plays cast includes Becky Hockman, Robert Palmer, and Mike Watson. Becky and Robert play the

man and the woman who are involved in the affair. Mike plays an amusing and highly supportive role as the innkeeper.

The play is directed by student director J. Mason Young. The play is backed up behind the scenes by a highly-qualified production staff. This is a very well done presentation and is highly recommended by this writer. Take time from your busy schedule to come relax and enjoy the show.

Winter traditions vary in Japan

by Tokuko Kirugichi
Staff Writer

Christmas is just around the corner. You can find various kinds of decorations everywhere. Everyone is waiting for Christmas vacation.

Like Christmas in the US, people in Japan celebrate the New Year, which the Japanese call "Ganjutsu." This celebration is one of many annual festivals in Japan.

In general, nobody works on the first three days of the new year, the period called "Sanganichi" or "Shogatsu." (Originally, "Shogatsu" referred to the whole of January.) During "Matsu-no-uchi" from the 1st to the 7th or 15th of January, depending on the areas,

"Shimenawa," sacred ricestraw ropes, are hung across the top of the gateway. Then the gate is decorated with pine boughs or "Kadomatsu" and a national flag, "Hinomaru." The "Kadomatsu" symbolizes a tree provided for the descent of the gods.

Traditionally, the people, wearing a "Kimono" or their best clothes, go to shrines, visit friends and relatives, drink and eat special New Year dishes, called "Ozouni," a special rice and soybean soup.

Children play Japanese cards such as "Karuta," "Hiyakunin- itsushu," battledore, and shuttlecock, and fly kites.

And they also send cards, which are called "Nenga-jo" to say hello. However, the style of shogatsu has

been changed. Some Japanese enjoy traveling, playing golf and skiing. Some just stay at home. The others, especially those who engage in services such as hotels, department stores, and travel agencies, unfortunately, have to work from January 1st.

Some children are not playing with the old-style toys, but are playing with new ones like personal computers. Especially among the young generation, some buy special dishes instead of cooking by themselves.

"Shogatsu" is influenced by technology and commercialized from this aspect. Though the style of it has been changed, Japanese look forward to it, and enjoy each special day.

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Bulldogs fired up!

by Doug Eckhoff
Staff Writer

"Successful." This is what Bulldog coach Roger Trimmell called the McPherson College men's basketball team's recent trip to Colorado. "The Colorado trip was successful because I saw a lot of good things occur and lots of improvement was also evident. The three days on the road was good for our team unity and it shows," Trimmell said. The Bulldogs' record is 2-1 on the road. The play opened at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. The Dogs played outstanding.

Brian Hill had 26 points, and Mike Rohn had 25. They were the leaders in the 104-99 victory. Doug Clark hit 8 out of 14 field goals and two free throws for 18 points, and Eric Smith added 14.

The next stop on the road was Regis University at Denver. The Dogs fell 79-57. Coach Trimmell felt that the Dogs had recovered well from that loss.

The final game in Colorado against Colorado Baptist put the Dogs' record 2-1. The Bulldogs controlled the boards, out-rebounding their opponent 79-34. The Dogs lifted it 98-93.

After three exciting road games the Dogs returned to open their home season with conference play against Bethel College. The excitement of the road trip was soon overshadowed by the intensity of the Bethel game. Coach Trimmell commented, "I am pleased with the way the team came back from Thanksgiving break. This was a big game, and they were up for it."

In the opening moments of the game, the Dogs seemed over anxious. Mac got into foul trouble early in the game and had to sit a few key players on the bench. The supporting cast of the Bulldog team managed to keep the score within 6 points: it was 38-32, Bethel, at the half.

The Dogs came out fired up and ready to play the second half. With 13:36 to play, Mac took the lead 44-43. The score yo-yoed, and at one point, the Dogs were down by 9.

Eric Smith established himself as the team leader early in the game and maintained the role through out the game. Smith finished the game with 20 points and 16 rebounds.

With 1:20 left in regulation time, Clint Kinnaman hit a three pointer to pull the Dogs within three. The Dogs tightened their defense and allowed the Threshers only one more score. At 45 seconds, the Bulldogs had possession of the ball, and Mike Rohn scored a three pointer. The Dogs were only down 71-70.

When the buzzer rang, the score was tied at 72.

A five minute overtime showed that Bethel wasn't going to lay down and die. They took the lead until there was only 20 seconds left. Mac pulled ahead 80-79. Anthony Franklin went to the line to put away two free throws, clinching the win 82-79.

Trimmell wants to continue to "work on our defense and improve (all aspects of our game.)" Trimmell also expressed appreciation for the fans.

The Bulldogs play three games before Christmas break: Bethany (Dec. 5), Friends (Dec. 9) at Wichita, and Tabor (Dec. 12) in Hillsboro.



Lisa Mick looks to the inside during Lady Red action. Although experiencing some difficulties, the Red are still progressing. They play Friends on Dec. 9 at Wichita and Tabor on Dec. 12 in Hillsboro.
Jack Patino/Spectator

All-conference KCAC

by Jack Sneddon
Staff Writer

Just a few weeks after the football season has finished for the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference, the all-conference teams were announced.

Tom Norman was the only Bulldog player selected for the first team. Norman's solid play at wide receiver won him the spot. On the second team was junior Clint Kinnaman selected for his defensive backfield play. Chuck Holtgraves

was also selected for the second team because of his fine offensive line work.

Receiving honorable mention was linebacker Greg Harris and quarterback Mike Henson. Henson led the KCAC in passing with 1,598 yards on the season.

Volleyball

Tracy Barrett and Tonya Kingery were selected for All-KCAC honors for their contributions during the volleyball season.

Women's BB continues to develop

by Vicki Finkenstadt
Sports Editor

The high point of the Lady Red basketball program is that the junior varsity team, consisting of freshmen and sophomores plus one junior, took it to Bethany College on Saturday afternoon. Christy Allen scored 24 points and Tracy Barrett hit 14. The rest of the team all put numbers on the scoreboard also. Overall, the JV Red played good, aggressive ball.

In the varsity match, the Red seemed to have fallen apart against the strong defense of Bethany. An interesting aspect of the game was that inside players were taking some long shots. The culminating shot was a three pointer by sophomore Ann Nelson in the last seconds of the first half.

The Red have two tough matches left on the road against Friends and Tabor on their home courts.

Lady Red Classic all-tournament selections

Three McPherson College players were named to the all-tournament team of the Lady Red Classic. Seniors Marla Wasson and Dawn Merrifield and freshman Christy Allen, who was the leading scorer of the tournament, were chosen by the coaches. Twelve players were given this distinction.

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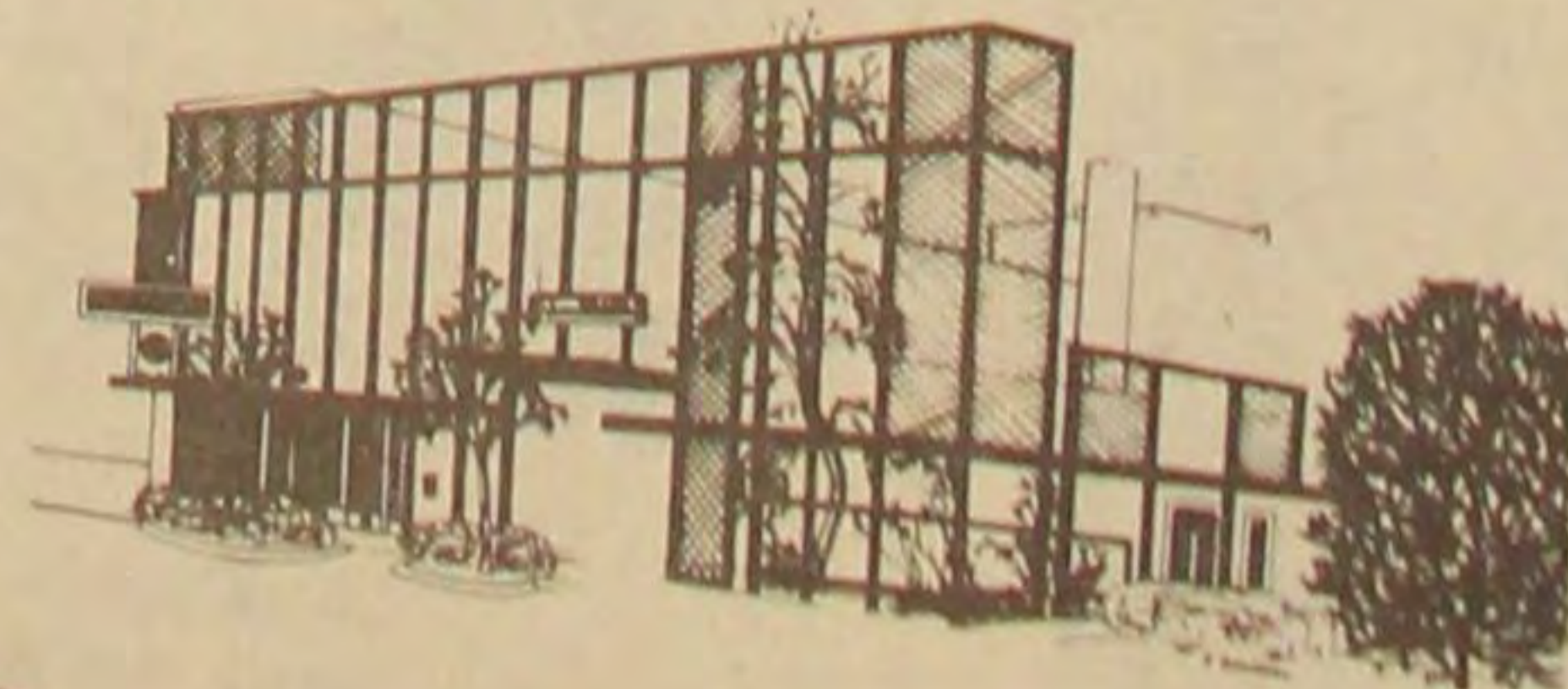
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