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Rick Tyler, Diana Hunn, Eric Johnson, and Lora Coffman (right to left) give their rendition of "Mr. Sandman" during the Alpha Psi Omega main stage dance.

'As Is' confronts AIDS

by Alecia Cobb
 Staff writer

AIDS - how close is it? It is a lot closer than you can imagine. "As Is," a production concerning homosexuality and the disease AIDS, will open at McPherson College on February 25, 1988.

Members of the drama department have "gone out on a limb" this time producing a play which deals with such a controversial and emotional issue. What caused them to choose this play, and how has it affected them?

"We considered several other scripts, but we always returned to 'As Is,'" says Eric Johnson, senior from McPherson. Much research has gone into the production. Both Johnson and Prof. Rick Tyler, assistant professor of speech and theatre, have spent months searching for facts and figures about AIDS and observing the type of lifestyle the characters portray.

"AIDS is a nasty way to die because it breaks down the immune system. This means that a person doesn't actually die from AIDS itself but from different diseases one con-

tracts as a result of the failure of the immune system. A person has no defense against the germs." Johnson explains, "And since this disease has affected the 'rejects' of society (homosexuals and intravenous drug users), it is not getting the attention it deserves."

"As Is" is not meant to be an AIDS education play; rather, it is a play which emphasizes the dignity of human life, especially those who suffer from AIDS. "It points out that gays and AIDS victims are human beings that have friends and family and lead a normal, happy life," Tyler relates. "This production is a sincere attempt to get mainstream America to realize that, even though you may not agree with the lifestyle, these people are human and should be treated as such."

In 1984, 3,000 cases of AIDS were reported. In 1988, there were 50,000 cases reported; and it is projected that in four years, 1992, there will be 270,000 reported cases in the U.S. This means that AIDS is not just a disease that affects the "rejects." It will affect everybody sooner or later.

"We want the community to wake up and realize that this problem will not go away." There were 96

reported cases of AIDS in the state of Kansas.

When asked if they think the McPherson community is ready for this type of play, Tyler replied, "We don't know if they are ready, but we think they should face the fact that gays are real people and that AIDS is a real disease."

Unsure of how the audience will react, the entire production crew cautions that the language could be offensive to some people. "If you don't want to hear the offensive language, then don't come," Tyler suggests.

"This is the most challenging script McPherson College drama department has ever done. It will offend some and challenge others to be more open-minded and caring. I know it really changed my thinking and made me more aware of people and their needs."

"As Is" will show on Feb. 25, 26, 27 and Mar. 3, 4, 5. Dessert will be served at 7:00 p.m. for \$6.00, and the play will begin at 8:00 p.m. Tickets will be students \$1.50 and adults \$3.50. The McPherson College students, faculty, staff and their families are free with their identification.

Researchers' projects vary

by Randy Beeghly
 Staff Writer

For the past few months, several McPherson College students have been hard at work on senior projects. The fields of study include agriculture, chemistry, biology, psychology, theatre, and computer science. Each student has a faculty advisor for their project. Education majors are exempt from the senior project due to the student teaching requirement.

Seven students are working on their senior projects in the natural sciences. David Lehman (senior biology major from Roanoke, Louisiana) is concentrating his efforts on the factors that influence germination in three wild species of sunflowers collected in the McPherson area. His advisors are Dr. John Burkholder and Prof. Al Dutrow.

Who's news on campus

Professor Wayne Conyers, Assistant Professor of Art, has been selected to exhibit two watercolors in the McCook Community College Six-State Competitive Exhibition, February 13-17, 1988. The works will be exhibited at the Wrightstone Fine Arts Gallery. The watercolors are entitled "Mutants Come to Dinner" and "Mutant Construction No. 2." Prof. Conyers will serve as one of eight judges for the Kansas Scholastic Exhibition, sponsored by Scholastic magazine. Over 3,000 works are submitted by Kansas junior high and high school students, reviewed, and 700 will be selected. Prof. Conyers will be judging the three-dimensional art works.

Mr. Herbert Johnson, Media Center Director, has been appointed Coordinator of the 1988 Tri-Conference Media Festival sponsored by the Kansas Association for Educational Communications and Technology, KAECT. The annual competitive event is for instructional/informational media programs designed and produced by students, school media personnel, and others. A panel will judge the media programs on content and organization, technical quality, and general effectiveness.

Sandy Ashbaugh (senior biology major from Van Wert, Ohio) is studying plant regeneration for her project. Her advisor is Dr. Giford Ikenberry. Sandy comments, "A senior project is good research experience. It can help you to decide whether to go into research or not. You experience a lot of unexpected obstacles and frustrations, which is always a part of research."

The project objective for Kelly Schmidt (junior biology major from McPherson, Kansas) is to determine the optimum conditions for the growth of sunflower seedlings, observing the effects of variable light and temperature conditions. He says, "The senior project is a good experience for development of knowledge and self-discipline." Dr. Ikenberry is Schmidt's advisor.

Other students participating in the senior research in natural science are Cindy Aeschbacher (senior from San

Diego, California), Dawn Merrifield (senior from Glendale, Arizona), and Linn Zerger (senior from Kingman, Kansas).

Dr. Burkholder states that these students will continue research through the spring semester and report on the research at the ACCK poster session to be held on the McPherson College campus on Friday, April 29.

Tim Bergin (senior from McPherson, Kansas) is working on his senior project in computer science.

Eric Johnson (senior theatre major from DeKalb, Illinois) has played an important role in the upcoming production "As Is." He selected the script, is involved in the set design and other technical matters, and is playing the lead since the concentration is on acting. Mason Young's senior project included set design for "Same Time, Next Year" and the direction of that production.

There are eight students completing senior projects in psychology with Dr. John Burden. Sandy Eisele (senior from Lincoln, Nebraska) feels that "senior projects are a plus." Her research involves a comparative study of the counselor preferences among high school and college students.

Some of the psychology students were hesitant to talk about their projects because it could bias the data or add more variables into the data.

Other project researchers in psychology are Annette Baker, Jamie Foulke (McPherson, Kansas), Rusty Foushee (Littleton, Colorado), Cindy Griffis (McPherson, Kansas), Carol Mack (Dallas Center, Iowa), Julie Moyer (Hatfield, Pennsylvania), and Doug Wine (Imperial, Nebraska).

StuCo proposal to trustees

From the Student Council
 edited by Vicki Finkenstadt

In a special meeting of the McPherson College Student Council on January 19, 1988, the Council accepted a proposal concerning interdorm visitation privileges. The following is excerpted from the Student Council Interdorm Visitation Hours Proposal.

Last year, in the spring of 1987, a great deal of interest was expressed concerning the interdorm visitation hours of McPherson College. Due to the lack of time involved for the preparation of a proposal (survey etc.), there was no action undertaken.

This year the student council made it a priority to place this issue as one of StuCo's chief objectives. It was not viewed just as just a matter of changing the hours, but rather as a way of gauging the overall environment in the residence halls.

First, an independent commission, composed of mainly psychology majors who are talented at researching, was established to conduct a survey and present a recommendation. Working directly with Dr. Ed Butler, Vice-President for Student Services, and the administration, the commission formulated a proposal which considered the mission of the college, the current environment on campus, and the desired schedule and number of hours.

The survey was composed of two parts. The first part was devoted to current and ideal residence life. The second part sought to establish the student preference for visitation hours. 202 students

responded to the survey which represents 68% of the total resident students.

The survey contained questions about the college mission and residence life, how the college mission contributed to the ideal hall environment, current residence hall policy, and how these factors tied into each other.

Some conclusions drawn from the survey included that the students felt that studying was not the

main purpose of the residence hall, but that social interaction and other principles were more important. Other conclusions were that there is a lack of social interaction in the halls and feelings of campus community. Privacy was also considered. The current policy did not seem to provide for the maturity and responsibility of individuals in relation to the college mission. The commission felt that a great part of the "growing up" process is the sharing of ideas and beliefs. It was found that a majority of the students thought that the current visitation policies did not meet this need.

After discussing the current hours and some proposed new time settings within the survey, the commission determined that the students were ready for some changes in both the number and distribution of hours.

In considering the campus environment, it was found that the social interaction, the campus community, the sharing of new ideas and beliefs, and the development of maturity and responsibility are lacking with the current restrictions in the policy.

The changes that StuCo is proposing are 1) The opening time moved from 1:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. 2) The closing time on weekdays moved from 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. 3) The closing time on Friday and Saturday moved from 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. 4) An honors system to be installed to replace the current sign-in system. 5) The supper hours of 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. open for interdorm visitation.

This amounts to the total hours for visitation being increased from 44 hours to 68 possible hours per week. The individual halls will have the freedom to decide whether to close for an entire day or limit their hours. This provision is in hopes that people will be proud of their halls and have a better attitude for the campus community.

On Monday, Jan. 25, the Residence Life Committee passed the StuCo proposal. On Wednesday, Jan. 27, The Student Services Committee of the Administration approved the proposal with two recommendations: 1) There is concern over the later closing time because of the issue of quiet hours and consideration due to students who prefer to retire early. 2) The proposal should not be reviewed again until the 1992-93 school year. On Saturday, Feb. 6, the StuCo proposal was presented as an informational item to the Student Services Committee of the Trustees by the administration.

The StuCo proposal will be acted upon in the March 3 and 4 meetings of the Trustees. If approved, then the Residence Life staff will begin implementation of the new policy in the spring.

Student Council plans for budgets, elections

by Carol Mack
 StuCo secretary

On Feb. 4, the McPherson College Student Council gathered for the first session of the second semester. The first item of business had to do with the issue of spring budgets. Each club was provided with a form for completing their monetary requirements. Budgets are due today, Feb. 15, before midnight.

They will be reviewed by the executive committee and brought before StuCo for approval on Feb. 18.

It was brought to the members' attention that StuCo elections are scheduled for the first week of March. Petitions are available in the Student Union or from Carol Mack. There are twenty-three different positions open, and everyone is encouraged to fill out a petition and take advantage of the opportunity to become involved with student government.

With the start of the new semester, the meeting time was reviewed again in order to determine if there were too many conflicts with members' schedules. Thursday evenings at 9:00 p.m. still seemed to be the best option; therefore, the regular meeting time remains unchanged.

Before the meeting concluded, members were asked to submit some ideas for the utilization of the StuCo escrow account. *EDITOR'S NOTE: The StuCo escrow account was set up by the 1986-87 student council because the student activity fee was increased without the recommendation by or approval of StuCo.* The last item of business was the appointment of six members to serve on the Outstanding Service Award committee.

The council again met on Feb. 11. A report was made on the budgets by the treasurer, Gail Vacura. The escrow account ideas were narrowed down to four and member's were appointed to study each and report to StuCo at the next meeting.

Dear McPherson College students:

This letter is to inform you of the many activities we have planned for second semester. Because there is much to do, SAB wants to encourage your help! We will hold our weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union basement. Let's work on recruiting students. The more help the better!

2ND SEMESTER ACTIVITIES

- Fri., Feb. 5 Bowling at Starlite Lane
 11:15 p.m. - 1:15 a.m.
 free admission
 \$1 shoe rental
- Sat., Feb. 6 Red & White Day -- support the basketball team
- Feb. 8 - 13 SPIRIT WEEK:
 Mon., 8th - Pajama Day
 Tue., 9th - Hug a Bulldog Day
 Wed., 10th - Dress-up Day
 Thu., 11th - Bulldog-Grams (Valentine Telegrams)
 Fri., 12th - Movie: "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" 8:00 pm (Brown)
 Sat., 13th - Valentine's Dance
 10 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
 semi-formal
 free admission
- Fri., Feb. 26 movie: "Dial 'M' for Murder" 7 p.m.
 Miller Library Rm 101
- Fri., Mar. 25 movie: "Indiana Jones" 7 p.m.
 Miller Library Rm 101
- Fri., Apr. 8 Hawaiian Dance (Big Spring Bash!)
- Apr., 11 - 16 SADIE HAWKINS WEEK in conjunction with Dotzour Dorm
 Mon. 11th - ?
 Tue. 12th - ?
 Wed. 13th - Funcycles
 Thu. 14th - ?
 Fri. 15th - movie: "Top Gun" 7 pm (Miller Library)
 Sat. 16th - Dance 10 p.m. - 1 a.m.

- Fri., Apr. 29th - movie: "No Way Out" 7pm Brown Auditorium
- Fri., May 13th - movie: "3 Men and a Baby" 7pm Brown Auditorium

These activities are just the beginning of a FUN semester. Please don't forget to come to our meetings. If you can't make them, let Anne know so that she can still keep you informed of upcoming activities. THANKS!

SAB Officers: Anne Kletchka - Chairman
 Dawn Culbertson - Secretary
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 Steph Burkholder - Publicity

Be kind, and rewind

Lisa Pierce
guest writer

There comes a point in the growth and maturity of an individual where he must teach himself to overlook his preferences for the greater good of the cosmos. All too often, however, this natural step in evolution of the individual being is overstepped. Is it possible that his upset in the change of development is causing the occurrence of universal entropy? I say, "Yes!". The implications of such an argument are great. If accepted at full value, the argument suggests that we, as cosmic citizens, must overcome any habit which could be a detriment to our universe. One such habit is clearly that of placing toilet paper on support apparatus such that the free end of the toilet paper drapes over the top of the roll. That is, to say, using the "over method" of toilet paper placement.

In an effort to stop the degradation of order in our universe, I suggest that we band together to promote the use of the opposite method, the "under method", where the free end of the toilet paper falls behind the roll. There is a significant amount of support for this method of toilet paper placement, including an increase in leverage and a quicker availability of the product. The most prominent argument in support of the "under method" however, involves physical laws.

For in our universe, every action has an equal, but opposite reaction. The "over method" is an equal, but not opposite, reaction to the way objects are rolled in this world. Humans almost exclusively roll objects by bending the end of the object closest to them over itself, toward the other end. This is the manner in which firefighters roll firehose, drug dealers roll "joints", newspaper boys roll newspapers, and countless other human beings execute the action of rolling.

The "under method" is an equal and opposite reaction to this natural action; it satisfies the law.

By tolerating the use of the "over method" we are tolerating in our world, the default of humans on a universal law. In order to preserve the order in our universe for the use of our children, grandchildren, and

other descendants, we must stand now in strong opposition to the perversion of our standards. We must assure the future of our universe by supporting and promoting the "under method" of toilet paper placement.

THE VELCRO PRESIDENT



Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:
I am writing this letter to inform the students, faculty, and staff about a group which has, is, and will be sponsoring activities throughout the 1987-88 school year. The group which I am representing is commonly referred to as SAB. SAB is formally known as the Students Activities Board. The Students Activities Board is responsible for planning activities in order to provide entertainment for the students at McPherson College.

After expressing my concern to Dr. Goldsmith about the lack of activities and student involvement at the college, I became involved with SAB at the beginning of the 1987-88 school year. Coming from a high school of 2,000 I was not prepared for the lack of enthusiasm and responsibility exhibited by, not only students, but also some faculty. I joined SAB in hopes of improving campus life.

SAB functions on a budget consisting of money given by Student Council. In past years SAB has always gone into debt even though they were allocated a larger amount of money than most clubs. Hence, several goals of SAB this year were to work with a smaller budget, stay out of debt, yet at the same time, provide a variety of activities. I am proud to report that we have done just this.

First semester SAB was responsible for the successful Homecoming week by providing daily activities consisting of the Miss Bulldog USA pageant (attendance 90), Powder Puff football (attendance 75, participants 80), Mad Mac's Olympics (attendance 60, participants 40), and the Homecoming dance (attendance 200). Also sponsored by SAB was an airband contest and monthly VCR

movie nights. Halloween weekend consisted of the movie "Jagged Edge" (attendance 150). Halloween night SAB co-sponsored a costume dance with Dotzour Dorm (attendance 175).

Interterm activities consisted of a 50's dance (attendance 150) and a VCR movie sub night (attendance 55). Activities during interterm were limited simply because of lack of help. At that time, SAB consisted of only four members who sacrificed

endless hours of planning, setting up, striking, etc.

Yes, lack of help is what SAB experienced. First semester SAB members became frustrated and angry at the fact that the college wanted activities yet no one was willing to contribute to the carrying out of such activities. Notices were sent to students and faculty through the mail expressing our need for help and our desire to have new members. These notices were sent out at the beginning of December. We received no response. Not one new student, or faculty member came to our meetings or expressed any interest in helping. Because of this lack of interest, SAB members felt no desire to provide campus activities. However, we did continue to do so, even though we were disgusted with many people.

Recently a comment came back to me that stated that SAB is "lazy and all we do is sit on our butts". I would like to challenge that comment by stating that the members of SAB are not the ones who are lazy. Instead, the Mac students and faculty who complain that there is never anything to do, yet aren't willing to get involved are the ones who are lazy. I

am tired of hearing people complain. I admit that I too once complained; however, I got involved. So did the other members of SAB. If anyone has a right to complain it is the members of the Student Activities Board. SAB exists in order to please the students, but four students can not even begin to carry out such a task.

Second semester SAB has many planned activities. I challenge students and faculty to attend our weekly meeting to help organize and carry out these and other activities. Until this done, I see absolutely no reason for anyone to complain about SAB. I would like to stress that SAB welcomes criticism, but only if it is brought to us first and not by word-of-mouth.

SAB meets Wednesdays at 1:30 in the SU basement. In reality, SAB should have a total of 13 required members, but this has been neglected in past years. It is time for a change. SAB requests the help of MAC college by having all clubs and dorms elect a representative who can attend meetings and offer assistance. Faculty is also encouraged to take apart in SAB. SAB's interaction with clubs, dorms and faculty would increase the amount of people involved with planning and carrying out projects. As a result, SAB members would be more energetic knowing that responsibilities did not rest on just three or four people. By working together I believe we can increase student and faculty responsibility and enthusiasm. But this can only be done if we all agree to "get off our butts" and do something about it.

Anne Kletchka

To play or not

Cindy Trimber
Editorial Editor

Music through the ages has always evoked emotion and feeling. Patriotic songs such as "God Bless the USA" and the "Stars and Stripes Forever" were written to evoke the emotions of national pride and honor. And who better to play songs of national pride and honor than a military band?

Recently however, the Strategic Air Command Band was denied the right to play patriotic songs, as well as classical music and big band music at Bethel College in Newton, Kansas.

Student protestors from the college, a small Christian liberal arts school saw the band as a tool for military recruitment and that the purpose of such a band is only to blur the true function of the military-to-kill. Some students regarded the band as a typical American self-denial, a way to make people feel good about the role of the military in society.

The concert was moved and the musicians played to a near capacity crowd at a local high school.

Unfortunately, too much emphasis was put on the "military" band. What makes a military band any worse than star-wars advocate Robert Teller speaking in the interest of meaningful intellectual dialogue on the campus during the previous fall? Surely a band, even a military band is capable of playing in the interest of meaningful intellectual music.

Just as star wars has the ability and potential to kill, so to the military has that ability and power.

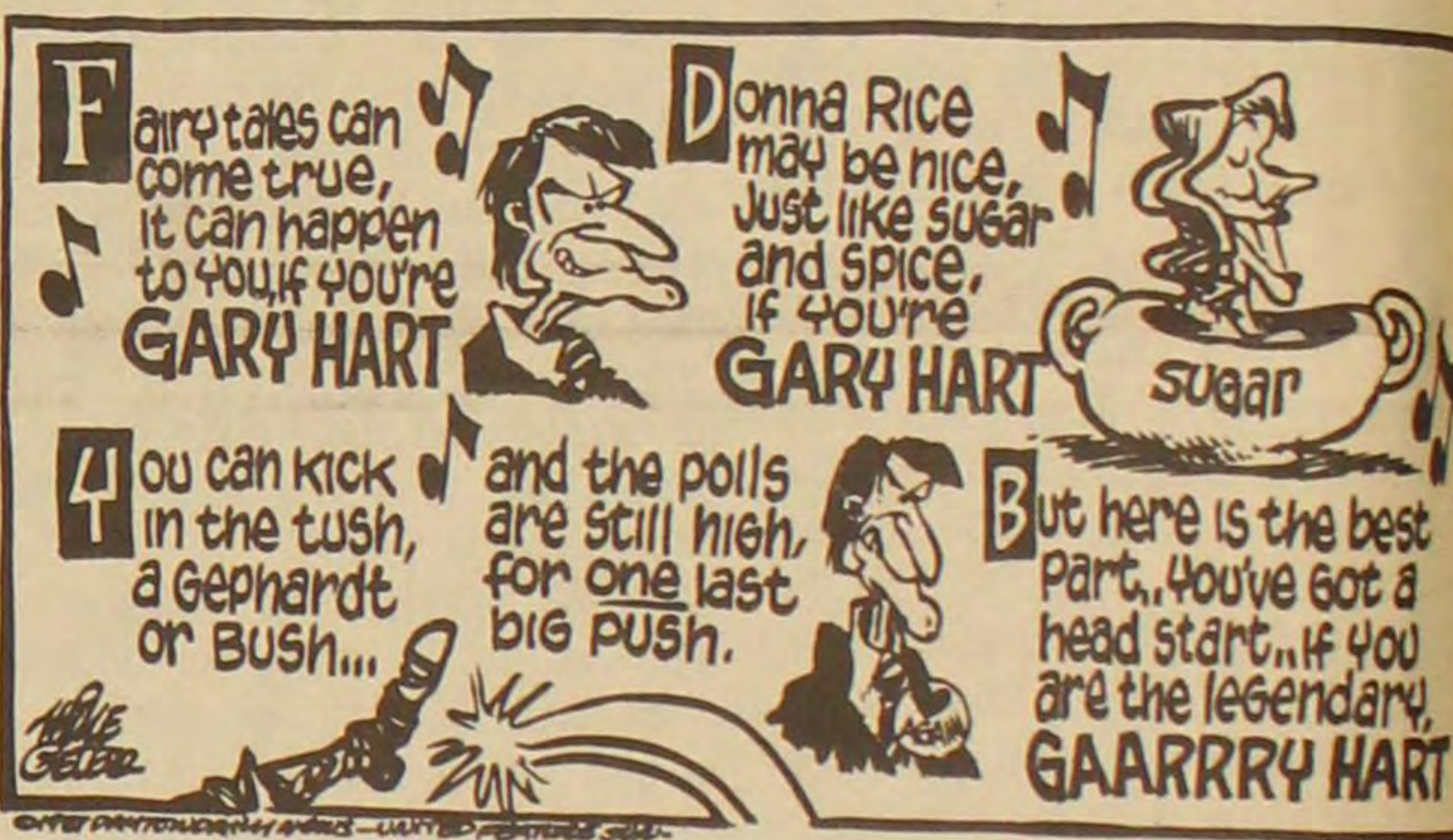
But it is not the gun, book, pair of glasses, bomb, chewing gum, sheet music or any other inanimate object that can be lethal on its own free will. It is how the inanimate object is used that determine if it will be used for a good or bad cause. John Phillips Sousa was not thinking of killing people when he wrote some of the most fascinating lyrics for piccolo in the "Stars and Stripes Forever".

Bethel College sees itself as committed to the peace position rather than a military position. Yet the college didn't even try to see that perhaps the musicians in the band were also committed to the peace ideal, but still wanted to serve their country. Members of military bands are there specifically for the purpose of playing music, they are not trained combat soldiers.

Granted, the military does have a bad rap. When most people think of the military, visions of Ronald Reagan, huge defense budgets and nuclear arms dance through their heads. But by supporting bands, the military is trying to show that it supports peaceful endeavors.

Military bands are some of the finest around. Competition is very stiff for the few positions. A lot of effort, time and money is required to put together an ensemble of that quality.

And yes, the bands probably hide some of the less beautiful aspects of the military. But then again, doesn't Bethel College show only the best parts of the campus life when trying to recruit new freshmen?



What the candidates really won

David Clayton
Staff Writer

The Iowa caucuses are over, and though the press may seem surprised at some of the results, there is nothing astonishing about three Midwesterners and a preacher winning the top two spots in both the Democratic and Republican polls in the usually quiet Midwestern state of Iowa. There were some points to ponder, however, and these points are best served through a series of awards.

The "Tricky Dicky II" award most certainly goes to Representative Richard Gephardt of Missouri who, though in debates contradicted some of his past congressional votes, still managed to bring home top honors among the Democrats. He dismissed the conflicts as something along the lines of growing pains, and Iowans seemed to accept this reasoning. Gephardt received over 31 percent of the vote, thanks in large part to the work of an enormous corps of volunteers humorously dubbed "Gep's Reps," not to be outdone by Senator Robert Dole's band of mercenaries, 900 strong, entitled "Dole's Sunflower Army." Dole won on the Republican side.

The "Hey, Have You Seen Jimmy Hoffa?" award is bestowed upon Vice President and former head of the CIA George Bush who, in his effort to establish himself as a tough guy, went just a bit too far. No, it wasn't his oral fisticuffs with Dan Rafter. Nor was it when he grabbed a poster away from a young girl demonstrating against him earlier in his campaigning. George, you should have gone a little easier on the Doles. The guy has a crippled hand from fighting for his country, not to mention that he is head of your party in the Senate. You must have forgot

that Elizabeth was Secretary of Transportation in The Big Guy's administration. And to top it off, they're neighbors of Iowa. George, your third place finish behind Dole and Pat Robertson can be summed up in four words- "What were you thinking?"

The "Thanks For Making Some Sense of This" award goes to Sen. Albert Gore Jr. of Tennessee who, realizing that Iowa only had 58 democratic delegates to offer, decided to stay away. Senator Gore

thought his time and money would be better spent preparing for Super Tuesday on March 8, the day that 1400 delegates will be decided in Southern and border states. Thanks, Al.

Of course, Gary Hart could not be excluded from any not-so-serious awards presentation. This is the man who must have been not-so-serious when he told those Miami Herald reporters to follow him if they had any questions about his moral conduct. To Hart goes the "No More Monkey Business" award. Had Hart either stayed in the race, or out of it, questions would not have again been raised about his integrity. When Gary Hart withdrew and subsequently re-entered, those nasty questions again surfaced when it was learned that he would be eligible for more federal assistance in paying back his campaign debts, some of which still lingered from 1984. Hart said he re-entered to "let the people decide." He received less than 1 percent of the Iowan vote.

The "So Cute You Just Want to Cuddle Him" award goes, of course, to Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois. Go beyond the ears and the bow tie and you've got a man who spoke to the

Iowan's hearts, an old-time democrat who writes his own speeches, collecting the educated as well as the suffering vote. Early strong support would have been beneficial, but it was no boon when he won endorsement from the Des Moines Register, probably the most influential newspaper in Iowa.

The "Which Came First, the Chicken or the Egg?" award goes to the American Press, which consistently muddled the question whether the Iowa caucuses are in and of themselves important in the nomination process, or if the analyses of the press make them so. Though we're all drawn to root for the underdog at times, most people won't wholeheartedly back a loser. The day after the Iowa caucuses, when influential press people told us how damaging the results were to Bush, Dukakis, or Gore, those candidates' support from marginal backers inevitably suffered. The most beloved ideal of a democracy is having one's voice count, yet if Hart continues into New Hampshire, how many "voices for Hart" will still support him now that the press has deemed his candidacy, and therefore their vote, obsolete? Thanks for the coverage, but Iowa is one of many. Iowa's choices should count as just that, the voice of one state, rather than a measly ring point for the press to determine a candidates viability.

The "Play it Again, Sam, but to a Different Beat" award goes to the Iowa caucuses themselves, which didn't determine which Republican candidate would receive the support of one single Iowa delegate at the national convention. On the democratic side, the process is car-

ried out as such. A group of Democrats filter into a building. Then to show support for a particular candidate, they stand in a designated area. If a group in support of any particular candidate totals less than 15 percent of the total number of "voters" in the building, then that group must either disband and join other candidates' groups, convince enough people from another section of the room to walk over and join their group, or compromise with another group of insufficient numbers. Add it up. Fifteen percent to be viable, multiplied by seven candidates, plus the uncommitted vote, generally leaves two of the candidates out of the running in each precinct. It seems un-American that one's vote not count unless 15 of every 100 people feel the same way, yet it is an auspicious beginning to an election in which the nation will be hard pressed to get 60 percent of her eligible citizenry out to vote on who will be the most powerful man in the West.

Finally, and most noticeably, to Jesse Jackson, branded by some in the press as unelectable, goes the "Put an 'S' on His Chest and Please, oh Please, Let Him Fly" award. Jesse decided long ago that even if he wasn't elected, he was going to stand for something. Here are the numbers. In Iowa, whose population is 1 percent black, 2 percent of democratic caucus goers were black. Jackson received about 7 percent of the vote. What Jesse Jackson stands for is giving a voice to those who all too often have none, as well as the whites who saw past the color of the man's skin, and chose the man for the man.

And that, my friends, is what America, and life, are all about.

Need some support?

Hey, what are doing next Tuesday about 7:00p.m.? Wanna meet some new people? Wanna hear some interesting, sometimes weird views on life? Why not try Oasis? It sure can't hurt. It only takes an hour, or as long as you want to stay; 15 min., 45 min., even two hours if you want.



Ray Minchew
Guest Writer

I know, "what's Oasis?" Well, it's a group of Christians (oops, there's the "C" word!) who meet every week and have a talk. It's entirely non-denominational, welcoming-Buddhists, Catholics, Brethren and even atheists, all with open arms and hearts. What do they talk about?

Oasis was started by some young women whose names I won't mention for fear of doing someone an injustice. It was started to create a group whose main purpose is simply to be Christians ("C" word again!). You don't have to be a Christian to come and see what it's about. If you ask me, it's also a group of helpers. They've certainly helped me.

Why not try Oasis? It can only help, and you don't have to say a thing. Give them a try. In the words of the immortal Shakespeare: "The day may no be up so soon as I...to be the fair adventure of tomorrow".

Anything. They pick a topic and build from it. They talk about God, college and frequently counsel people with nagging problems. The best thing about Oasis, though, is that it based mostly on listening. They want to hear your views. "Cool, huh? It is hard to find people who listens these days.

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COS students happy at MAC

By Jack Patino
Feature Editor

Last year, a guy by the name of Bader came to school at McPherson College. He and his friend Bobby Holland became good friends with a number of students on campus, were heavily into sports, and were even yell leaders. Despite Holland staying, Bader decided to return back to California to finish his schooling. Little did he know that his departure meant a whole new squad of old schoolmates were soon to take his place.

Both Bader and Holland went to a junior college out in California called the College of the Sequoias--COS for short. With the help of these two's lists of friends back home and the phonecalls of football coach Dan Thiessen, a huge crop was coming in. In the end, MAC collected 10 new students/athletes--all from one school.

It would seem weird to go out to a college in the middle of Kansas, in a place that you have never heard of, and still find a multitude of friends. Well, that's the way it is with the COS guys, one never feels alone because there is always an old schoolmate around the corner somewhere. Coming from COS are Holland, Jack Patino, Mike Henson, Bill Charette, Stan Felton, Tom Norman, Jeff Hulsey, Mark Brown, Karl Roth, and Mark Ashworth. All played on the football team, except Patino (cross country), who will be joining Charette and Norman in track.

(Before going any farther, I would like to welcome Hulsey's new wife and son, Jenny and Ben, to McPherson and MAC college.)

At first, these guys liked it here, but as time went by, they found their share of prejudices.

"The teachers and the students are prejudiced against us California guys, because all they think we do is party everyday," Felton said. "We do sleep sometimes."

Norman noted another instance when he and a COS teammate went downtown to get a haircut. They entered the quaint little place and began being talkative with the barber. To them, they were trying to break the ice, but not to the barber--he called Thiessen to get the two out of his shop.

"It's pretty bad when you drive down the road with California plates on, and you suddenly find a cop following you for awhile," Felton added.

Charette voiced a different opinion, though.

"The McPherson people are nicer and more honest than the people in California," Charette said. "Over here, a guy will park his car with the engine running, go inside to buy whatever, and he won't get his car stolen. In California, it's stolen."

But there's a flipside to the story. "There are spies all over," Charette said. "In the first semester, we were accused of having shindigs at our place every night. There were people in town who called in to coach Thiessen whenever they suspicious of us."

But while time went by, things eased up. Felton took to letter writing.

"So far, I've sent two letters to President Reagan; one to just bull, and the other to invite him to a toga party we had a while back," he said.

But it doesn't stop there. They called up Ms. Kansas on the phone during a live tv interview to invite her to the same toga party that the Reagans were invited to; they wanted to make Alex Haley a home-

cooked meal, but weren't able to ask first; and asked Senator Nancy Kassebaum to stop by their place the next time she passes through McPherson.

If that's not trying to fit into the Kansas frame of life, I don't know what is.

But there are a few things that they wished they could change, to bring the spirit they had at COS to McPherson.

"We are getting the same education as we were at COS," Felton said, "but there's no social life here. Everyone's too uptight; they ought to loosen up their morality a bit."

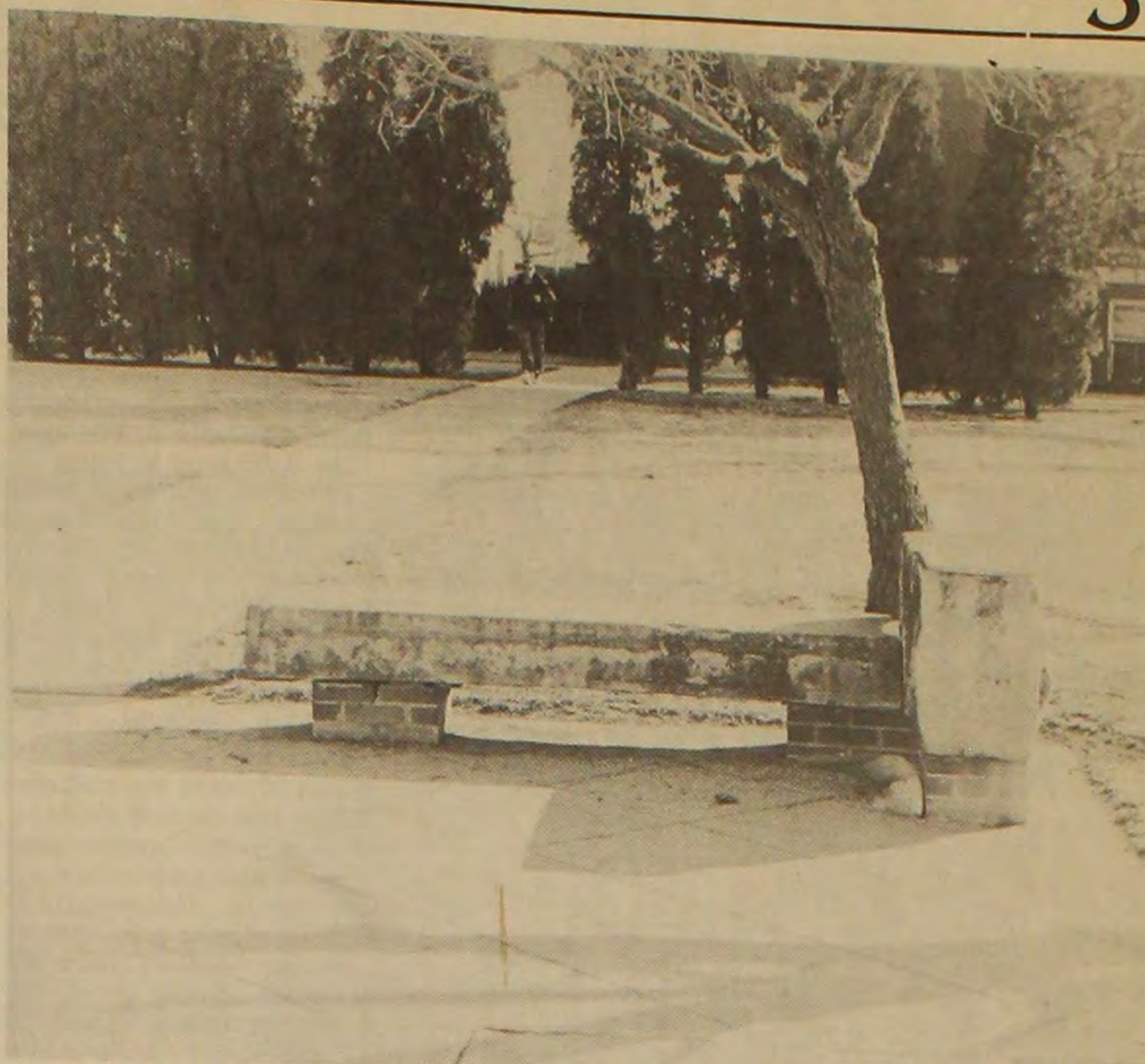
"We need more team spirit," Norman said. "We had a team rally for the football team, and hardly anyone showed up."

"I think that we need a better-run student government," former COS Associated Student Body president Charette said. "I haven't been to any of their student government meetings yet, but from what I've seen so far, what they do doesn't seem to have to do anything with the student council."

"The students don't know what's going on," he added. "At COS, I made it my job to let everyone know just what was going on."

But despite all the changes, the team spirit within the COS guys still prevails. But what will happen next year? Will they all disappear? Nope, because there are four new COS guys coming in to play football and run track. They are Untalan McNair, James Dudley, Kevin Sharton, and Terry Broughton.

Those names don't sound familiar now, but when they get here, you'll know them easily. Just say "COS stinks!", and some heads will turn--well, at least 14 will.



It's hard to believe, but all the guys from the college of the Sequoias in Visalia, CA, were gathered together for a photo. Not pictured, Mark Ashworth, Bill Charette, Stan Felton, Mike Hen-

son, Bobby Holland, Jeff Hulsey, Tom Norman and Karl Roth.) Yes, it's hard to believe such a good, updated photo like this exists, isn't it?

Memories of interterm trips

With the new semester classes starting and as routines start to form, a few students on this campus will probably be thinking of their unroutine interterm.

Three classes were offered in January with trips included. Students headed to the Southwest United States for desert biology, some went to New York City and Washington DC for business and political science and others went to Europe for industrial arts and religion.

The desert biology folks spent most of their time at the Boyce Thompson Southwest Arboretum in Arizona studying what organisms were found there and the special survival tactics which make these plants and animals unique from other species.

The students enjoyed 60-70 degree temperatures as they studied the deserts, many birds like cardinals, hawks, vultures and a few coyotes were among the wildlife they saw. Unfortunately for Jim Dechand, it was the wrong time of year for tarantulas. They also saw shguro cactus, the very tall typical western movie cactus.

One spectacular sight they saw was the Whitesands, with a dark blue background of an incoming storm front.

Other entertainment on the trip included scorpion hunting, Carlsbad Caverns, Oregon Pipe National

Monument, a trip across the Mexican border and the Tucson mall. When they weren't sleeping under the stars are studying cacti, the students dedicated a lot of time to journals and projects. Perhaps the only drawback to the trip was the 3,800 miles in van.

New York City was the first stop for the business and political science class. While the business students enjoyed their appointments on Wall Street, the New York Stock Exchange, the World Trade Center and Bloomingdales, the political science people took of for the United Nations buildings and the New York City Court buildings. Tourist attractions included the Empire State Building, NBC studio tour, Hard Rock Cafe and the Statue of Liberty. "It was neat on the outside" Jeff White said of the Statue but kind of disappointing on the inside, the top of the crown had only a few small windows to look out of.

The political science students left N. Y. a day early to visit historical Philadelphia. Points of interest included Carpenter's Hall, Independence Hall, Franklin Court and the Liberty Bell.

In D.C. students had appointments at the White House, the State Department, Bureau of Printing and Engraving, and the galleries of the Senate and House of Representatives in the Capitol building. While no one

saw President Reagan, some claimed to have seen Sylvester Stallone in the National Gallery of Art.

A few lucky students were able to go Switzerland and West Germany for studies on Brethren Religion history and some of the allied crafts of industrial arts. Highlights of this trip included seeing the house where Alexander Mack might have lived in Scharzenau, many cathedrals, government buildings and a carpet factory, where it was learned that the carpet needs to be changed on airlines every two years.

Where as the desert biology students occasionally slept under the stars, and the New Yorkers slept in a hotel off Broadway, the Europe students stayed with different host families and a youth hostel. "It was a different experience staying in the hostel," said Diana Suitter "you looked around and you saw people from the Middle East and Saudia Arabia, and you felt American".

The students adopted a new diet of bread and cheese for their stay in Europe. Coffee was another popular item and meals could last up to three hours. The last highlight for the Europe group was getting to spend the night in an actual castle complete with a moat.

All in all for everyone involved in one of the trips, it was a time of change, discovery and fun.



With proof that things can actually reproduce and grow in Bittering Hall, proud mother Cindy Trimmer shows off the newest addition of her hamster family.

"Malcolm-X," profiling in the unicorn slipper, is the only offspring of Trimmer's two hamsters, Faydia and Wilamena.

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Bulldogs control second place

by Paul Bishoff
Sports Editor

There is a rising excitement on the McPherson College campus. It is referred to in several different terms. Some call it "ball" or "hoop" but most simply talk about it as "The Game".

The Bulldogs of McPherson are currently, as of the 11th of this month, in sole possession of second place in the KCAC league. Presently McPherson is 9-4 in conference games. Friends University is presently in sole possession of first place in the KCAC with a 10-2 record.

Basically, the picture that is painted is this. McPherson needs to win it's remaining five conference games to be assured a spot in the district ten playoffs. The top two teams in the league are guaranteed a spot in the playoffs. Theoretically, if Friends were to lose three conference games and McPherson was to win their five remaining games, McPherson would gain sole possession of first place.

Doug Clark, the six foot five inch sophomore forward was quick to assure me that the team is most certainly capable of obtaining the goal. Doug felt that "the players need to get the offense moving". He stated that "at this stage in the game, concentration is the key". Mike Rohn, the five foot eight inch junior guard stated, "we need to take our time when shooting. I think sometimes we may shoot too quick".

McPherson has five conference games remaining on it's schedule. Sterling, Ottawa, St. Marys, Southwestern, and Bethel. Three of these games will be played at home. Both Mike and Doug stated, "we just to want the fans to know that it has really helped having our fans at the games. We appreciate the support and hope to see everyone at the game".



Brian Hill drives hard to the hole. The Bulldogs beat the tough conference rivals, Tabor College, in an overtime game. Presently the bulldogs are

in sole possession of second place in the conference.



April Sacha launches the ball at the basket in the Lady Red's game against Tabor. The girls lost the game in overtime.

Ladies continue to struggle

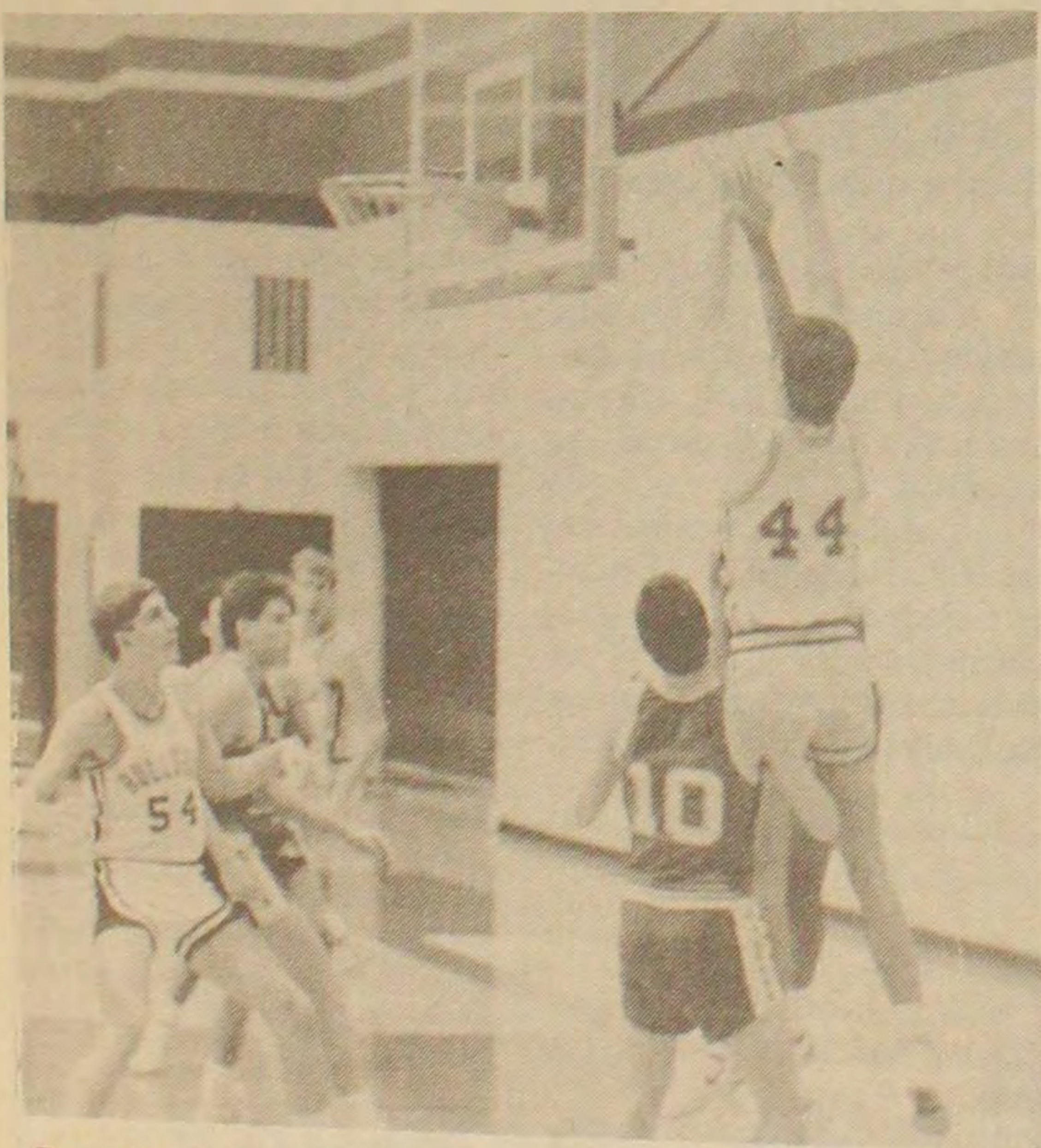
by Simonne Duranleau
Staff Writer

The 1987-88 Lady Red Basketball team has had a difficult season. Plagued by injuries such as stress fractures of the ankle, torn ligaments, shin splints and sprained ankles, the number of team members has been reduced from 18 at the beginning of the year to 10 at the present time.

In questioning Coach Geissert on why the team was having a difficult season, she responded "the team is still having difficulties working the

offense and we are still struggling for consistency." When asked about some of the bright spots of the season she responded, "the young players on the team are getting some good playing time and the team has yet to quit."

Christy Allen leads the Lady Red with 82 field goals made. Allen also leads the team with 44 freethrows made. The Lady Red are 3-17 on the season with a 1-12 conference record.



Barry Carr, closely guarded by a defender, aims the ball for the basket with a high jump shot.

IBA is still going strong

by Paul Bishoff
Sports Editor

IBA, short for the Intramural Basketball Association, has been the hot item on campus lately for the members of the teams of the association. The league consists of seven teams, each maintaining a roster of approximately ten players.

The games are played at seven, eight, and nine o'clock on Thursday nights and Sunday nights. The league began during interterm and has continued on into the spring semester. A key point to note is that the IBA has decided to extend the length of it's playing season due to the amount of interest that has been displayed. New teams will be formed from new students, transfers, and anyone that wishes to become a member of the IBA.

As a refresher for the old members and as a guideline for the new players, a list of the rules is included in this article.

1. Each team is allowed two timeouts each half.

2. Each half consists of twenty minutes with the clock running continuously except for the last three minutes of the last half when it will be stopped.

3. "T's" will be given for any misconduct and/or foul language.

T#1 Player will sit out the rest of the half.

T#2 Player will sit out the half being played and the half to follow.

T#3 Player will sit out the rest of that game and all of the following game.

T#4 Player will be ejected from the IBA.

One of the problems has been the referee's that are overseeing the games. It seems that some players are, in their opinion, wrongfully charged with fouls while other, more blatant fouls, go seemingly unobserved. Joe "Air Joemann" Mclean stated "that he felt the IBA should install a third referee in order that the game would be judged in a more efficient and fair manner. He felt that the third referee would allow the fouls, that so often go unnoticed, opportunity to be noticed and called".

Track team makes a name for itself

by Matt Scoggins
Staff Writer

The indoor track season is a low key time of year for the tracksters at

McPherson College according to coach Dan Hoffman, but after competing in several meets already this year, the indoor runners have proven

to be anything but low key. The idea of indoor season is to keep things easy going and to use the time as sort of a tuning up period for the outdoor track season.

However, the runners have not only done some tuning up during the winter season but have taken advantage of the opportunities presented to show off their hard work by finishing strong in the meets that they have participated in. If the indoor season is any indication of what is to come, watch out for the runners when it comes time for the outdoor season.

The Track team has been involved in several meets already this season, including two meets at Fort Hayes, one at Doane College, and a meet at the University of Kansas. The Bulldogs have been represented well in each of these meets.

The mile relay team is made up of David Byrd, William Harris, Jesse Martin, and Brent Webster. The team has done well with several top finishes, including a first place at Fort Hayes. In the individual events, Harris has led the team in hurdles with many high placed finishes. Harris was also quick enough to qualify for the prestigious K.U. meet, earning the right to compete with some of the larger university competitors.

In the 300 yard dash, Martin has had tremendous success, including a second place finish at the Fort Hayes meet. Martin also holds two first place finishes along with a qualifying time that met the standard for the K.U. meet.

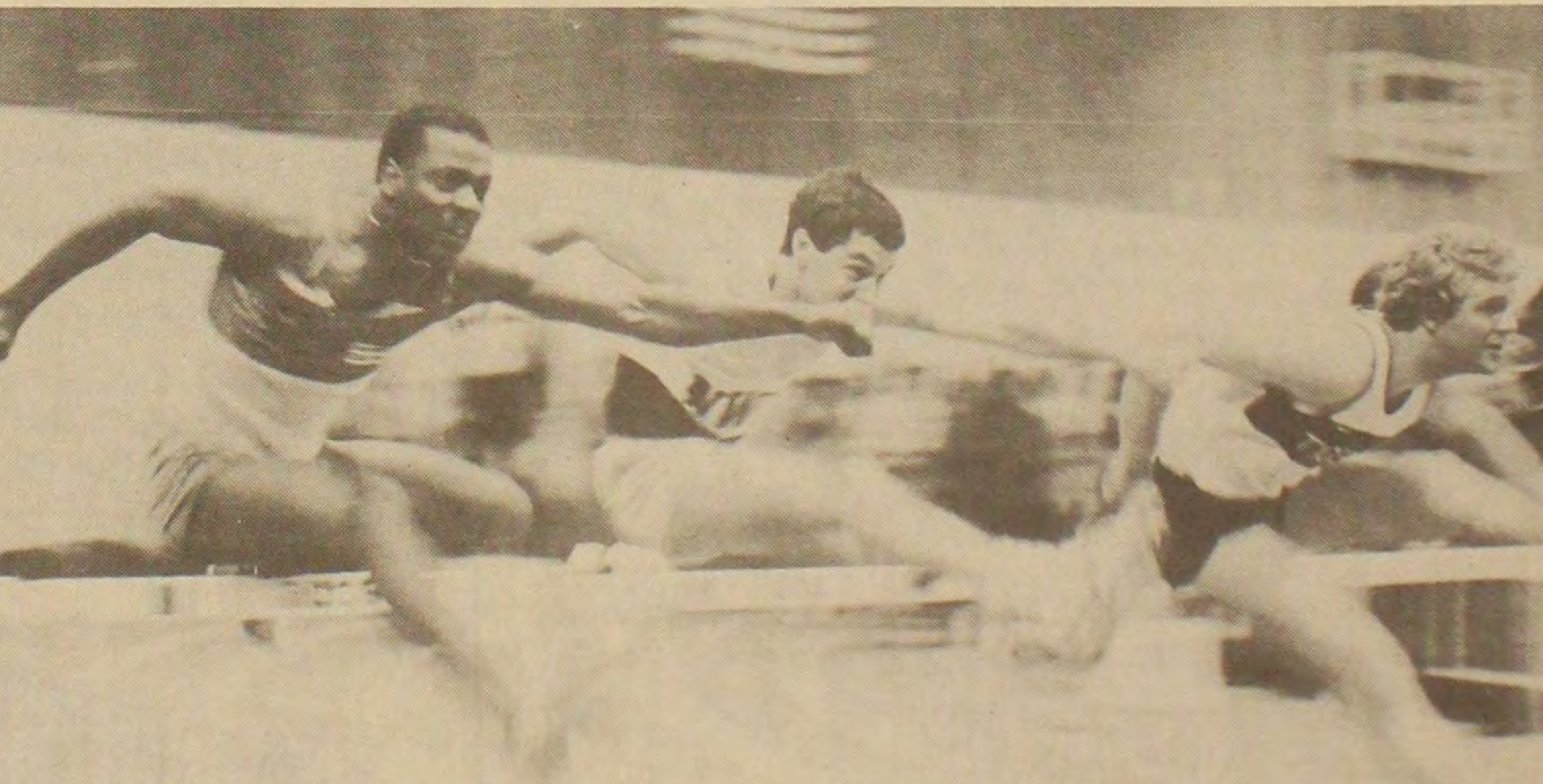
Webster, along with being a member of the mile relay team, has done very well in several events including the 400 yard dash.

Jack Patino has carried on his winning way from cross country with several strong finishes. He placed 4th in the Alex Francis Invitational at Fort Hayes. He ran the two mile event in ten minutes and fourteen seconds, which is his personal record for the indoor event.

Bill Charette, Doug Wine, Mindy Miller, and Lisa Pierce have all done very well at the weight events. Bill and Doug both brought home plaques from the Alex Francis Invitational.

The indoor season is quickly drawing to a close with only a few meets left. These include, Oklahoma City Districts, and Nationals.

Results from the meet at K.U. Saturday have not yet been made available.



William Harris, a member of the mile relay team, is shown here leading the McPherson

tracksters in the hurdle event. Harris was able to qualify for the K.U. meet.

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