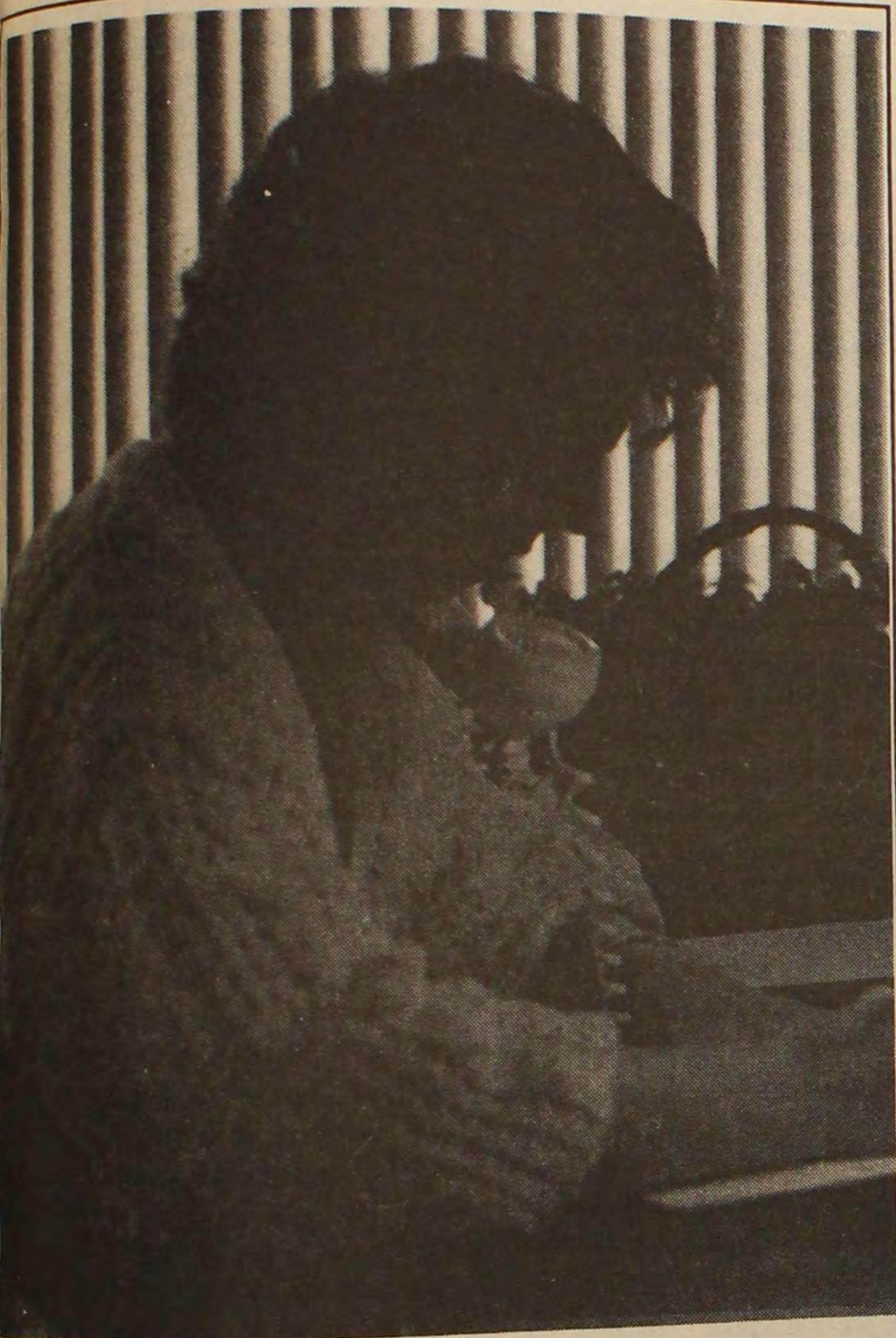


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Anne Kletchka/Spectator

Cindy Kinnamon on the phone with a potential recruit.

Kinnamon promoted

Lisa Lauver/Spectator

Recently the position of assistant director of admissions was filled by Cindy Dell Kinnamon. The position has been vacant since LaMonte Rothrock left two years ago.

Kinnamon has been with McPherson College for six years. Her previous position was admissions counselor, where she worked at recruiting new students to Mac.

Fred Schmidt, director of admissions, feels that Cindy has made a lot of contributions in the past and is ready for the new responsibility and challenges of being assistant director of admissions.

Schmidt said, "Her positive attitude and willingness to do things beyond the call of duty have been consistent throughout her tenure."

He feels Cindy is very deserving of the position.

Cindy's responsibilities will include coordinating activities involving student assistants and campus visits. She will have special duties toward transfer students, and will also be involved in more day to day and long range planning. She will also have a part in the new publicity campaign for prospective students.

Commenting on her new status, Cindy said, "I think one of the things that excites me the most is that I'll be able to improve some critical thinking skills. Also I'll have a greater opportunity to interact with the students I have recruited to McPherson College."

Schmidt said, "I believe Cindy will be able to meet the challenges of the new position."

Youth meeting successful

Melissa Holdereed/Spectator

The annual Regional Youth Conference for the Church of the Brethren was held on the McPherson College Campus March 30 to April 1. Students from ninth to twelfth grade came from Colorado, Iowa, Oklahoma, and Missouri as well as from different areas of Kansas to attend this meeting.

The purpose of this conference, according to Campus Minister David Valeta, was "to bring together youth of the Church of the Brethren for a weekend of fellowship, and to spiritually challenge the faith of the young people so that their vision of Christianity might be broadened." A secondary benefit of the conference was to expose the young people to the McPherson College campus.

The guest speaker at this youth conference was David Radcliff. He serves as the Peace Consultant for the Church of the Brethren in Elgin, Ill. Radcliff attended Bridgewater College and received a Master of Divinity degree from Bethany Theological Seminary. He has ten years pastoral experience, and has given numerous presentations to children and young adults.

Friday, March 30, a concert was given by another special guest of the conference, Mike Stern. Stern is from the state of Washington,

and was raised in the Brethren Church. His songs often express his strong feelings for world peace and justice. The cassette albums "Come What May," and "Amigo" are his two newest releases.

On Saturday, March 31, the young people attended several workshops, many of which were run by McPherson College students and faculty.

Lisa Pierce was aided by other campus students in presenting a workshop on the clown ministry. They introduced the theories and techniques of clown ministry, as well as teaching the youth some make-up application. Sunday April 1 the youth performed a mime during the church service at the McPherson Church of the Brethren.

Pierce, a junior from Monument, Colo., says, "I think this is a tremendous opportunity for regional youth to establish a sense of community with their peers and to get to know each other within the denomination."

Other McPherson students were involved in a workshop called College Rap. This consisted of McPherson students discussing college life and answering questions that the young people had about McPherson College. Melia Dell, a sophomore from Bremen, IA who participated in the workshop, said that she enjoyed helping last year and thought this

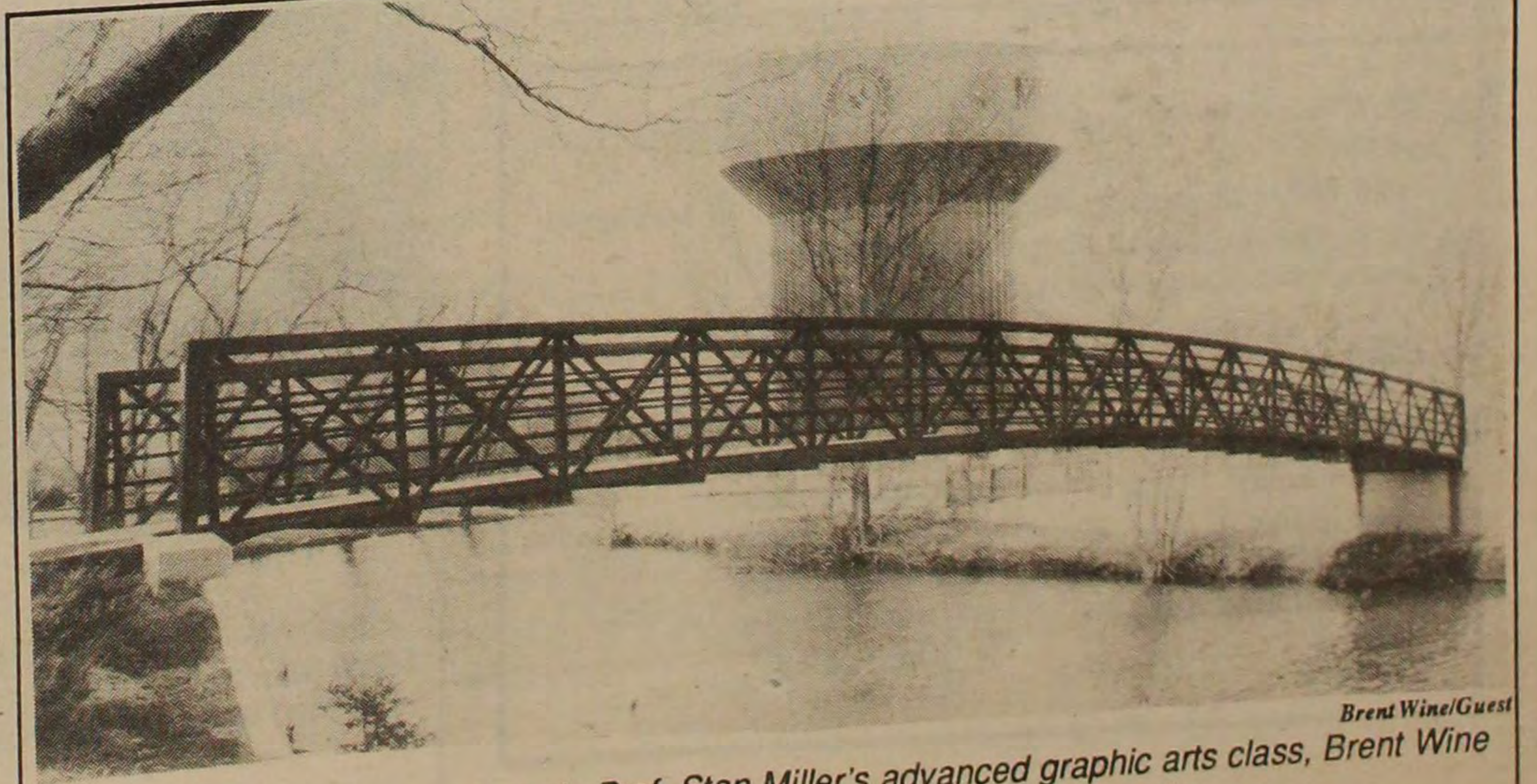
was "a good way for the youth to expand their faith."

Sharon Knechel and CASA (Community Against Sexual Assault) presented a workshop on date rape. Many other McPherson College students were involved in other aspects of the conference. Shane Kirchner (soph., Cedar Falls, Iowa) helped with music and played the guitar at certain conference activities, and helped set up the concert for Friday night.

Kirchner, who attended the Youth Conference when he was a high school student, said, "RYC is a good place to build lasting friendships and to see what other groups are doing and learn from them."

Karin Brunk (fr., Cedar Falls, Iowa) helped with music and registration during RYC, and also attended the conference as a youth. She said, "It was fun to experience college life for one weekend. Although now I can see that it was not quite the reality, . . . I believe it was and is a good experience."

The theme of this year's RYC was "Challenged in the '90s. . . Committed for Life." David Valeta hopes this theme helped the youth to consider how their Christian faith figures into their present and future plans for life. "It should help them think about what their life is going to be and what role Christ will play," said Valeta.



New growth in Lakeside Park: in Prof. Stan Miller's advanced graphic arts class, Brent Wine used negative combining techniques to walk a water tower around the city.

Brent Wine/Guest

Friends

I kicked a rock as I walked across the parking lot. The birds were singing, the squirrels were playing in the trees, and I was nervous. It was my first day to work at Nelson Nursery and my stomach was light from anxiety, as it always is when I start something new.

There was another college student who had already been working there and I wasn't sure I wanted to work with him. I didn't like him much and I was sure that he didn't like me. He was one of those guys who ran around in one of the other crowds. I didn't understand his group of friends, he didn't understand mine and we didn't like each other.

As I entered the Nursery the smell of fertilizer and other plant supplies enveloped me, making my nervousness greater. The smell made my new job real; it threw me into the present tense. My new boss, my new foreman, and my new co-worker were all standing there talking. I was sure they were discussing how they were going to break me in.

As I came in my new boss said, "Good, you're here," and then he made my greatest fear come true: he made us work together. He told the other student to show me how to transplant tomatoes from seedling pots to larger ones. We were forced to work at a small table, side by side, transplanting tomatoes. It was awkward at first, but there was a whole day's worth of tomatoes to be transplanted, so we talked. I don't remember what we talked about, but I do remember that by the end of the day we were friends.

This was a great day in my life. I learned an invaluable lesson. Within our group of friends we develop a group behavior that from the outside may be intimidating. Being a part of a group is not bad but sometimes that becomes more important than being an individual. Being a part of a group can separate us from new friends.

My new friend and I were put in a situation apart from our respective groups and were forced to get to know one another as individuals. Much to our amazement we became friends. We didn't become best friends but we became good friends and to this day he is one of my most valued friends.

This is a curious thing. I wonder if it is possible among all people from all groups? As a very revered man in our culture once said, "He who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

---George Gotto

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Free love and the free press

Dr. Kim Stanley/Spectator

Condoms.

Should the college let me write about them?

It's an interesting question. On Feb. 14, the Carillon, student newspaper of St. Mary of the Plains College, printed an article under the head "Abstinence, self-control are best forms of birth control" (hardly an invitation to free love). On March 15, the Carillon printed a letter, critical of the article, from Sister Cecilia Bush, a Sister of St. Joseph and former president of the college.

Among other things, Sister Cecilia objects to the promotion of condom use and to the sentence, "Be responsible with sex." She points out that the sisters "strive to see that publications" of their institutions "are in harmony both

with Church teaching and the philosophy of the Sisters of St. Joseph."

"To those who would cry 'censorship,'" she says, "just try to get something you write published. Editors have no qualms in rejecting anything they consider incompatible with the orientation of the publication."

"The relationship between a newspaper and its readership is not a purely economic one."

Two points come to mind. First, the article was written by an editor of the paper, Sue Sprenkle, who clearly exercised her editorial control in choosing to publish it.

The second point is more important: I think that Sister Cecilia means to say that the publisher of a newspaper has final control over

what is published in it. She is right about that; ultimately, she who pays the bills has the power, over Newsweek, the New York Times, the McPherson Sentinel, and student newspapers of private colleges.

But the relationship between a newspaper and its readership is not a purely economic one--or, at least, the economics of that relationship is more complicated than one might suppose. Readers take a newspaper on trust; they assume that a responsible publisher will try to represent a community of opinion, and that a newspaper will not protect them from news that the publisher finds distasteful.

"If a newspaper just doles out nickel ideas, the community's best interests aren't served."

If a newspaper just doles out nickel ideas that drop neatly into the slots in readers' brains and come out bubble gum, the community's best interests aren't served. It happens, but no one is proud of it.

And the academic press has always occupied a special position because it serves a dual purpose: to teach students responsible journalism and to introduce them into the opinion-forming process that is supposed to lead to public decision-making--that is, the government.

Now that I have got from condoms to the democratic process, I mean to make a pitch for your student newspaper. You're allowed a lot of freedom of expression here. Try it out; you don't have to please everybody. We're not here to please people.

We're here to make them think.

Thank you

Emmanuel Samci/Guest

"To the victor belong the spoils of war!"

Thanks to all those who made this victory possible. I accept the presidential position with all its duties and responsibilities. I am eager to begin dancing to the rhythmical, melodious music of campus. A dance in which both the staff and students are in sync. Together, with a similar beat we will make McPherson College echo with life and learning!



Anne Kletchka/Spectator

Stephanie Stephens, Eric Hadley, Kevin Saffer, and Tom Black take advantage of a temperate spring day to interact near the Heaston Memorial Gazebo.

Study in Cheltenham with BCA

Doris Coppick/Guest

Study, travel, theatre, travel, study, theatre, and on and on--this is what BCA in England is all about.

Cheltenham is located near the center of England, certainly the center of many exciting places in Britain. Cheltenham itself is a beautiful town, having won the "Cities in Bloom" award several times when eligible.

It is called the "shopping center of the Cotswolds," a lovely, hilly section with grazing sheep and picturesque villages.

Cities made famous partly due to their historic significance in Roman times include Gloucester,

Bath, and Cirencester, which are all within an hour's drive; as are the port city of Bristol, the Shakespeare center of Stratford, and the University town of Oxford.

Most of these sites, plus other areas of interest including the Welsh coast, are visited as a part of the British History and Culture course required of all BCA students here.

"It is difficult to express in writing the many benefits of spending part of your formal education in another country."

The College of St. Paul and St. Mary is merging with several

other institutions in the area. This merger will greatly increase the number of academic areas offered. These will include design, business studies, computer, catering, and nearly all areas of art.

Other major fields of study that may interest you are English studies, religious studies, cultural studies, education studies, philosophy, and sports science.

It is difficult to express in writing the many benefits of spending part of your formal education in another country. Those of you with a foreign language major probably will, as an integral part of your graduation requirement; we are extremely fortunate that such a program exists in an English speaking country as well. Consider it seriously; ACT on it!

Letter

Dear Editor:

Sunday, May 20, 1990, will mark a very special day for me. After four years of hard work and dedication, I will be graduating from McPherson College. The day will be recorded in my memory for many, many tears.

My family will travel hundreds of miles to witness my accomplishment, faculty will see me on my way, and friends will help me celebrate the victory. The day will be perfect... or will it?

Tradition has been that the senior class president presents the senior address at commencement. This tradition should be

abolished.

The 1990 senior class president was elected without proper representation. In fact, no more than ten seniors were present at the election last year which was held after a convocations.

In addition, the senior class president has not performed any duties this year which should automatically give him the honor of speaking at graduation.

Yes, speaking at commencement should be an honor, not a duty. The speaker should be a student who has contributed effort and talent to McPherson College. This type of person would be one who could reflect on the past four years of our education, and make

that reflection memorable.

A selection process should be instituted at McPherson College that would choose an appropriate speaker to represent the senior class. The selection should be made by the student council.

Prospective speakers would not necessarily have to present their graduation speeches to student council, but provide a five minute presentation which would illustrate their speaking capabilities.

I would like to see a selection process which chooses a senior who can make graduation day one that I will remember.

--A concerned senior.



Congratulations to the Lady Red

Konni Nanninga/Spectator

For the first time in several years the McPherson College Lady Red basketball team had a winning record. I feel that this is very admirable.

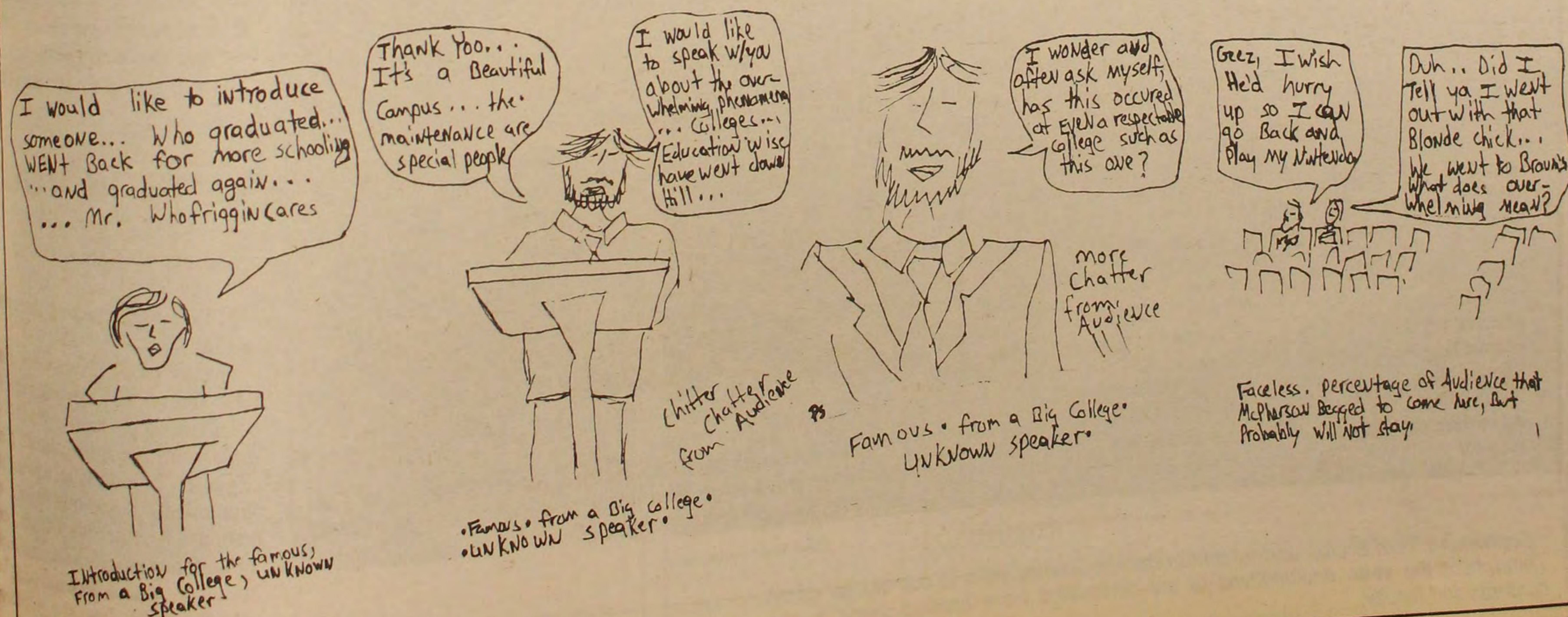
The 14-12 Lady Red worked very hard in practice. The team was willing to work together to achieve any goal they set their minds on.

The team's players supported one another whether they were sitting on the bench or starting.

Coach Gayer has done an excellent job, along with Coach Vicki Mester and Student Assistant Rex Mathias.

The addition of several new players also helped to accomplish this excellent record.

After last year's record, I think it is safe to say that the Lady Red accomplished a fabulous goal.



Mohler computers cause inconveniences

Melissa Holderreed/Spectator

Imagine sitting in the Mohler computer room on a Saturday afternoon. It's your birthday, but you are finishing a two week-long computer programming project. What a relief! So much time has been put into this assignment.

When you try to compile the carefully saved files, however, the entire program is erased. Two weeks of work, ten pages, is gone, and the assignment is due Monday. This is exactly what happened to senior Etsuko Shimabukuro.

"Mohler computers are moody. You have to humor them. Sometimes they work. Sometimes they don't."

Unfortunately, this is not an iso-

lated case. The malfunctions of the Mohler computers have caused many frustrations for other students and faculty. Some problems that occur are user errors, but many more are the fault of the computer.

"You never know if it is the computer or the person," said Denise Kelly, student assistant in computer programming. This is one of the more frustrating aspects of the problem, she said.

"Mohler computers are moody. You have to humor them," said Shimabukuro. "Sometimes they work. Sometimes they don't."

Daily there are signs on the computers indicating which ones do not work or the sign instructs the user to be aware of certain problems.

The campus secretaries who were oriented on the PC Write program using the Mohler com-

puters remember similar problems.

"We never knew which computer to sit at because we never knew which one would work," said Debi Flickinger, Receptionist/Secretary in the Campus Information Center.

Shimabukuro has given up using Mohler computers for important papers and programs because she can't afford to have to retype them. Kelly added, "As many classes as there are which depend on computers, we really need dependable computers, and we don't have them."

When asked what was wrong with the Mohler computers, junior Alan Leffew, who works in the computer laboratory, responded, "What isn't wrong with them?"

The inconveniences are mounting, he said. Sometimes the computers won't power up.

Sometimes they won't boot. Sometimes they lock up and the screen freezes. Sometimes the directories are scrambled. The list grows longer and longer.

These computers were installed two years ago. "There has never been a state where the computers all worked consistently," said Professor Mary Flagg. "It has been a real nightmare."

Several repairs have taken place, but the computers still are not functioning properly, she said.

The first problem occurred with the mother boards. They were incompatible with the DOS system being used. Last summer all the mother boards were replaced, yet the computers are still causing problems.

The computers were purchased from Advanced Computer Tech (ACT) of McPherson. The vendor has repeatedly fixed the computers. ACT believes they have done everything possible for McPherson College, said Flagg. "My feeling is that we never received a satisfactory response from the

vendor," she said.

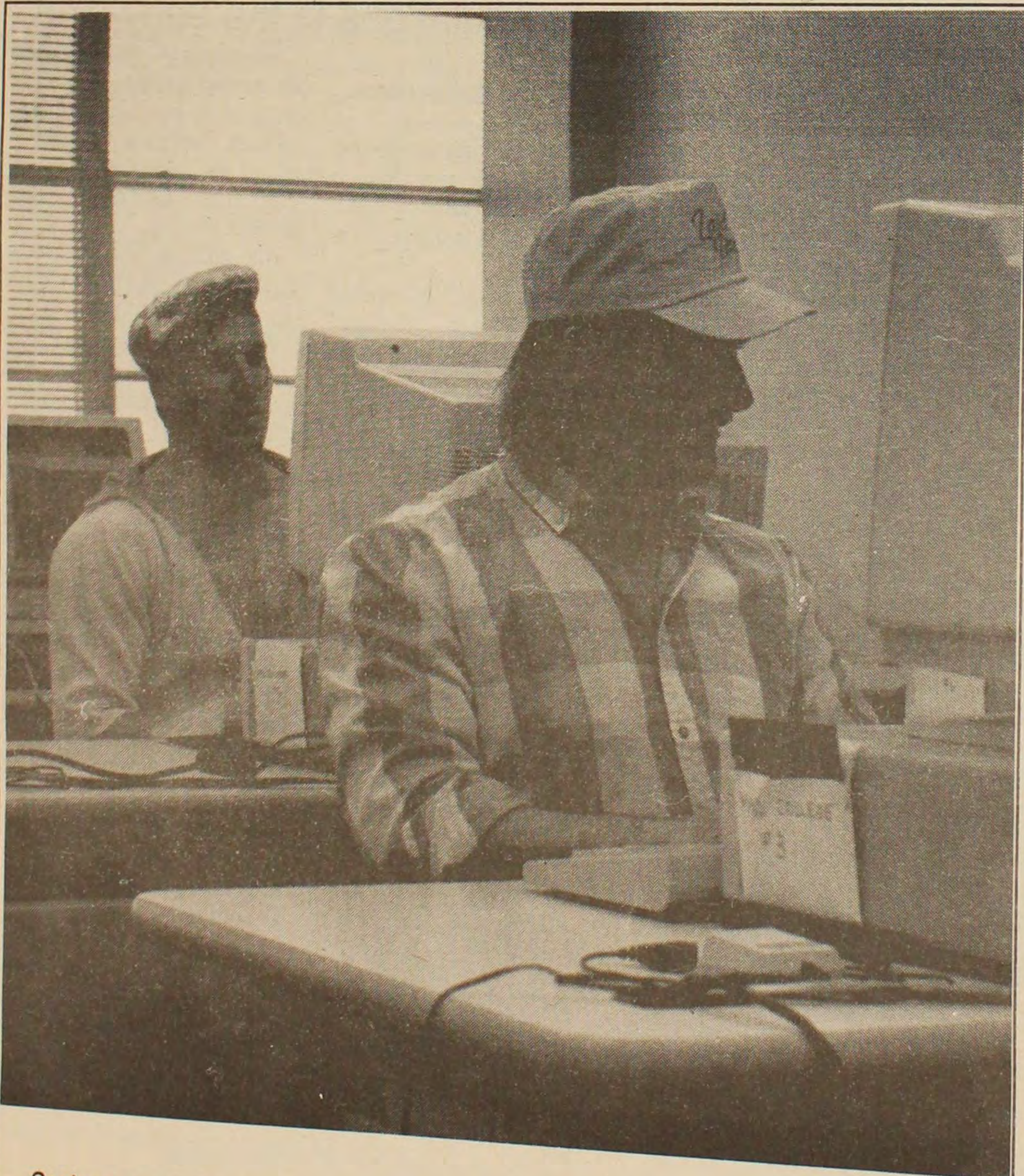
"Attempts have been made to recover the original costs of the computers," said James Dodson, Vice President for Financial Services. "We have now turned it over to our lawyers."

McPherson College may not have much hope of gaining satisfactory compensation for the expense that has been put into the computers through lost time, effort, and money, he said.

However, the malfunctioning computers in the Mohler laboratory will soon be replaced. The college has accepted a bid from Business Computer Center of Hutchinson.

The replacements will be Hyundai hard drive computers. The machines will cost roughly \$750 each, said Dodson.

Flagg is hoping the computers will be replaced before the end of the school year. There will be a grand open house to celebrate when the new computers are installed, she said.



Sophomore Terri Bruton and freshman James Chaney work in the Mohler computer lab. Throughout the year, malfunctions of the computers have caused many frustrations for students and faculty.

Anne Kletchka/Spectator



Freshmen Craig Dreucker and Laura Weed converse while eating breakfast in the Student Union

Anne Kletchka/Spectator

Committee caters to students

Ted Bray/Spectator

Frustrated? Tired of not having anywhere to go with your ideas for improving student life? Well, unknown to many, a committee exists to listen to and deal with student ideas and complaints.

The Housing Committee accepts student grievances concerning the meal plan and living on campus.

Students with complaints in these areas simply need to submit their case to the committee with supportive information relating to the situation. The committee reviews the case and renders a decision.

The committee's decision is final, but an appeals process exists through, first, the Campus Life Board, and then to the college president.

"The committee is one example where students have an opportunity to voice their opinions."

The sole purpose of the committee, according to Carolyn V. Coon, Director of Residence Life, is to "provide a doorway so students can have input into decisions that affect them."

Coon added, "The more input we get from students, the more informed we become, and that makes it better for everyone involved."

Because Bittinger Hall is being renovated, one Housing Committee project this semester involves creating an alternative housing opportunity for juniors and seniors next fall.

The current proposal is to offer housing in the College Courts to those students who have a 3.0 grade point average and have been approved by the College Life Board.

Another possibility is to create honor wings or floors in both Metzler and Dotzour, with resident requirements the same as in the previous proposal.

The Housing Committee has also been listening to complaints

about both quality of cafeteria food as well as the meal plan in general. In response to these complaints, the committee is looking at different options concerning the food supplier and the meal plan.

The Housing Committee is looking for more input. Current members include students Sharrie Grove, Scott Pitzer and Shane Kirchner. Faculty and staff members are John Burden, Cindy Dell Kinnamon, Merrin Godfrey, and Carolyn V. Coon.

"I would love to hear some more ideas concerning these issues," said Grove. "A lot of people have good ideas, but I don't think many are aware this committee even exists."

Coon echoed Grove's feelings on student input. "I want the student body to be aware they do have opportunities to make changes," she said. "We welcome their ideas."

Grove said the committee is one example where students have an opportunity to voice their opinions in a way that will make a positive difference.

Cheltenham Chat

Diana Suiter/Spectator

"Culture shock. Surely you don't experience that in England. They speak the same language there!" Well, that statement is only semi-true...

Imagine the surprise at being told the item you just bought costs 10 quid. A quid? What's a quid? Some sort of eight-armed, oceanic creature? The only currencies I've heard of are pounds, pence and shillings... what do I do?

For those of you who are curious, a quid is a slang term for a sterling pound. It's like Americans calling dollars "bucks."

Although we don't give much thought to it, culture shock does occur to Americans in England. It's a different country with different traditions, customs, and ways of doing things.

It was a surprise to find out that many stores open for three hours in the morning, close for a two-hour lunch break, then close for the night at 4:00 or 4:30 p.m.

However, Mark's and Spencer's (the U.K.'s version of J.C. Penney's) is "open until 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays for your late-night shopping convenience." It is unusual to find a store which is open Saturday afternoon and it's virtually impossible to find any place open on Sunday.

I expected the British to be somewhat outgoing, but for the most part, they're a reserved lot of people. Most don't look at you as they pass by on the sidewalk. They don't go out of their way to say hello. You have to ask them for help in stores. Most clerks don't offer their help.

I've learned to be more assertive. You usually have to be, otherwise people push you out

of the way in order to get on the bus, to pay for purchases, and to get in the queue for dinner.

Another thing I've learned is that you must be an aggressive and brave pedestrian, as there are few protected sidewalks. Usually you just cross the road at your own risk.

I used to wait five minutes until the road was mostly clear, but I've gotten used to nearly getting run over by drivers who feel they are more in a hurry than I am.

It's common for Americans to feel like walking targets as some drivers like to test your nerves by revving the engine and seeing how close they can come to hitting you.

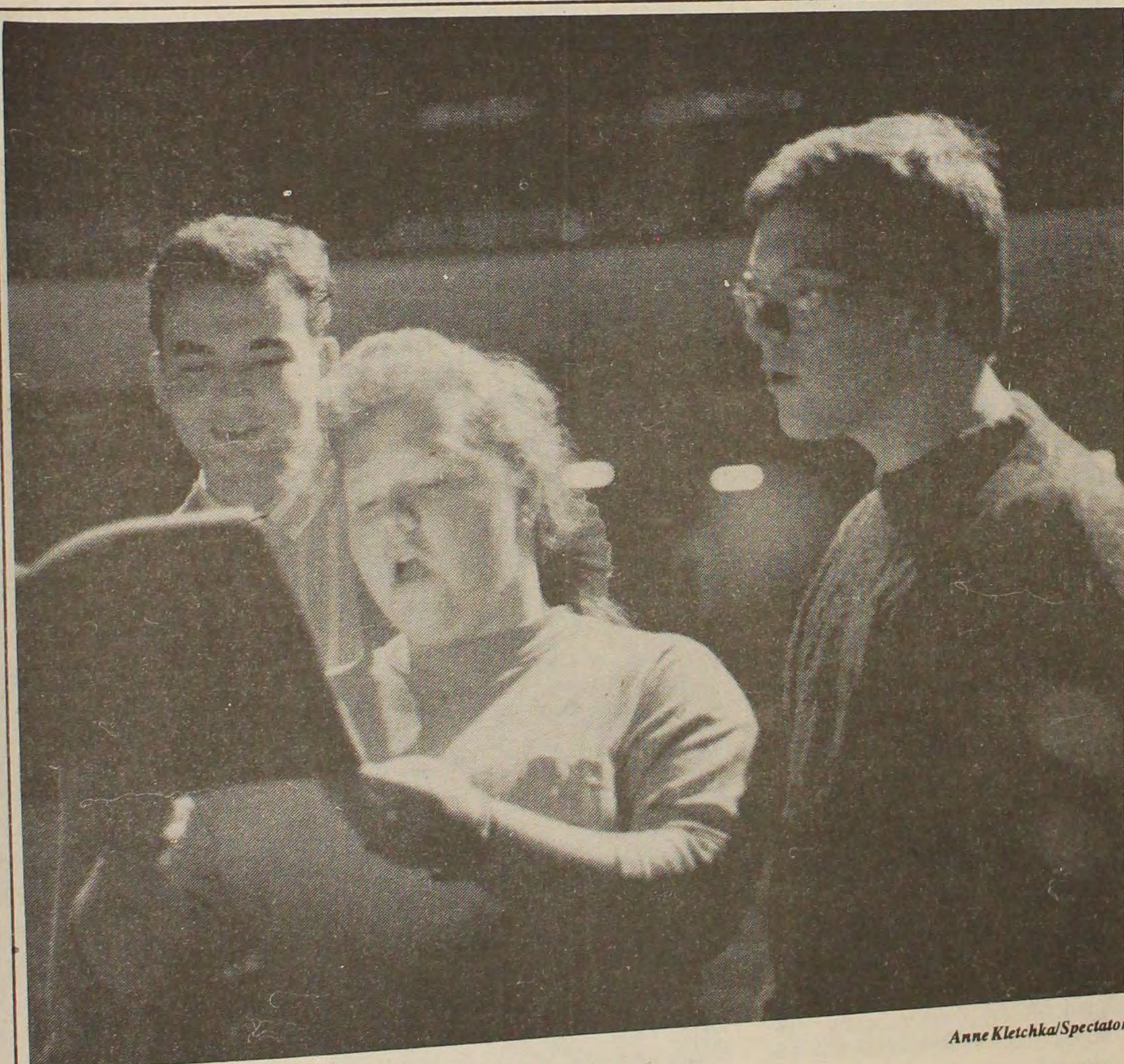
It came as a surprise to me that personal computers are just really coming into use now and there aren't many available for students' use. Nearly all students write out their papers long-hand rather than typing them.

Social life revolves somewhat around the pubs, whether you drink or not. Pubs are the place to get together for dinner, to have a chat with friends, or play "skittles," a game which resembles bowling.

Generally, people here are more politically involved than in the States. Most keep up on the latest legislative discussions. They get involved with organizations to decrease or abolish poll tax or student loans.

Many Brits are very involved with animal rights, conservation and ecology. They use recycled paper, and they petition for better environmental controls.

In spite of the fact that there are new things to get adjusted to here, the experience is well worth it and it does make one appreciate some of the things one takes for granted back home.



Anne Klechka/Spectator

Senior Paul Sweeney, freshman Karin Brunk and senior Steve Brunk try out for parts in "Little Shop of Horrors," the final production of the Theatre Department. The show will run the last weekend of April and the first weekend of May.

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Behind the scenes Managers keep ball in play

Beverly Yokley/Spectator

Their day begins before the players arrive. They are busy setting out water jugs, repairing equipment, washing uniforms, talking with the coaches, and making sure everything is just right for the practice or game.

Most of the time, they aren't visible. They stay in the background. These people are the managers of our athletic teams.

"It's really hard to run all your life, compete all your life, and then just stand there and be a manager."

The managers spend countless hours behind the scenes during practices and are there during games to support and encourage

the players.

"He's a cheerleader," David Barrett said about Craig Bell. "He is very supportive; he stands up almost the whole game and shouts and encourages the team."

There are also many athletes who are injured or ineligible, but wanted to stay with their sport.

Senior Matt Scoggins injured his achilles tendon last year in track and was an assistant for the Cross Country team.

"It's really hard to run all your life, compete all your life, and then just stand there and be a manager," Scoggins said.

Freshman Jon Andrews was one of the football managers because of ineligibility.

"I liked being part of the team," Andrews said. "I got to know the system for next year." "I was upset because I wasn't playing," he said. "But I enjoyed it because I was part of the team and I contributed to the team."

The players seem to appreciate the managers for more than equip-

ment caretakers; they provide emotional support as well.

"She takes care of us," sophomore Janet LeValley said about Vicki Maxon (women's basketball). "She is someone we can yell at and she understands and is really supportive of us." "You can always talk to her about how you played," LeValley said.

"Many players take the managers for granted. They don't appreciate him 'til he's gone."

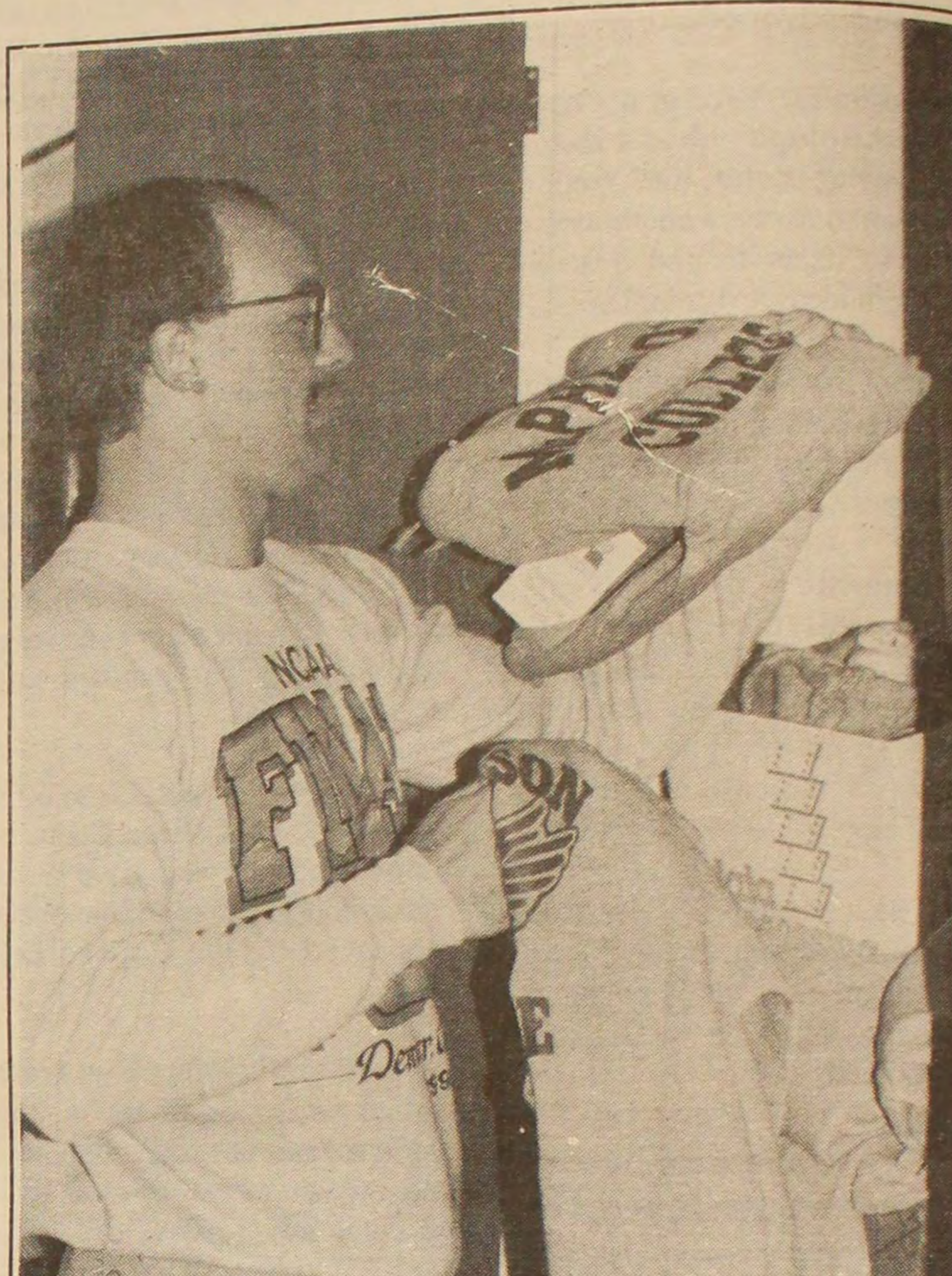
"I love it, it's great," Maxon said. "I like to help out and listen to them."

Maxon said she enjoyed sitting on the bench during games and joining the huddles.

"I like to joke with the players," junior Joe McLean, football manager, said, "but I also help with their problems."

"Many players take the managers for granted," Barrett said. "They don't appreciate him 'til he's gone."

It is true that managers are rarely seen doing their job. But without them, the coaches would be running around doing little tasks that take time away from the team.



Beverly Yokley/Spectator

Harold Chaney has assisted the athletic programs in many capacities this year.

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Mac golfers get underway

Brent W. Zamora/Spectator

The McPherson College golf schedule began last week. The 1990 Bulldogs golfers will hit the links for five tournaments before the KCAC tournament.

The golf squad opened their season on Mar. 26 with a match against Southwestern in Winfield.

They traveled to battle Kansas Wesleyan Mar. 29. They return to battle Bethany on Apr. 9.

On Apr. 12, the Bulldogs will visit Wichita to play Friends University. Then they will compete against Kansas Newman on Apr. 19, also in Wichita.

Coach Roger Trimmell said that inclement weather had kept the team off the links recently. He hopes soon to determine the top players, and he feels that a successful season is within reach.

The KCAC tournament will be on April 24 at Hesston.



Beverly Yokley/Spectator

Golfer Bryan Hite works diligently on his golf game. Bad weather forced the squad indoors for much of last week.

College athletics

The buck starts here

Brent W. Zamora/Spectator

Major college athletics is indeed the essence of big business.

Each year university athletics brings virtually millions of dollars to schools, conferences, and the NCAA.

Media have helped to lift today's games to a higher level. Using hype, and headlines of interest, they direct attention to circumstances which may warm the heart or cause great controversy.

Behind all the dollars and "non-cents" lies the student athlete, just a small bit player in the big business game--yet the focal point of the issue.

"Many of the athletes come from poverty-stricken backgrounds and have no source of income."

These players spend hours daily in the gym, on the field, at the track working on and fine-tuning their game while working in the classroom or the library trying to keep up their grades and remain eligible.

Many of the athletes come from poverty-stricken backgrounds and

have no source of income.

Division I players don't have the time available to work other jobs and in most cases are not allowed to seek outside employment.

"The time has come for these athletes to receive legal, over-the-table payment.."

So what's left for these individuals to do?

I believe that the time has come for college student athletes to be compensated for their participation and performance.

I realize that many people would argue this point, saying that the athletes are compensated by receiving their education through scholarships.

Yet, for many that simply is not enough to stay in school, not when the NBA awaits, offering lucrative deals and contracts.

Still others will argue that I'm taking a naive look at athletics if I believe that prize athletes aren't "taken care of" by major college boosters.

Hey, I'm from Oklahoma, I know all about scandals and wrong doings at major universities.

However, I'm trying to take a more positive, optimistic view of a sad situation.

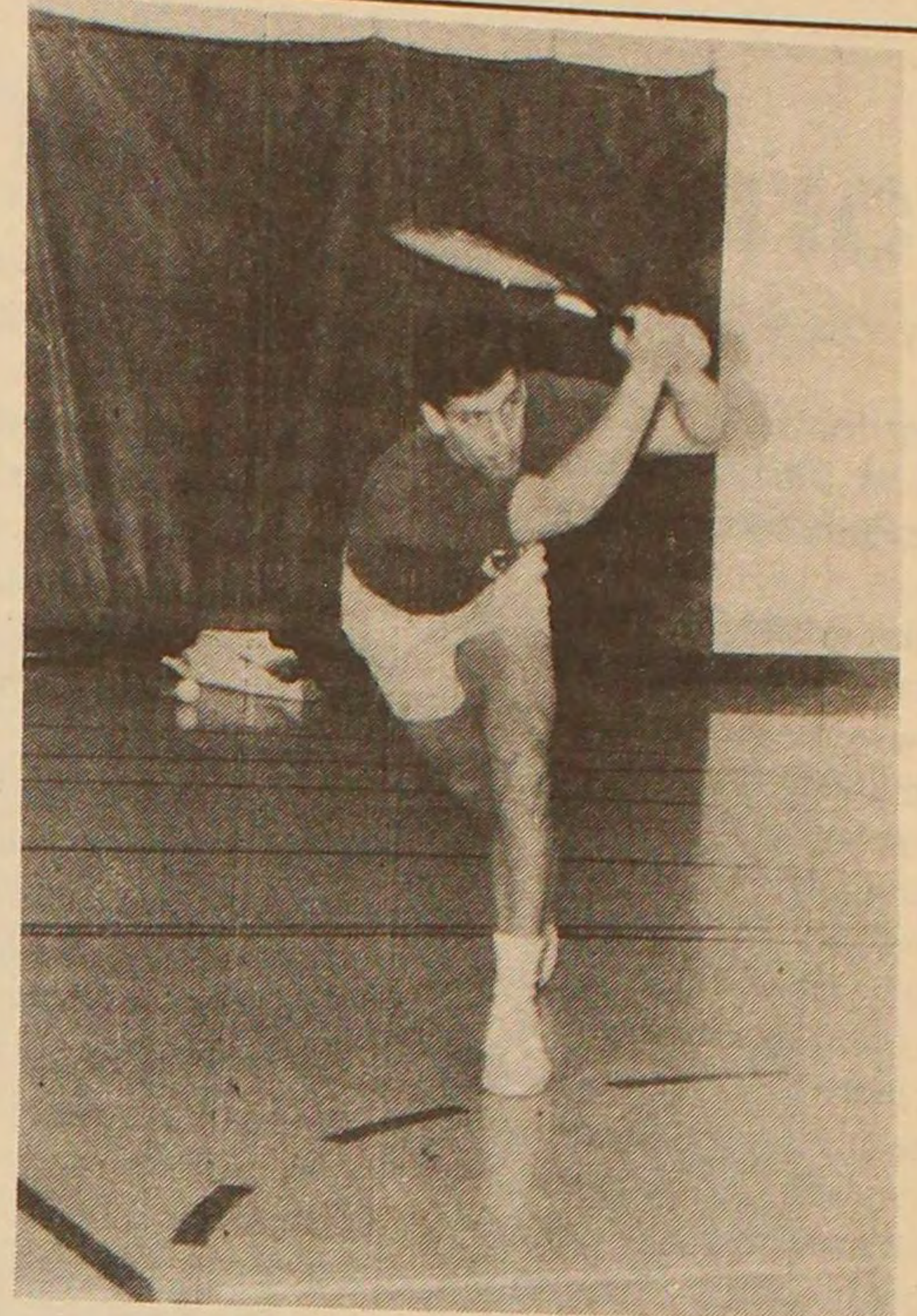
I think that the athlete helps to bring in so much money to his school that the time has come for these athletes to receive legal, over-the-table payment.

Now, I don't think these athletes need to receive large sums of money, by any means. Just a modest monthly stipend to give them money in their pockets and for them to have in case of emergencies.

LSU Basketball Coach Dale Brown thinks that money from shoe contracts should be turned into a student athlete emergency fund so that if a player should have to go home the money would be available.

I believe that, if a student athlete is maintaining at least a 2.0 GPA as well as putting in all the time he/she does on the practice and playing field, then he/she deserves payment.

I don't believe such payment will do away with the "innocence" of the amateur sports. I think it will enhance the game and keep students in school longer, rather than encouraging them to make the hardship leap to the NBA.



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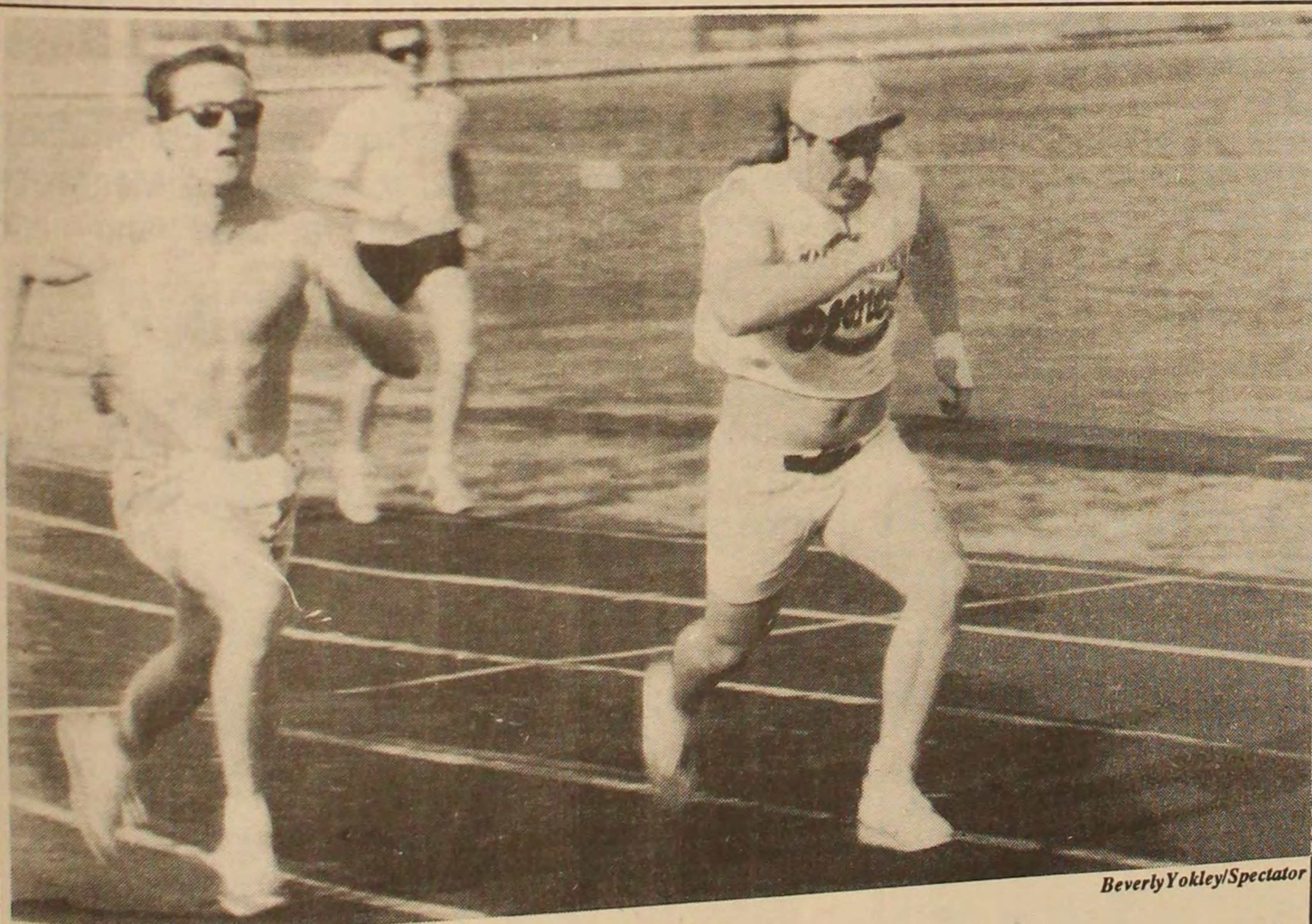
Junior Jay Dell concentrates on his tennis techniques.

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Bob Nelson and Brian Marick work up a sweat running 40's during trace practice. The track team participated in their first meet at Sterling on Saturday.

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Tornadoes hit Hesston

Vicky Maxon/Spectator

(Story includes information from *The Salina Journal* and *The McPherson Sentinel*.)

Tuesday, March 13 at 5:30 p.m. the town of Hesston and outlying areas were hit by a tornado that covered 100 miles in two hours. Radio stations had been warning residents for hours by then, and the emergency sirens had begun to blow at 5, but there was no way for many families to avoid being caught in the storm.

By the time the twelve tornadoes that were observed in the south-central Kansas area had dissipated, 35 homes were completely destroyed, 100 more had structural damage, and two people were dead. Lucas Fischer, 6, of Burton, was killed when his chimney collapsed into the basement where his family were waiting out the weather. Ruth Voth, 68, of Goessel, was also victim to the storm.

Kansas Governor Mike Hayden arrived in Hesston the next day along with a contingent of National Guardsmen and State Highway Patrol troopers to attempt to assess the damage.

The town of Hesston was cordoned off, a 9 p.m. curfew instituted, and eight counties were declared disaster areas. Hayden explained this action as the first step toward obtaining federal disaster relief.

It is estimated that damage repair costs will run in the tens of millions of dollars, not to mention the man-

power needed to rebuild homes and farms. It will be three to six months before families can begin moving into new homes.

McPherson residents were also warned of approaching storms, and sirens went off in town at 7:05 p.m.

McPherson residents said the storm sounded like a jet engine, or ten freight trains,

At the sound of the sirens, McPherson College faculty and student Resident Assistants directed students from their dorm rooms and classrooms to the two main designated emergency areas, Miller Library and the Student Union Basement.

One concerned RA was "Disappointed about some ignorant upperclassmen who didn't recognize the danger they put themselves and others in," and hoped that in the future they would be better role-models and respect the authority of RAs and administrators.

Sharon Knechel, Vice President for student services, said she was "in and out of most places that night, checking out students' safety," and appreciated those students who cooperated. "It is very important for everyone to move to their emergency stations" in time of danger, she said.

The mood of students was calm on the whole, according to George Craigo (soph., Colorado Springs, Colo.), who moved to the SU Basement from his class in Beeghly Hall. He noticed people were more worried about their families: "There was a line of about ten

people waiting for the pay phone, wanting news from home," he said.

After the tornado there was a call for help from Hesston and its surrounding areas. Dillons and Walmart advertised collections of food and other emergency supplies, and the Red Cross publicized an address where people could send help.

McPherson College students Christy Allen (jr., Woodland Park, Colo.) and Ann Nelson (sr., Rocky Ford, Colo.) organized an emergency collection from Dotzour Hall. "It was a spur of the moment thing," said Allen. "We decided it would be good for the dorm to be involved, and by the time we left for Hesston, the car was packed with food, blankets, clothes, everything." Nelson added: "People from across the state must have contributed, because the whole church basement [where they left their 15 boxes] was full."

Other students also helped. Freshmen Kevin Snyder (Dover, Penn.) and Troy Stemen (New Paris, Ind.) worked in and around Hesston in the days following the storm. They helped dismantle ruined farm buildings and salvaged farm equipment, furniture, and personal belongings.

Snyder explained that the slow process was actually enjoyable work: "There was good will and smiling all around. The people were just trying to get on with the rest of their lives, and treated it as just another farm day."

News Briefs

The admissions office would like to thank all those who helped, by interviews and pictures, to make the new publicity packets a success. Thanks again.

Resume writing workshop, Wednesday, April 14, 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Student Union Quiet Room.

Bloodmobile at Friendship Hall Wednesday, April 25, 12:00-4:30 p.m. Sign up at the Student Union April 17-20 during meal times. Circle K's goal is 80 units.

Employment opportunity at the First Christian Church of McPherson. Part time Associate Pastor needed to help with child and adult Christian Education, Evangelism, and Worship. Any questions, see Dave Valeta, Campus Pastor.

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Intramural Frisbee Golf Tourney April 21. Entry forms in the Student Union. Entry fee 50 cents.

MCC Relief Sale at the Hutchinson Fairgrounds the April 6 and 7. Sponsored by the Mennonite Central Committee, the sale features hand-made crafts and home-made food.

Easter Break begins Thursday, April 12 at 5 p.m. Dorms will be open over vacation, and RAs will be on duty. Classes resume Monday evening, April 16.

Reminder: FFS Reports and Signed Federal Income Tax forms should be submitted to the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible to enable processing.

BASFAD: Saturday, April 7, prospective students will be on campus in the Be A Student For A Day Program, experiencing the realities of college life.



Volunteers continue clean up and salvage operations in and around Hesston.

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