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## Bitt closing causes debate

Anne Kletchka/Spectator

The final decision: Bittinger Hall will not house students during the 1989-90 school year.

Students expressed feelings of anger and disappointment as they were informed of this decision three weeks before returning to McPherson.

The upperclassman residence hall, located on the east side of campus, was scheduled to house fifteen residents. Because of an administration decision to begin renovation, students were asked to make other housing arrangements.

Carolyn Coon, residence hall director, noted that there was no housing space problem even with the closing of Bittinger Hall. Students found appropriate housing in Dotzour, Metzler, and the college courts.

However, students were disturbed by the overall decision to close Bittinger.

Last spring, residents completed thorough applications and interviews in order to gain acceptance into the hall. RAs and the RHA devoted many hours to training as well as attending a KCAC con-

ference at Sterling College.

David Quan, intended RA, was "really surprised and shocked!"

Coon was unable to reach Quan during the summer to inform him of the decision. He arrived on campus to discover that the hall was closed.

At first, Quan expressed feelings of frustration but, the administration offered him another RA position in Metzler Hall.

Coon stressed that the RHA and RAs were committed by contract, and so it was important that they be compensated. All were offered campus employment in areas of their choice.

According to Sandi Willis, junior, the "perfect time to start renovation is in May. They didn't need to close Bitt for the year."

Though Willis wasn't happy with the decision, she does feel that the administration helped students make alternate arrangements.

Peggy Collins, junior, admitted she was upset simply because the administration "made it sound like it (renovation) was going to start tomorrow."

Her concern was that if construction was not going to begin for a while, why couldn't students remain in the hall.

Jim Dodson, Vice President of Financial Services, expressed high hopes that renovation would begin this year. Even though there has been no detail planning yet, it is anticipated that the campus planning committee will divert complete attention to this matter.

Subcommittees will be appointed. Their duties will involve discussion of ideas as well as meeting with the architect who is also responsible for the renovation of Dotzour and Metzler.

While preliminary discussions are underway, work will begin in Bittinger Hall. Preparation work for the major contractor will be completed by a college crew. This involves heating, plumbing, air conditioning, and electrical work.

Dodson adds that the college "could gain this year by doing work ourselves."

For several reasons it is projected that the Bittinger renovation will take two years.

First, the college is starting from scratch on this campaign. The fundraising is not yet strong.

Second, the campus planning committee has not dealt at all with ideas. It is hoped to make Bittinger accessible not only for students but also for summer conference

facilities.

Third, renovation in the Bittinger is more complicated as compared to the other halls because of its plumbing.

According to Sharon Knechel, Vice President of Student Services, there has been good support from the board of trustees concerning the Bittinger decision.

At the end of July, during a board meeting, the executive committee discussed ideas about how to handle the housing situation. Their feedback expressed positive attitudes to close the hall and progress with renovation.

Knechel expressed mixed emotions about the decision to close

Bittinger. It has been hard to support because of the new student interest in the hall. "At the very least, it has been a disruption for (student) plans and ideas."

However, Knechel is also excited about the commitment of the administration and the board of trustees. It will be an exciting year as "we gather information and ideas for the redesigning and restructuring of Bittinger Hall."

The decision to close Bittinger has stirred up many emotions among many campus individuals. Both students and administration expressed regrets that residents were not informed about the decision any earlier.

## Cults Convo Thursday

Tom Black/Spectator

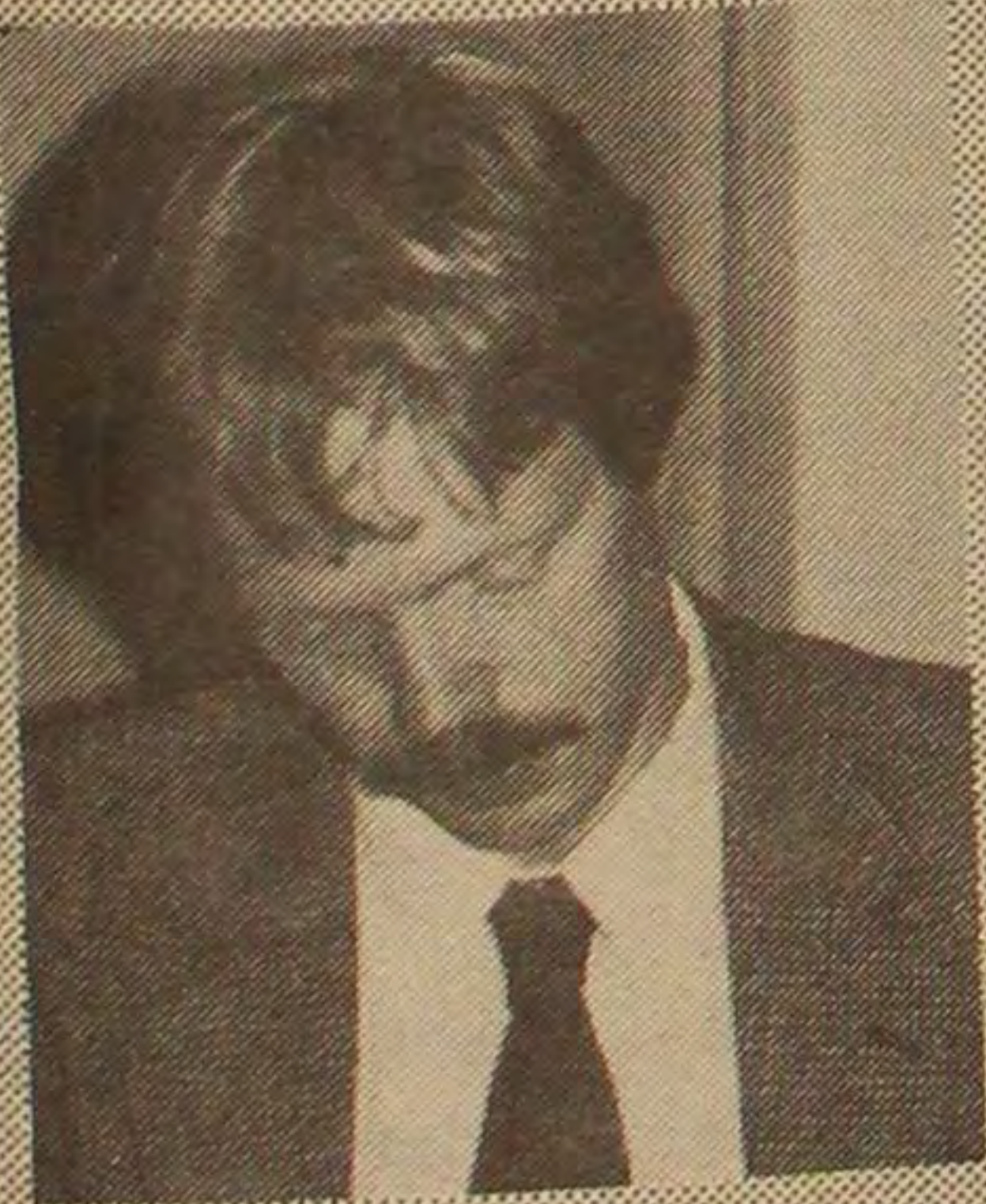
Satanic cults was the Convocations topic Thursday, Sept. 21. It was presented by Jim Johnston, Deputy Sheriff of McPherson County.

Dr. Herb Smith, chair of the Convocations committee, said that Johnston was asked to speak on this topic to present facts while dispelling myths.

Smith added, "I believe that the Satanic cult phenomenon has been perceived as being rebellious high school students rebelling against parents, but there are highly professional people involved in this."

Johnston has been to several workshops dealing with this topic. Previously, Johnston has visited classes presenting effective demonstrations.

## New faculty and staff answer: "Why McPherson College?"



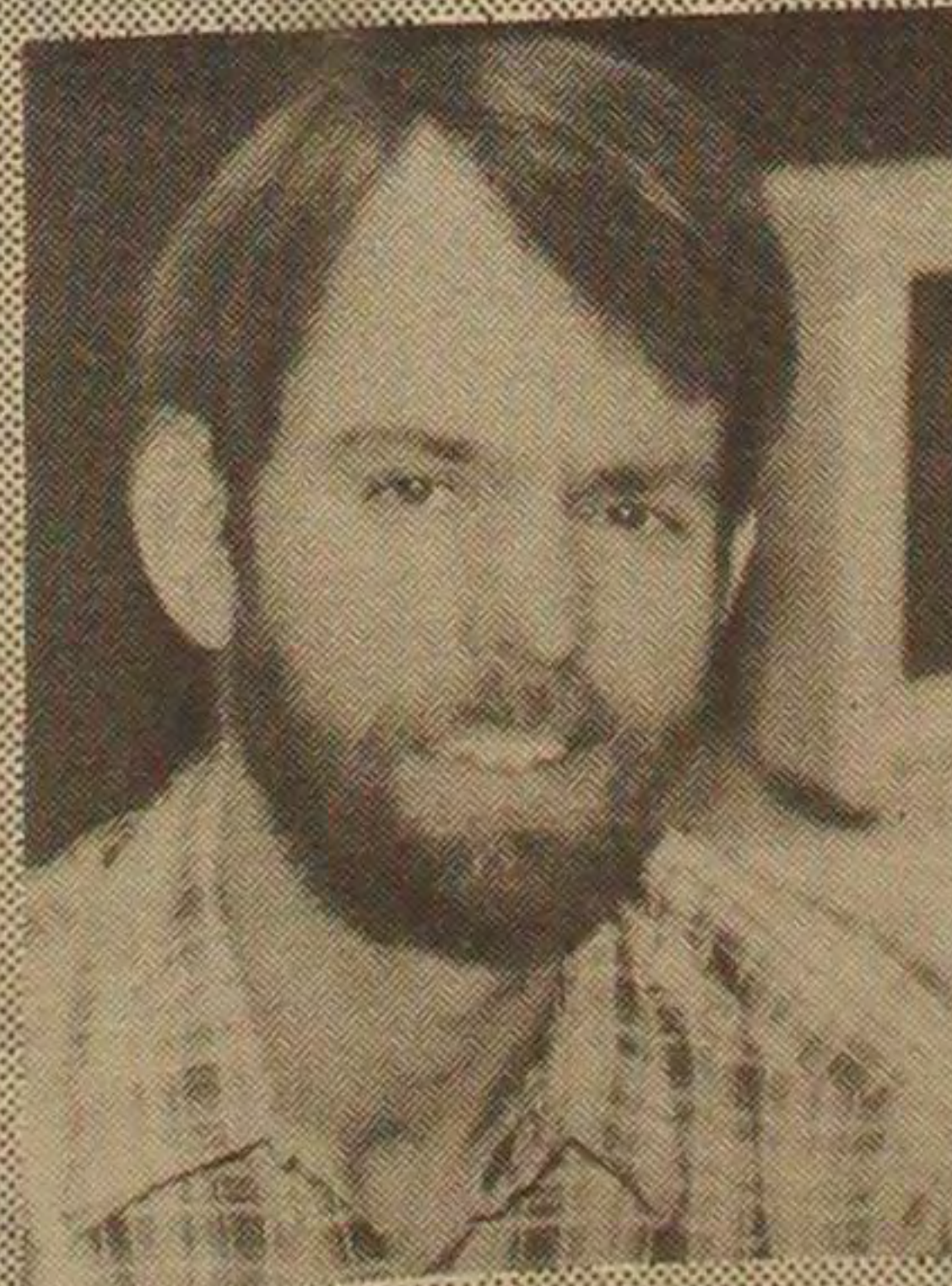
Ken Queen

"I enjoy working with college-age students"



Gail Pjesky

"I'm using it as a stepping stone for a job in public relations."



Sander Eller

"I was appealed to by a small, liberal arts, Church of the Brethren college."



Stan Miller

"McPherson had a position open in a field I felt comfortable with."



## Dream a life

A boy was sitting lonely at his desk and he thought, "Life, what is it?" In the Declaration of Independence it says that it is his inalienable right. It was one of his rights and he didn't even know what it was. He asked himself again and then fell into a dream.

He was sitting alone in a theatre that was as wide and as long as his imagination. He looked to his left and saw no one, to his right and saw no one, behind him and again he saw no one, only seats that stretched as far as his imagination would allow them. Slowly, he turned back around, and as he faced forward again he saw theatre curtains opening. They opened as far as his imagination would allow them and as they opened they revealed a screen, a blank, white screen.

Not knowing what to do, he stood and stared at the screen. He stood there for a long time and then he heard someone say, "Boy, what are you doing?"

He looked to his left and there was a man with a broom standing in the aisle.

"What?" he said, surprised to see someone else in the theater.

"I asked what you're doing, standing there, you have a movie screen in front of you. It's yours, so get up there and make a movie," and with that the man swept on up the aisle to the edges of the boy's imagination.

The boy faced the screen again and as if he understood what the man meant he said, "Yeah, I'll make a movie." So he walked up to the screen stepped inside and began to make a movie.

It was his movie, so he made it as he wanted it. He was the hero of his movie, making the touchdown that won the game. Overcoming every obstacle, helping good to prevail. He knew a girl in his movie. He felt the sweet pains of love heavy on his heart. He was a martyr in his movie, dying for a cause. And he fell in his movie. He tripped and fell and when he landed he was sitting at his desk.

He sat there for a moment and then, as if he understood what the man in his dream meant, he thought, "Life, it's what I make it." With that belief he stood.

-- George Gotto

## Being a freshman isn't easy

Vicky Maxon/Spectator

Has there ever been a time before when you felt as apprehensive as on that first day: moving in your sentimental treasures and your not-so-sentimental belongings, finding out where your roommate's from, what he's like, knowing you'll be living together in the same room for what seems like the rest of your life?

It might happen (you hope) that it's instant friendship, that something clicks and you find in each other the person you can be yourself with, that you can be seen with and make the adventure of finding new friends a bit more fun and exciting, not just a chore.

But what happens if the guy is your total opposite, and right away you know you'd rather be rooming with just about anyone else than this nerd? Well, then you either make a change or grin and bear it. And whether you went through this or not, there's going to be some time this year when each one of us will have to face the facts: we are adults now.

It's our job to see that we make

9:30 a.m. convocations even though we were up until three the night before holding off on doing the English homework by pretending that playing tiddliwinks while watching "Mr. Ed" is actually great fun.

Everyone procrastinates, but the distractions that can now come between us and homework are infinitely more exciting than those we had in high school, as in the above situation.

So who is going to get on our case about studying? Who's going to make sure we don't stay up too late partying?

No one. It's up to us. Isn't that shocking? After 18 years of being reminded to clean our plates (in this cafeteria? maybe not), to clean our rooms, generally to be a clean person, the only reminders of home we get now are an occasional (oh, please, please, let there be mail today) letter or phone call from parents who are not sure what to make of this stranger who never writes and whose parting words were something to the effect of "see you later."

One little taste (or should I say

distaste?) of home for some of us is the experience of freshman orientation. The meetings were strained at first, but as we got to know one another they began to be okay.

Now if only the advisor didn't have to be there! Who does he think he is, anyway, my mother? I'm doing just fine without her, thank you, and don't need another one.

Ah, but then the homesickness sets in. We try to ignore it by joining Oasis, Brethren Identity Group, SAB, anything just so we don't have to think about the friends and family back home. As the saying goes, you don't know what you have until it's gone.

But extra-curricular activities help. They give you names for the many new faces confronting you each day; they make you feel needed, use up extra time, and also give you another excuse not to do your homework. But, again, you have to remember that it is up to you to balance all the different parts of your life into a symmetric whole.

It's not easy being a freshman.

## I'm an alien. I'm a legal alien.

Andrew Cook, David Kite,  
Liam O'Dwyer/guest

I'm an Englishman in Mc-  
Pherson.

I think the "gateway to the West," Pherson, Kansas. the Arch of St. Louis, also turned out to be the gateway to desolation. That was probably the last point of true civilization that we recall on our drive from Boston to Mc-

As we left St. Louis, it seemed that everything became farther and farther apart; even the gap between the two halves of the freeway got wider. I found it funny that the original settlers came here and fought the Indians for their homeland, when really there was plenty to go around.

It was all very un-European. Why didn't people live in a town, in a close community, and then have open space? Instead, it seemed that people just stuck up their abodes wherever they fancied, which is why Americans need the motor car to get anywhere.

On our final day of travelling, the road was so straight and boring across Kansas that we tried to entertain ourselves by guessing the exact distance to the brow of the next hill. The speed limit had to be a joke; in England, most people drive around 80 mph on motorways and small roads, and they're twistier than a plate of spaghetti.

We arrived at the college one day early on a Friday afternoon, so the college put us in a motel. We ate,

then we decided to hit the town!

Our first reaction was, "Great. Where are all these people heading? There must be a monstrous club or party somewhere." Car upon car of young people passed us, playing their music as loud as possible and looking at us in a funny way because we were on foot and dressed funny.

It was not long before the cars and the tunes became too familiar, and then we realized they were really going nowhere, just stupidly driving down the street, turning in the supermarket car park, then coming back the other way. I suppose this is caused by a society that sends its 18-year-olds off to fight, allows its 16-year-olds to drive potentially lethal cars, but won't let them touch a drop of the old good stuff until they're 21.

We all qualify (except one), so we just baffle the barman with our British driving licenses, which have no photos. And the birth-date is back-to-front anyhow, so you just switch it around any old way to make yourself old enough. In England we never carry ID's; it's

simply up to the landlord's discretion to decide whether you look 18 or not. If he questions you, you just lie a little and pretend you're 18.

We were stunned to hear that the town had about 32 churches, and only 3 bars. What kind of ratio is that? I think we chose the worst one, too. The whole place stopped and looked as we walked in: "Who are these aliens? They sure look funny to me." We had a swift beer, then headed off to the campus, where we thought we'd find something going on.

The first day back at college in Cheltenham, England, was like the Beer Festival in Germany: the beer would flow like water, and everyone would be singing rugby songs, and then when the bar shut down, it was time to party in the rooms.

But what a stunner. Here, hardly a soul to be seen, no loud music playing. What was this? There must have been a fire drill. No, "this ain't no fire drill; this is McPherson. Now get off to your room and go to sleep. You've got a long day of studying ahead of you."

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# Profs spend summer abroad

Chrissy Hester/Spectator

Drs. Corinne and Monroe Hughbanks spent the summer in Poland with Teens Mission International (TMI).

TMI projects include building clinics, churches, missionary homes, air strips, and village waterlines. Participants range from 14 to 20 years of age.

This summer, TMI sent 57 teams all over the world, in every continent. Dr. Monroe Hughbanks and Dr. Corinne Hughbanks, McPherson College professors, also participated in the service.

The Hughbanks were leaders of a group of 22 teens stationed in Chociwel, Poland. Three teens traveled from Canada, and the other 19 came from all areas of the United States. Overall, the group represented twenty religious denominations.

Beginning June 19, the TMI teams met in Florida for two and a half weeks of an intensive training camp. Over 2,000 teens attended. Instruction took place in many fields of work; cement mixing and pouring, brick-laying, rebar-tying, and carpentry.

At the conclusion of the camp, the teams departed. Some stayed in the U.S. while others traveled overseas.

Once reaching their destination, they spent five weeks fulfilling their project assignment. The Hughbanks' team built a Baptist church. The teens worked Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. An hour and a half for lunch and bible study took place in the afternoon.

Dr. Monroe Hughbanks acted as director of the program with the assistance of leader Ken Brown, Washington. Leader Sue Grigsby, Texas, co-directed the kitchen facilities along with Dr. Corinne Hughbanks.

The Hughbanks have been involved in voluntary service projects for four years, all taking place overseas. "We're going to continue to be involved in overseas voluntary organizations."

Getting to know the Polish citizens proved to be an interesting experience. Dr. Corinne Hughbanks commented, "we're very glad we went...living in a communistic country was a real eye opener. I've never been much of a

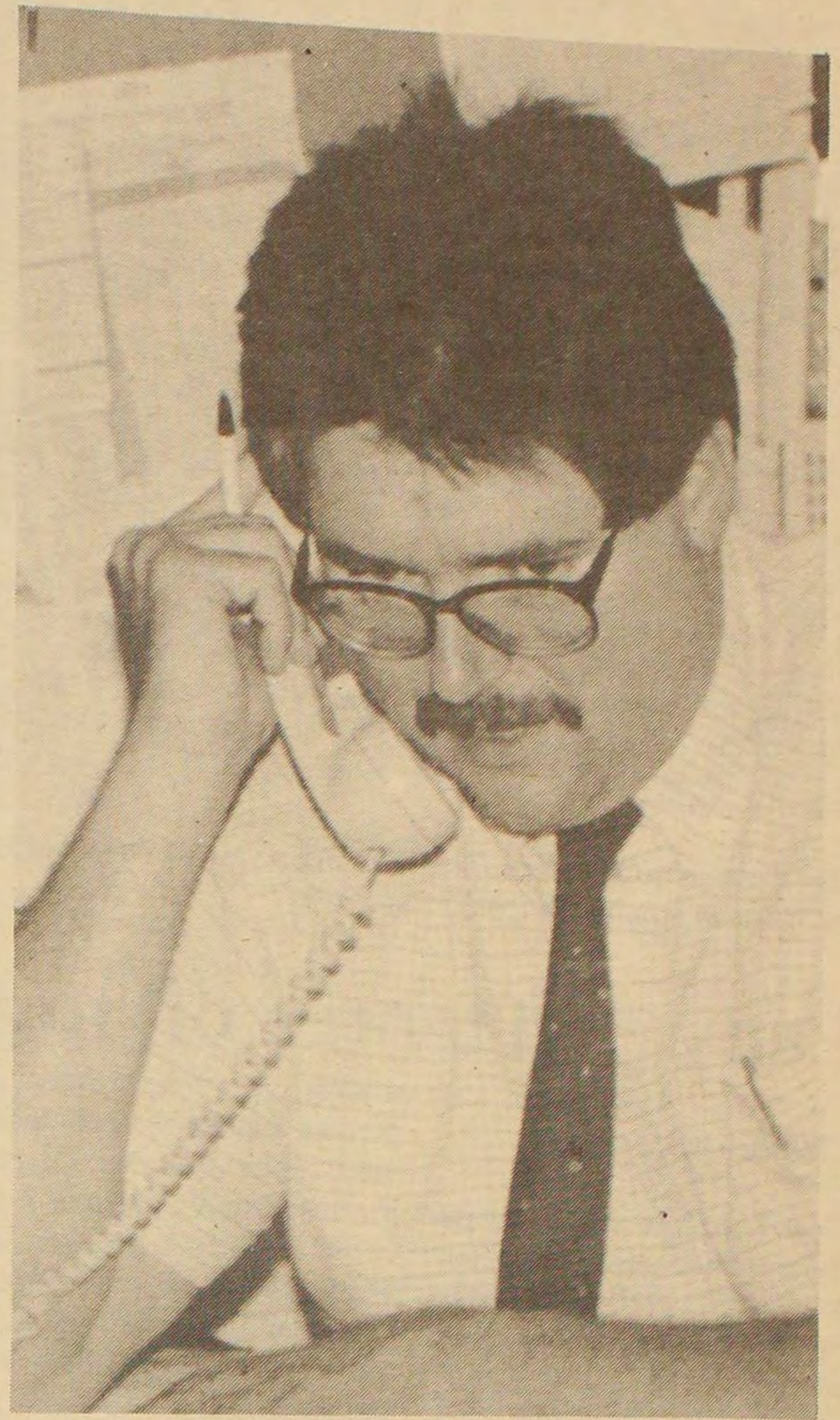
flag-waver, but I'm glad we're free."

The Polish expressed friendliness, warmth, and hospitality. The people hate communism, but many are afraid of their government. Dr. Corinne Hughbanks added, "they blame all of their economic problems on communism...they also guarded what they said about their politics."

On weekends the Polish villagers provided sight-seeing tours for the group. Several times they visited a Baltic seaport called Szczecin. They also visited an old castle that had been bombed in World War II. Uniting in Switzerland with three other teams from Greece, Austria, and Hungary, the teens marked the end of their trip. All returned on September 1.

Although joining a TMI team can be rewarding, a lot of work is involved. The Poland trip cost \$2300. Teens pay this amount themselves or seek assistance from churches or other sponsors. Presently the McPherson Church of the Brethren is exploring the possibility of supporting overseas projects.

The Hughbanks are in favor of such action.



Beverly Yokley/Spectator

New food service manager Richard Sabatos plans menu changes for the coming year.

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## News briefs

**G-CLEF** is for students who are interested in music and want to experience it outside of a classroom. It meets one Sunday each month.

G-Clef participates in events such as trips to the Wichita Symphony and workshops with musical professionals like the Sweet Adelines.

For information on events planned and specific meetings, contact Katherine Baker at Beeghly.

**CASA** (Community Against Sexual Assault) on Sept. 14 formed an agenda for the coming year. The organization plans to continue promoting healthy attitudes between men and women by sponsoring projects like "Healthy Relationship Week." For information, contact Tracey Hughes or sponsor Sharon Knechel, Vice President for Student Services.

**PEACE** Awareness members will be in Washington D.C. on Oct. 7 to take part in a march to demand low-income housing from the federal government. They will be joined by thousands of homeless and low-income individuals.

Any interested persons are welcome to join the bus leaving from Newton on Friday, Oct. 6 at 6a.m. It will return Sunday night or early Monday morning.

The march was proposed by the Community for Creative Nonviolence in response to heavy cuts in federal housing spending. Transportation to and lodging near the march is estimated at \$125.

For information, contact Mark Dooley, president.

**CHAMBER SINGERS** and Brass Group will be performing at the Renaissance Festival in Bonner Springs Oct. 15.

For more information, contact Katherine Baker at Beeghly Hall.

## Food service faces change

Konni Nanninga/Spectator

This year students are getting a "taste" of new cafeteria management. Richard Sabatos, food service manager, is among the many new faces at McPherson College.

Sabatos previously worked as a chef for eight years, and then became involved with college food service for an additional 18 years. With his experience, he intends to make a difference.

If feasible and affordable, Sabatos will accept favorite recipes from students. Complaints, suggestions, and compliments are also encouraged to be voiced as he begins to develop new menus.

Sabatos considers the food service at McPherson as one of the best. Students have a choice of entrees.

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Beverly Yokley/Spectator  
Mac College quarterback Clint Kinnamon spots Leroy Fields in the end zone during the Bulldogs' winning drive against Langston Saturday.

# Bulldogs prevail

Brent W. Zamora/Spectator

The McPherson College Bulldogs football team is coming off their best season in recent years. After last year's 7-3 campaign and a runner-up finish in the KCAC, the Bulldogs entered this season with a continued hunger for success.

Bulldog coaches realized their team's potential but knew it wouldn't be easy to replace the likes of last year's all-district quarterback Mike Henson, as well as stand-out wide receiver Tom Norman, offensive lineman Stan Felton and defensive mainstays like Bobby Holland, Shawn Sweat, and Mark Steelman.

The Dogs, however, return a veteran squad blended with new young talent such as defensive backs Gary Brown (Lawton, Oklahoma) and Chris Bruton (Visalia, California) as well as the versatile Ishmael Kimbrough and lineman A.J. Farias.

The Bulldogs dropped their season opener in a tough game to Bethel at Newton, but were hoping to redeem themselves and avenge last season's loss against Langston at home.

A near-capacity crowd witnessed the Bulldog defense apply relentless pressure to Langston all day long, holding the Lions to only 54 yards passing and picking off two

passes. Bulldog kicker Jack Sneddon nailed a 24-yard field goal to get the Dogs on the board.

Langston attempted to move the ball, but the Dog's stellar defense continued to stymie Langston with big play after big play, as Ishmael Kimbrough intercepted a pass late in the third quarter. Langston finally got close to scoring a touchdown when they got a big gain to the Bulldog one-yard line, but they were denied a touchdown and forced to settle for a field goal.

The Bulldog offense then proceeded to march the ball up-field, led by senior quarterback Clint Kinnamon. Kinnamon, who passed for 139 yards on the day, hit Leroy Fields with a 19-yard strike in the right corner to give the Dogs all the offense they would need

Langston's last ditch effort to tie the game was ended by Tadd Holliman's interception in the end zone with 23 seconds left, to preserve the Dogs' 9-3 victory and even their season record to 1-1.

Terry Bruton led the Dogs with 25 total tackles and was named KCAC Player of the Week for his performance.

Leroy Fields, who caught five passes for 71 yards and one touchdown, was nominated Offensive Player of the Week.

The Bulldogs' next game is Saturday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m., in Ottawa against the Braves.

## Lady Red tennis off to good start

Cindy Ewy/Spectator

Sept. 8 the McPherson College Women's tennis team started their season impressively. Guided by new Coach Jerry Holman, they stunned perennial KCAC powerhouse Sterling College with a 6-3 victory.

players set the tone for the day, and perhaps the season, with decisive wins. Junior April Sacha defeated her opponent in three sets, 2-6, 6-2, 6-2. In their first season, both Sharrie Grove and Tawana Holton were victorious at the number two and number three singles. Grove was successful 6-3, 6-0, and Holton won 6-2, 6-2.

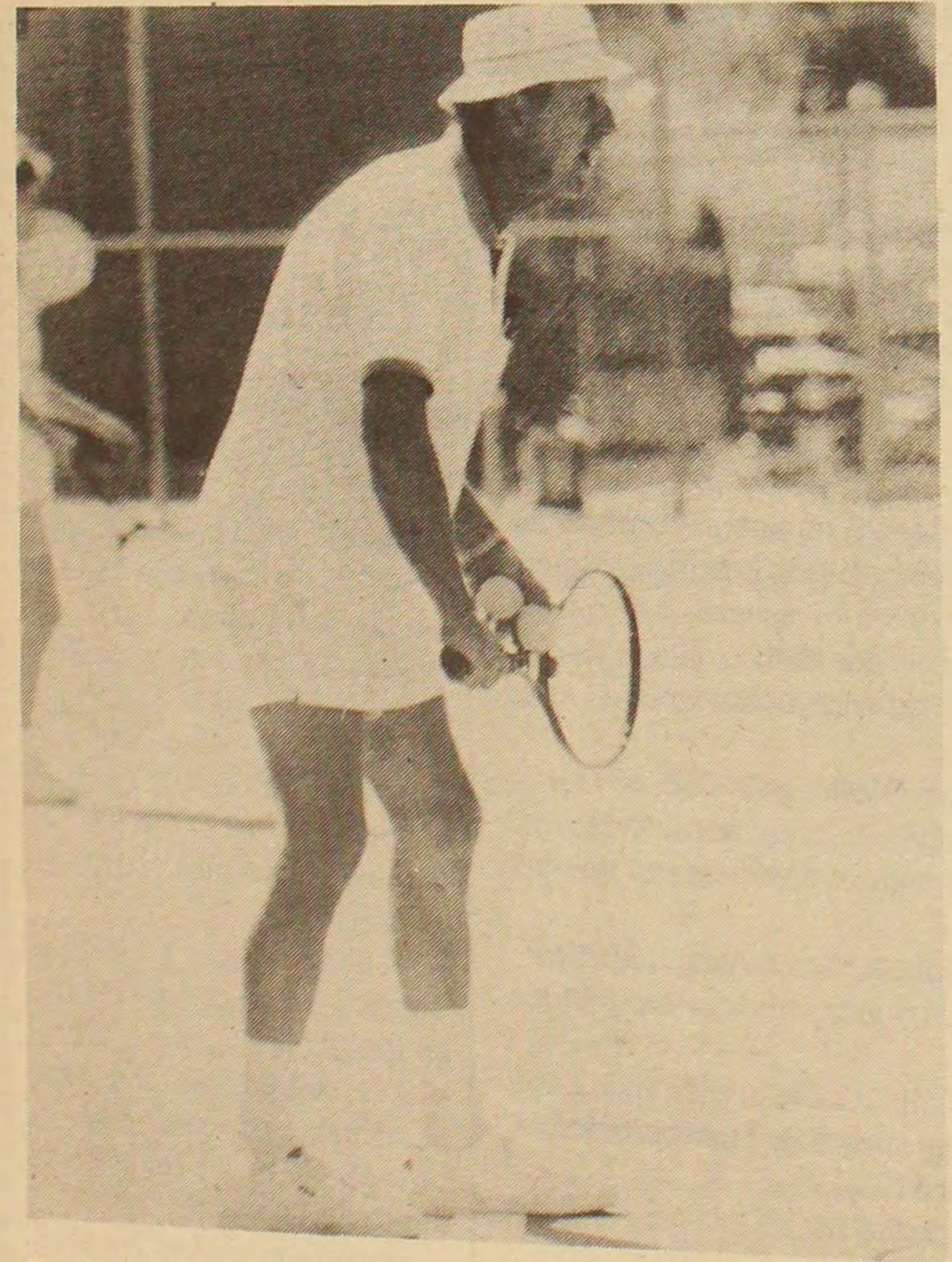
the number one doubles match, but were defeated in a close battle, 6-7, 7-6, 6-1. Twin sisters Tawana and Tara Holton were victorious at number two doubles, 2-6, 6-2, 6-0. In number three doubles, number five singles player Sandy Willis and Melia Dell defeated their opponents 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Sacha and Grove teamed up for

**Volleyball underway**

Under new Head Coach Vicki Mester, the McPherson College volleyball team started out the 1989 season at the Emporia State Invitational Tournament.

They came out of the weekend with a 1-3 record, with their lone win against Sterling College, 15-2, 15-7.



Beverly Yokley/Spectator  
Women's tennis coach Jerry Holman instructs his players during afternoon practice.



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