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**The Firing Line**

This column is provided for the expression of opinion by any student or faculty member of McPherson College. All articles published must be signed by the writer. "The Firing Line" has no connection with the editorial column.

If the surface of the livable earth were perfectly flat, there would be little scenery. No matter where one might chance to be situated, his viewpoint would be very much the same as that of anyone else. There would not be the restricted outlook of the valley, or the clearer view from the mountain top. Perhaps there would be much less confusion than prevails under actual conditions. Certainly, however, there would be much less of variety, much more of monotony, than now exists in the world as it is. But the world does not wish to be flat. It will always prefer beauty to uniformity.

As long as there are mountains and valleys, there will be differences in viewpoint. And it is not always that the man of the mountain top disagrees with the man of the valley. It may be simply that the one has not had his attention drawn to the phenomena which seems all important to the other.

A college consists primarily of men and women, either faculty or student. Each person looks out upon the world from a viewpoint at least a little different from that of any other. From his own particular vantage point, any one individual may discover something of general interest, or he may see from a clearer viewpoint something already known.

In a college every person present is both a learner and teacher. For purposes of efficiency some are designated as instructors and some as students. All work toward a common end, that a human betterment through learning. That not all should see alike will be evident when it is remembered that no two see from the same viewpoint, that no two have the same background of experience and information with which to associate given conditions or things.

It may be that a member of McPherson College sees that something is not so, from his particular viewpoint. It seems that it should be. Perhaps there is something wrong with the curriculum. Possibly something about living conditions makes comfort and happiness impossible. It may be that there is a needless violation of the laws of beauty and symmetry. Perhaps there is an obstacle in the way of progress that should be removed.

Life is a "firing line". On this firing line, all men perish in the end, but before the end there is time to fight well in the many conflicts great or small which comprise the greater part of life. The management of "The Spectator" desires that the way be clear for the casting of the projectile that may start in motion forces that will build.

This column, which in future is to be known as "The Firing Line," is for those persons who can see from their particular vantage points that some things as they are, are not the same as things as they should be. — C. B. WILLIAMS.

One-ninth of the college year is over and the Bulldog sleeps. With only an occasional whimper to indicate that the old Bulldog Spirit is alive, it seems doubtful that it will ever revive. That spirit of fight, enthusiasm, and rushing vitality, which warranted McPherson College to be named the Bulldogs seems to belong to the past. Will we have to change our name to "Lambas"? They enjoy peace, tranquillity, and an uneventful existence.

An athlete, during the time the Bulldogs growled with vigor (back in 1924 when we won the state football championship) was admitted for his ability and for the fact he fought to make the College known as a hard fighting, clean thinking group of students. Today, the athlete is the sucker; the dumb fool that amuses us by bumping his head on an opponent's shoulder pad.

As far as the players go, the prospect for a winning team during the 1927 football season are the highest we have had in years. Only defeat after defeat is the best we can hope for if the student body, which composes that mythical element of Bulldog Spirit, does not awaken. The vigor and pep of a growling, blood-thirsty Bulldog is dormant within us.

Three more days and we either win or lose. Can we build up that famous old spirit of "Fight! Bulldogs! Fight!" within this short time? The team has trained faithfully for four weeks. The student body has done nothing.

WHY?  
(Signed) BOB PUCKETT.

**By The Way**

Pearl Howard, who taught in the commercial department last year, was seen on our streets Saturday. She is teaching in the Inman high school.

Vivian Harnly and Kathryn Swope were week end guests of Melvina Graham.

Nina Stull accompanied Ruth Hoffman to her home at Dillon Saturday morning. They returned Sunday evening.

Lois Meyers, '27 who is teaching at Dwight, visited friends on College Hill over the week end.

La Verne Martin, Lloyd Johnson, Walter Fillmore Howard Keim, Ruth Blichenstaff, Golda Goodman, Melba Mohler and Esther Keim were Sunday guests at the Edgcomb home.

Mattie Ring visited friends and relatives here Saturday and Sunday. She teaches in western Kansas.

Sam Kurtz came up from Newton, Friday night to auction the pies at the C. E. social. He returned Sunday.

Paul Dick spent the week end at McPherson. He was accompanied by one of his students from McCracken.

Mildred Swenson was at her home near Windom from Friday night until Sunday afternoon.

Among those who spent the week end with home folks were Edna Meyers, Irene Steinberg, Florence Lehman, Myrtle Aimsworth, Cora Sell, Ethel Meyers and Imo Larsen.

Wray and John Whiteneck and Clarence Hawkins went to their home near Aline, Okla., after the football game at Alva. They returned Sunday evening and reported much rain and mud.

Elton Frye and Anna Lengel were guests at Arnold Hall Saturday.

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These reunions will consist of dinners, banquets, programs and reminiscences sponsored by the Alumni Association of McPherson college.

Ray Wagoner, A. B. '27, Colvert Rural High School, will have charge of the alumni meeting at Salina.

Orville Pote, A. B. '23, Halstead, has charge of the Wichita reunion. H. R. Stover, A. B. '22, will officiate in Topeka.

Vivian Spilman, A. B. '26, is temporarily teaching in Roxbury High School. The position was left vacant by Miss Julia Hollem who resigned on account of ill health.

Ralph W. Strohm, A. B. '22, has completed his medical course at Northwestern university and is now practicing in Fort Scott, Kansas.

Mrs. F. F. Regier, alumna of the music department of McPherson college, died recently. Mrs. Regier was a resident of this city.

Miss Bertha Ikenberry is teaching at Dagmon, Montana.

**FORENSIC CLUB GAVE INTERESTING PROGRAM**

The Forensic club met Wednesday evening with Harold Crist in charge of the program.

The first number was a vocal solo by Alvin Moran, senior, "Give a Man a Horse He Can Ride," by O'Hara; Miss Ruth Blichenstaff, freshman from Nampa, Idaho, read "When My Dolly Died" after which a piano duet "Souvenir," by Drdla was played by Miss Arlene Saylor and Miss Myrtle Moyers; two pianologues were given by Miss Mary Prather. "O' Mista Moon" and "Why Don't You Ask Me?" were the numbers read. The program was concluded with a vocal duet, "I Love a Little Cottage", by O'Hara, sung by Lloyd Dicks and Henry Hall.

The meeting was well attended and the members evidenced a great deal of interest in the club and its activities.

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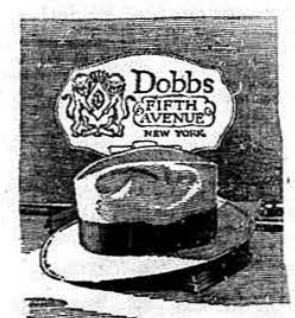
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**FOLLOW THROUGH" IS  
THEME OF BOONE'S TALK**

"Follow through" was the advice given by Prof. G. N. Boone, Wednesday morning at chapel.

In applying it to football, he said, "Don't stop when you hit the line, follow through," and in our daily life, "Don't go part way in any task, follow through until it is finished."

The reason given for failure is that most students do not "follow through"; they are good starters but poor finishers.

As a help in "following through" in school Prof. Boone urged that a goal be kept clearly in mind; that proper interpretation of moral values and choices be made; that building a strong physical body was necessary for efficiency; and to form those mental and physical habits which will make for a better life and to aid in "following through."

**COEDS LOSE HEART**

Thursday afternoon, at 3:45, two of the college's blonde co-eds were seen heatedly arguing. Upon closer investigation it was learned that both desired to see the game and each was daring the other to ask Prof. Williams to take them. It was evident that they neither one dared for they soon started walking halfheartedly to the Athletic Field, cherishing the hope that some passer-by would be generous enough to give them a lift as a reward for the effort put forth to get to the Athletic field and give the Bulldog seconds their support.

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It seems that this ceaseless ringing of the library bell would awaken students to the real purpose of a college library. Maybe some students do not know that we have a gymnasium for athletic stunts, a track for dashes, pep meeting for yells, and parlors that will serve very well for getting acquainted.

If you do not know all these

things, inquire and someone will be glad to tell you the when and where of all the different activities connected with the school. Let's use the library for a place to study. It should be the most quiet place on the campus. Help make it that place, you will appreciate it when semester quizzes come.

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Dewald, Hays' quarter, raced eighty yards after taking the kick off for Hays' second touchdown. Two more touchdowns were added in the final quarter, one resulting from a pass.

Southwestern college trounced Bethel college, 26 to 0, in an opening Kansas conference game Saturday. Bethel was completely outclassed, failing to make a first down in a game played in a steady downpour.

The open field running of Richardson, Southwestern quarterback, featured. He was replaced in the last half by Lander, who ran fifty yards for a touchdown in the final quarter.

Regis college, showing much improvement in all-around play over its start a week ago, trampled Washburn college of Topeka under a 19 to 0 score Saturday.

Brilliant work of the Ranger backfield kept the Kansans guessing during the full sixty minutes of play. They had no trouble piercing the heavy Washburn line for substantial gains to score three touchdowns, which but for frequent penalties might have mounted to six. The Ichabods, on the other hand, never advanced beyond the 30-yard marker, and never seriously threatened to puncture the stout Regis forward wall for a score.

The Emporia Teachers, 1926 Conference champions, opened the 1927 season by defeating Bethany, 7 to 0, in a game which was fought mostly in Bethany's territory.

The lone touchdown came in the third period. Tarrant of Bethany intercepted a pass, carrying the ball to the 20-yard line where the Swedes were held and attempted a placement kick. The kick was blocked and M. Haniline picked up the ball and ran seventy yards for a touchdown. It was the second touchdown scored on Bethany in three years.

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The purpose of this meeting was to discuss problems in connection with the educational work of the church.

Some of the questions discussed were the rotary loan fund, the educational program for the Annual Conference of 1928, and educational day programs. There was a lively discussion of college problems and the aims and purposes toward which the college should strive.

According to the reports of the presidents at this meeting, Manchester College is the largest college in the Church of the Brethren, with Juniata second and McPherson third.

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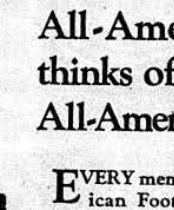
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