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A Verdict on the College Radical

The picture of the American college student in his amusing, almost pathetic setting, was recently set forth by two professors of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The findings which these two investigators among the college agitators of today was recently included in a report in the Technology Review.

One great truth was rediscovered in the survey. That is that the modern college student is not a hypocrite. The professors, however, conclude that the undergraduate agitators are headed in the wrong direction and are placing the wrong values on many things. If these students would spend more time preparing to be able-citizens they would be more competent to support any social order they might choose, the educators believe.

"It should be clear to even the feeblest intelligence that all is not well with our economic system, and we shall doubtless witness experiment after experiment. No opposition party, however small the minority it may represent, can afford to ignore the possibility that you may be called at a moment's notice to form a government.

"If this happens to our Communist friends, their agitators will at once have to seek new jobs. The complex economic life of our country must go on, and there will be a call for technicians, engineers and those versed in the internal economy of our different industries."

A report of this type should be taken by the student not to discourage any radical thought or opinion. It should however be an indication that radicalism for the sake of radicalism is not a substitute for liberal reform.

You Will Want a Quadrangle

Great as is the realization of the value of the Quadrangle to the student after he has been out of school for several years, it cannot be fully realized until you have had to undergo that period. Observe some alumni of the college, talk with him and he will tell you of its true value.

No doubt every student will want a Quadrangle when it is delivered in the near future. It will be your opportunity to live over again in a few years what your memory cannot possibly retain, with the pictorial representation.

The Reward of Cheating

At Emporia Teachers College last week, two students were flunked in a course because they handed in identical papers to two different instructors. Upon questioning the students, one of them confessed that he had copied from the other.

Many people would argue that the punishment was too severe. After all the students are paying for their education. They are old enough to know the difference in right and wrong. No one loses but the student himself upon copying. Another phase to the argument is the fact that it was definitely known who the cheater was. Why punish the innocent one?

A discourse of the above type is most likely among student not used to widespread practices of cribbing and other practices of cheating. In many cases the problem is so severe that the above solution alone can hope to solve the problem.

Then too at the end of the student's education he will ask the college for credentials for a job that will be highly competed for. A rec-

ord falsely attained upon which the student receives a recommendation has a damaging influence upon the ability of the college to place the students in the future.

At the same time one is not willing to admit that the action taken by the faculty of the state college is the final one in regulating the problem of cheating.

The McPherson Relays

Last weekend sports enthusiasts were given a chance to witness a new adventure in the realm of sports on the college campus. In the relay events, interest was high both among the students as well as among the downtown fans.

The event is more significant than it might seem from a casual glance. The success of the event is an indication of the appreciation of the local enthusiasts for a new type of major sport. More than this the continued use of the event will draw to McPherson many new athletes who have succeeded well in high school. They will do this because they will feel that a rightful emphasis is being placed upon track as a sport.

Credit for this move goes to Coach Melvin Binford who has worked for several weeks to inaugurate the relays as a part of the sports program of the College.

"New Roads to Freedom"

"Are you going to Estes this year?" "When is the Estes Conference this year?" These and many other questions are being asked on the campus. Such questions clearly indicate the new interest which has been generated for the annual conference held at Estes Park, Colorado.

The greatest favor that you can do for a student is to persuade him to spend the thirty dollars for this purpose, say those who have been there. He will never forget or regret it. In a week filled with rich contacts, wholesome lectures, inspiring atmosphere, and creative living the Student Christian Movement has been especially effective in this project.

For those who contemplate the vacation one point should be stressed—the greatest benefit will be obtained from going during your undergraduate days. Then the leadership acquired there will be especially helpful in the Y organization during the following year.

King Dandelion

"Shall we or shall we not allow the yellow dandelion to reign over our campus?" is the question. It is true that the dandelion has the upper hand at the present time. Are we going to sit around and let him take charge of our campus like Huey Long is running things down south? It is agreed that the dandelion is unsightly and undesirable on the College grounds, but who has done anything to throw him out? He can be thrown out but WILL HE?

There are some ways of driving him out. Wholesale action by students and faculty some afternoon would put a wet blanket over his head. Another more effective way would be to plow up the whole campus and start over again. This would not only squelch the dandelion but would be a wonderful improvement to our campus if we could have good grass all over it. Therefore the only thing that can be said is "We must banish the dandelion."

Where is my wandering girl tonight? Where, oh, where is she?

BREVITIES

F. A. Demmin was on the campus yesterday on business for the Quadrangle. He is with the Mid-Continent Engraving Company of Wichita.

Neva Root, Merle Messamer, Faith Ketterman, and Donald Evans enjoyed a picnic at Coronado Heights Saturday evening.

Wheeler Kurtz, '34, and his brother, Robert, came Saturday for a week's visit with friends here. Their home is in Chicago.

Faye Sandy and Florence DeCoursey visited relatives in Nickerson Sunday.

Gail Patterson of Lyons was a guest on the campus last weekend.

Miss Della Lehman spent Saturday in Wichita.

Maudena Sondergard spent last weekend at her home in Hamona.

Robert Stratmann visited at his home in Geneseo last Sunday.

Bernice Fowler of Worthington, Minn., is visiting college friends here this week. She is a graduate with the class of 1932.

Dean F. A. Replogie and the male octette visited the Canton high school last Friday to interest students in attending McPherson College.

Dean F. A. Replogie will be visiting the high schools at Lorraine, Hollywood, Bushton, Clifton, Sylvia, Stafford, St. John, and Macksville today and Friday interesting students to attend College here next year.

Ralph Johnston, Principal of Courtland school, was on the campus, Saturday.

Most of the students have probably noticed the concrete seat placed under the tall pine tree by the library. The General Shop class in Industrial Arts Department is making these as one of the units and there will probably be several more.

Senior Personalities

You will remember Arthur DeVor as the Einstein of the senior stunt. He has also helped with many of the chemistry demonstrations which have been given. He is majoring in chemistry and has been a member of the Chemistry Club for two years. He took his first two years of college work at Central College, McPherson.

One always expects the unexpected from Glen Austin, and one is never disappointed. He goes about with a humorously innocent air which conceals a great deal of serious thought. He has taken his freshman and senior work at McPherson College, and spent the interim at Grand Junction Junior College, Grand Junction, Colorado. He was a member of the orchestra in his freshman year, on the Spectator staff this year, and a member of the World Service Group both years. His major interest is education and psychology.

Velma Keller has served capably this year as president of the Y. W. C. A. Her other interests include dramatics, in which she participated in her sophomore and junior years, and W. A. A., to which she has belonged four years. She has chosen education and psychology as her major. Velma has aided with the welfare work of the Red Cross during the past year and plans to continue in this service after graduation.

Orval Eddy is the fellow with the deep bass voice. It is even reported that his announcements at the Relays Friday could be heard from the College Chapel. Eddy has been on the football team three years, went out for track in his sophomore and junior years, and has been a member of the "M" club three years. He has been intramural athletic director this year. In addition to his athletic interests he has been a member of the Thespian club for two years, and on the Quadrangle and Spectator staffs this year. He spent his freshman year at Mount Morris College. His major field is commerce.

STUDENTS PETITION FACULTY FOR CURRICULUM ADDITION

A petition is being circulated on the McPherson College campus for a program of individual study courses to be introduced into the curriculum. Following is the request in full:

WHEREAS, the individual study plan has successfully been tried in numerous colleges and universities, such as Buffalo University, Olivette College, University of Chicago, et. al.;

WHEREAS, the individual study system is of proved merit in that it takes into consideration individual differences, capabilities, and aptitudes of students, which differences are notably broad;

WHEREAS, the individual study plan is a definite time saver for students;

WHEREAS, the individual study plan makes for greater initiative, increased interest, and more thorough study and preparation;

And finally, WHEREAS, all loyal McPherson supporters desire to see our beloved Alma Mater be modern and progressive in all lines;

Therefore, we, the undersigned, do hereby respectfully petition the faculty of McPherson College that there be offered to the students of McPherson College a curriculum embodying a number of individual study courses (for upper classmen).

The Industrial Arts Department will have an exhibit downtown on All School's Day at the B. K. store.

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Literaria

Ralph Thompson Writes of Fascist Trends of Disturbing Types in Northern Europe

Although Fascist doctrines have as yet made no notable success in Scandinavian or Baltic states, they continue to be a problem to the governments of these countries, and periodically cause considerable excitement and even disturbance. In Estonia, for example, martial law was declared on March 12 because of the threatening activity of parties with Fascist or Nazi tendencies. Political meetings were forbidden, over 400 members of the so-called Liberator group were arrested, and their newspapers were banned. Shootings and casualties were reported as the government searched homes and offices for ringleaders, and when order was restored a few days later, General Larka, Liberator candidate in the forthcoming presidential elections, was apparently the only leader of the faction at liberty.

The difficulty in Estonia was directly connected with the presidential campaign, and seems to have been the result of an unsuccessful attempt by the Liberators to frighten the voters into supporting General Larka rather than one of the other candidates, General Laidoner and Acting President Paets. The government's explanation for its drastic action was that the Liberators were being financed from abroad (which is to say from Germany) and were planning to seize power by force.

At about the same time that Estonia was experiencing this civil commotion, her neighbor, Latvia, experienced a change in government which is not without a Fascist aspect. On March 2, the cabinet of Adolph Blodmies, which had been reconstructed about a year ago, resigned on a vote of no-confidence by the Latvian Chamber, and within two weeks a new government was formed by K. Ulmanis. The change marks a swing from the Left to the Right, for Blodmies represented the New Farmers party and the interests of those who were provided with land under the agrarian reform of 1920, while Ulmanis is a leader of the Conservative Farmers Union and an advocate of constitutional reforms which will transfer power from parliament to the president. But the Latvian parliament is still an active force, and during the last week of March the Chamber voted that the Ulmanis government discharge all state employees who belong to Fascist organizations or other Right groups hostile to the existing regime.

Lithuania's struggle with Fascism is perhaps more real than those of her Baltic neighbors because it is complicated by the nationalistic ideas which have long influenced the German and Lithuanian residents of the Memel territory. Nearly every move which the Lithuanian government declares necessary to the law and order of Memel is the subject of protest by Germany as an infringement upon the autonomy of the territory and the rights of the Germans living there; contrariwise, every sign of Nazi activity in the region is declared by Lithuania to be further evidence of a plot against the integrity of the Lithuania state. Numerous notes have been exchanged by the foreign

offices of Kaunas and Berlin, but they do not seem to settle matters, and apparently irreconcilable forces continue to oppose one another as they have for years. During March there were numerous counter-moves by the Germans and arrests of Nazi "agitators." On February 23, before the latest steps were taken, the Berlin Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed Lithuania that her actions were likely to have serious effects upon the future relations of the two countries.

In Finland and Scandinavia the friction between Fascist groups and their more democratic rivals is less intense. On March 12, however, the Finnish Diet adopted a law forbidding the wearing of any kind of political uniform or emblem in public—a move which accords with Denmark's action of several months ago, and with Sweden's of last July. It was reported from Stockholm on March 21, moreover, that the Swedish government would probably ban all armed character and make membership in such bodies illegal. Norway, on the other hand, seems to have found drastic measures of this sort unnecessary thus far, although in the near future she may have to cope with the growing strength of the National Union, a Fascist party headed by Major V. A. L. Quisling, former minister of defense.

Library Notes

The book, "The Forgotten Man and Other Essays" is the only book to be added to the collection this week.

A useful pamphlet, "Available Magazines in McPherson College Library Indexed in Readers' Guide," has been prepared and placed on the table with the Readers' Guide.

The family of the late S. N. Doinard, of Minnesota, sent to the library a set of Descriptive Charts of Ancient Monuments which remained among his papers. These are very much appreciated and can be used in several places.

"WHEN WHITE BUDS OPEN"

My Lady Spring is here again!
I heard the herald birds proclaim,
The oaks flung out their earliest leaves,

And all the tall elms did the same,
With emerald fire and cups of gold,
The meadow is a glorious thing,
And we forget the earth is old,
When first the darling feet of Spring
Come dancing over the glad hills
With snowdrops and with daffodils;
With buds and blossoms in her train—
My Lady Spring is here again!

The sweetest time of all the year!
April shower and April sun,
Oh, the fragrance of orchard ways
When the white buds open, one by one!
Winter is over, Winter is past,
And all the snow to be seen is now
The white foam flecking the ragged thorn—
The clustered bloom on the orchard bough!

By Edith D. Osborne

Spec-Yu-La-Shuns

Recent issues of this column would seem to indicate that there never is any scandal on the campus, which, of course, is a false conclusion. The scarcity perhaps is due to lack of perception, or perhaps more aptly it is due to laziness. Be that as it may, here are a few choice bits of dirt picked up in the last few days.

There's no gem of original thought on the campus like the ones Lackie springs every now and then. Take for example his prize plan for the remedying of the industrial situation. When that topic was up for discussion in economics last week, he pipes up with the thought that the best solution for the industrial problem would be birth control. Hmmm—it's a good thing that Lackie isn't under the thumb of Hitler or Mussolini.

A couple years or so ago there used to be held contests to discover the best definition of a kibitzer. The best definition we have found yet is the person who monopolized a public telephone for a half hour when other people desire to use it.

All indications point to the fact that a certain female on our campus is extremely two-faced. However, this conclusion places us in a dilemma, for if she were two-faced she'd surely use the other face. You probably know the dame without our mentioning her name.

"The seniors are sneaking tonight!" Yeh, that's all right if you are sure to say it on the right night. Some well-meaning (?) but glib underclassmen kinda got boxed Monday night when a false rumor of a prospected sneak got abroad.

Miss Abeldt, '31, of Hope visited Mildred Pray Sunday and Monday.

Foolish Questions

It seems to be the accepted thing to start a conversation by asking questions. This may be all very well if there is anything to ask questions about, but as for the asking of questions merely for the sake of asking them—well, there should be a law against it. Questioning, in its proper place, is a very good thing. In fact we are told that we learn by asking questions, but why, oh why, should one ask questions about things that are perfectly obvious? Certainly it is not because one seeks information, for the use of one's eyes or a little common sense would answer the question before it is asked. But reason or no reason, people do it, not just certain people, but people in general.

For instance, Mary meets a friend on the street and when asked where she is going replies that she is on her way to Aunt So and So's funeral. The friend at once exclaims, "Is she dead?" Mary thinks nothing of the question and answers, "Yes," when the more logical answer would seem to be, "No, but she wanted to be different and decided to have her funeral ahead of time, so she could enjoy it more." Foolish, of course, but no more foolish than the question.

And then when you have been vigorously blowing your nose at regular intervals during the last hour or so, and someone finally asks, "Have you a cold?", don't you almost feel tempted to answer, "No, I've just been blowing my nose to clear my brains," or some other equally absurd thing?

While still on the subject of "cold," we are reminded of the person who, seeing you shivering and hugging the radiator, wants to know if you are cold. You could answer that you are so warm you are trying to shake off some of the excess heat to warm up the radiator, but of course you wouldn't.

Or suppose you have sung in a concert and when you mention it to a friend he very kindly asks, "Oh! do you sing?" This may or may not be such a foolish question after all, but nevertheless one doesn't like to be reminded of the fact.

How do you suppose the young man felt when he had taken his best girl a lovely box of candy, and when he presented it, she asked sweetly, "Is this for me?" He probably hastened to assure her that it was, but he should have told her no, that he

had only brought it over for her to see, and that he was going to give it to some one else later.

There are always plenty of foolish questions asked about injuries and accidents. There had been a rather serious automobile accident and a witness was relating the incident. After giving an account of how badly the car was smashed, and telling of the blood which was very much in evidence around the wreckage, one of the listeners asked in an anxious tone, "Was anyone hurt?"

Foolish questions are much in evidence around the college campus. A student may be in his room, very comfortably seated in a chair, reading. Another student walks into the room and nine chances out of ten the first question is, "What are you doing?" or he may be struggling with a very difficult problem in mathematics and, after watching him for a few minutes, the visitor will ask, "Are you working math?" It all depends upon the nature of the student as to the reply given. It may be in the form of a book or other handy object thrown at the visitor.

Since weddings always come in for their share in any joke, consider the case of a young lady who, while at home from college during Easter vacation, attended her cousin's wedding. A few days later she told a friend that she had been to a wedding. The friend promptly asked, "Did someone get married?"

And so it goes. People ask foolish questions and never know it; those of whom the questions are asked seldom notice it. But since it is being done by the best of people, in the best of well-regulated families, the most foolish question we could ask is, "What are you going to do about it?"

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LOCALS CAPTURE FIRST IN McPHERSON RELAYS

Bulldogs, Obtaining Honors in Six out of Thirteen Events, Win Meet—Four School Records Shattered.

Great interest was shown by the people of McPherson when they attended the McPherson Relays, although the day was a disagreeable one.

McPherson College* outpointed Friends University to win the McPherson Relays. McPherson had 5 1/2 points to 4 1/2 for Friends. Bethel College finished third with 2 1/2 points, Bethany was fourth with 10 points and Sterling fifth with 7 1/2 points.

The Bulldogs took six firsts out of thirteen events. Friends accounted for three firsts while Bethel had a similar number.

Several school records were broken by McPherson entries. Anton Meyer threw the discus 139 feet 11 inches for a new record. The pole vault mark fell with Lee Haun clearing the bar at 12 feet. McPherson lowered the 880 yard relay record to 1:36 and the 440 yard relay to 46:2.

Bethel took first in the special medley relay with a time of 7:03 and also won the two mile relay in 8:42.4.

Summaries:
120 yard high hurdles—Won by Voth, Bethel; second: Gates, Friends; third, Haun, McPherson; time, 16 7-10.

100 yard dash—Won by Morton, Friends; second, Miles, McPherson; third, Coleman, Friends; fourth, Toland, McPherson; time 10 1-10.

Two mile relay—Won by Bethel; second, McPherson; third, Friends; time 8:42 4-0.

440 yard relay—Won by Bethany; second, McPherson; third, Bethel fourth, Friends; time 46 2-10.

880 yard relay—Won by McPherson; second, Bethel; third, Friends; fourth, Bethany; time 1:36.

Medley relay—Won by Bethel; second, Friends; third, McPherson; time 7:03.

Shot put—Won by Coleman, Friends; second, Meyer, McPherson; third, Grentz, McPherson; fourth, Overman, Friends; distance 41' 1 3/4."

Discus—Won by Meyer, McPherson; second, McAdams, Friends; third, Coleman, Friends; fourth, Classen, Bethel; distance 139' 11".

Pole vault—Won by Haun, McPherson; second, Dicker, Bethany; third, Curry, Sterling; fourth, Wilson, Friends, and Wiggins, McPherson tied; height 12'.

High jump—Won by Wiggins, McPherson; second, Wilson, Friends; third, Drury, Sterling; fourth, Berg, Bethel and Wilke, Sterling, tied; height 5' 8 3/4."

Broad jump—Won by Morton, Friends; second, Curry, Sterling; third, Haun, McPherson; fourth, Carpenter, McPherson; distance 22' 5 3/4."

Javelin—Won by Hendren, McPherson; second, Monroe, Bethel; third, Wiggins, McPherson; fourth, Goodyear, Friends; distance 156' 4".

Mile relay—Won by McPherson; second, Friends; third, Bethel, fourth, Bethany; time 3:36 9-10.

PIANO STUDENTS RATE HIGH

Miss Joyce Vetter received the rating of superior in piano in the state contest held at Emporia last week. Clayton Krehbiel received the rating of excellent in piano in the Little Arkansas Valley League contest held at Hurrtown last Friday. These students are both from Moundridge and are enrolled with Miss Brown.

The term, alma mater, is an old Latin word. It means foster mother, and was a title given to several goddesses and translated in England to universities and schools.—The Bulletin, K. S. T. C., Emporia.

A University of Kentucky student (Lexington) attended a class in German two weeks before he discovered he was in the wrong place. He thought it was a class in geology.

SPORT LIGHTS

The McPherson track team is to be congratulated upon its fine showing in the McPherson Relays. The boys were keyed up for the occasion, and it seemed to be McPherson's day to win. Four school records were broken in the events of the day.

"Tony" Meyer was the first man to shatter a school record when he bettered his own discus mark of 133' 10" to 139' 11". The record in that event was 126' 8" until this year when "Tony" bettered this mark in a dual meet with Bethel.

Lee Haun set a new school record in the pole vault. He cleared the bar at 12'. He tied the old school record of 11' 9" last year.

New records were made in the 440 and the 880 yard relays. The new time on the 440 was 46:2 and the 880 was 1:36.

The McPherson mile relay team upset the dope and won over the fast Friends University team. Paul Heckman, who ran third for McPherson, was largely responsible for the McPherson victory, giving his anchor man about a 20 yard lead.

The two cups that were won by the winning relay teams will have the names of the persons on the team engraved on them. The large meet trophy will have the words, "Won by McPherson College" engraved upon its plaque.

Hansen, C. of E. tennis flash, won the singles tournament. He won over Binford in the final match. The score was 6-0, 6-3. This is the third time that these two men have met, and Hansen has been the winner each time.

Morton of Friends seemed to be the iron man of the relays. He won the 100 yard dash and the broad jump besides placing in several other events and running in nearly all of the relays.

MAKING SYNTHETIC DIAMONDS EXPLAINED BY DR. HERSHEY

The story of the making of synthetic diamonds will be told by Dr. J. W. Hershey and his assistants in Chemistry club this afternoon at 4:30. The explanation of the process will be made more vivid through the aid of slides and motion pictures, and an actual demonstration of the electric furnace used in diamond making. These diamonds are the same in appearance, and the same chemically as natural diamonds. However, as yet the laboratory method has not yielded diamonds of commercial size. The world's largest synthetic diamond, made by Dr. Hershey, will be on display under the microscope. This diamond has been shown in Washington, D. C., at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, and many other places.

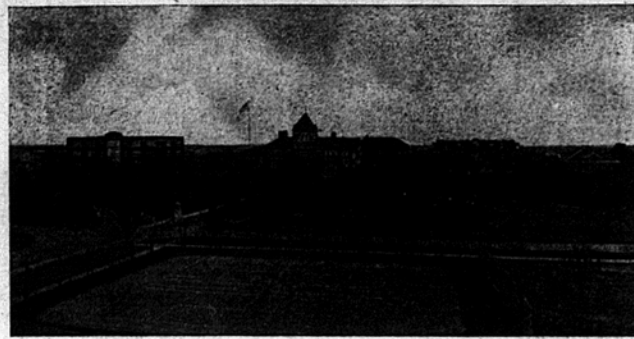
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This picture of the McPherson College campus will be shown in the photo as taken from the Brethren Church. All of the buildingsmen's dormitory, and library can be seen in the photo on the campus including the gymnasium, science hall, K-graph.

FROM OFF THE CAMPUS

Over 200 invitations were sent out for the Baker University Relays held on April 27. Only high schools and junior colleges who participated in past Baker Relays and those who requested entry blanks were invited.—The Baker Orange.

Over thirty candidates have answered Coach Liston's first call for spring football practice. Of these, eight are lettermen, and about 12 have squad experience. Many veterans are practicing for track and therefore cannot be out.—The Baker Orange.

A special souvenir edition of the Cactus consisting of sixteen or more pages of pictures and write-ups, reviewing the entire year at Central College, is being prepared for the next edition and will be ready about commencement time.—The Cactus.

The Bethany Glee club presented a half-hour concert over Station KDKA, Pittsburgh, April 17. Previous to the broadcast they gave a short musical program in Carrick high school.—Bethany Collegian, Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va.

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