





## Jones Is First In Local Peace Oration

**Burger Places Second, Hedges Third; State Contest April 24.**

The local Peace Oratorical Contest was won on Sunday evening, March 22 by Nathan Jones. The winning of this contest makes Jones eligible for participation in the State Peace Oratorical contest, which will be held in Lawrence, Kansas on the evening of April 24.

Second place in the local contest was won by James Burger; Geraldine Hedges won third place. Others participating in the contest were Blanche Geisert, Harry Reer, and Bob Mays. Local prizes awarded were \$7.50 for first place, \$5.00 for second, and \$2.50 for third. In the state contest the first prize will be \$15; second \$10; and third \$5. McPherson College has brought home a considerable amount of cash in contests of past years.

## Debate Delegation To National Meet

**Will Apply For Membership In Pi Kappa Delta.**

Tomorrow veteran debaters Ernest Peterson and Wayne Geisert, together with Professor Maurice A. Hess, former debate coach, will leave by bus for Minneapolis, Minnesota, where they will attend the National Convention of Pi Kappa Delta.

This delegation will represent McPherson College at the convention, and will be expected to answer any questions concerning the college. The hope is that a local chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, national fraternity of senior college forsenics, may be granted by the convention.

If a chapter is granted to the college forensic society, the initiation banquet for local charter members will be held on May 2. Present indications point to a charter membership of twenty to twenty-five debaters and orators.

The McPherson delegation, according to present plan, will return to the campus one week from tomorrow.

## A Cappella Choir Concert Success

**Large Crowd Attends Tenth Annual Program.**

Extremely successful was the tenth anniversary concert of the McPherson College A Cappella Choir. The concert was held in the McPherson High School auditorium last Friday evening. A large and appreciative crowd greeted the singers.

Included on the program were numbers which represented the repertoires of all previous years. One of the most interesting numbers was "Hospodi Pomilui", a Russian composition by S. V. Lvovsky. The crescendos and diminuendos used in this number achieved a striking effect. Another favorite of the audience was "Vanka 'n' Tanka", a Russian hill-billy song. The choir later repeated this number as an encore.

Various solo parts were sung throughout the program by Virginia Kerlin, soprano; Lucy Blough, contralto; and Lyle Albright, baritone.

The girls' quartette and the men's quartette each appeared in a group of numbers. Virginia Kerlin and Lyle Albright, senior members of the choir, were featured in a duet, "How Sweet the Moonlight Sleeps Upon This Bank", by Lehmann. Miss Gulah Hoover was the accompanist.

## Heard On The Party Line



**Rob Roy**

(This one is not a horse)

There's one who's cut a caper. This merry oneth of Apr. And he merits all the space that he is given.

He introduced Leora's folks To the dormitory blokes. Such tender things increase the joy of livin'.

Since this paper has been in the making for two weeks, I am going to do a little resurrecting. I trust that you don't mind. Anyhow, no news is dead news, as far as I am concerned. Let the dead bury the dead, I always say. Any fool can plainly see that I am not dead. A dead person could not be so clever.

Nick and Connie, aronists of the first water, returned to the scene of their crime this week. The fire at the Manor last week, according to Bunyan the informer, was started by the two above-mentioned. But were they sorry? No, they came back! Speaking of the fire, did you know why Orvell was safe afterwards? You guessed it. She was protected by Gaylord Coughenour, another underclassman. The unders have as much attraction for Orvell, apparently, as they for McAuley.

Margaret Davis, pretty dater of a local mistaached faculty member, has stolen the heart and also the ring of Stutzman's roommate. Nothing like practically keeping it in the family. And Ralph "Bonny" Bontrager is also a friend of Pascal, Margaret's brother. Nothing like prospective brothers-in-law getting along well together.

Also Jim Burger, who will be remembered for his prowess at catching rabbits with his bare hands, has taken the step from which there is very little turning back, if any. He and Bonnie, who have been rushing the Arnold hours ever since school started, decided to justify their clanish behavior. They announced to everyone who would listen Friday night that they had intentions not only honorable, but also marital.

Dutchie cut quite a figure at the Physical Education Conference at Emporia. According to Hayden, she liked a fellow because he didn't "yitterbug." Not to mention the fact that said fellow took Dutchie to lunch the next day, subsequently driving her over the countryside in his convertible coupe.

Klotz made a special request that we print this item: he wishes all to know that he goes with Voshell for sociability—at least that's what he told Bunyan, and that's equivalent to spreading it all over heaven and points west. Furthermore, Klotz asked us to inform the student population that he didn't mean what he said the other night when he said some vile, vile words at the dorm. It seems that a few youngsters, including our esteemed dean of men, Prof. Dell, had assembled in one of the dorm rooms to cook up a few faints in the approved masculine style, whatever that means. By and by friend Klotz comes in, discovers the plot, and bangs on the door for admittance. When he saw that the "open door" policy was not going to be observed by ye hearties in the forbidden room, Klotz informed all within hearing distance that ye above mentioned hearties were a bunch of—yes, you guessed it. Now guess who opened the door... it was Prof. Dell. Now, I should like to know. Do you think that Klotz should speak to friend Prof. in that unseemly manner. I thought not.

Now that the nationally known old gent with the whiskers is confiscating the pin ball machines for amusement, various collegians are finding it difficult to know how to spend their spare time. Some of them, however, being naturally of an inventive mind, have hit upon this very excellent substitute. Lucile Horner, under the tutelage of the head of the industrial arts department, is busily engaged in making some little time killers affectionately known as Solitary marble games. Since the craze started last week, it has swept such gaming organizations as the SCM, the IRC, etc. Rowena Albright, entertainment fan, is one of the most recent converts.

At the A Cappella Choir banquet the other night, toastmaster Hittinger unleashed a barrage of verbal badinage at the various contributors to the program. Laughter greeted each story with which the urbane master of ceremonies introduced each succeeding number on the docket. Most successful of all, however, was the one in which the good doctor told of his first a cappella choir concert, heard in the jungle. The story runs to the effect that the leader of THAT choir had hair. At this point Prof. Fisher evinced interest. Being nearsighted, I had thought that all choir leaders had hair.

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Kough, who, incidentally, we characterized several weeks ago as having a chest like the "Angel," Muriel has settled back into the Kough routine and Fenchel has retired with a bewildered look in his beautiful blue eyes. Now that Kough has demonstrated his ability in lines other than physical and mental, he is being deluged with requests for advice and possible methods of procedure. Men all over the campus are asking him how he did it.

While we are speaking of engagements, it might be interesting to include the story of an engagement which was broken last Wednesday night. The engagement was between Dick Burger and play practice, and the breaker was Burger. Burger the breaker, with his companion Geraldine Hedges, together with the aforementioned Kough-Lamie coalition, calmly satiated picnicward so Dick could recover from the effects of his comprehensive Wednesday morning. Hoot, Mon! The best laid plans of mice and men—kang aft again. And a fellow needs a little entertainment.

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# Eight Lettermen Return To Track Squad

### Only Three Scheduled Meets Because Few Teams Were Organized

Now that basketball season is a month gone by and track has been under way for nearly a week, maybe we should look over the prospects for a track squad this season.

We have back this year eight lettermen. Vetter will again appear in the role of weight man and quarter miler. Al Miller will be in the thick of javelin throwing and pole vaulting. Culver is back to cut the tape in the dashes, Unruh will, with Vetter, run the quarter mile again. Stes will be crossing the bars in high jump, and Finfrock will be back on the two quarter races. Dick Burger will again bring home that two mile stretch of bacon and may perhaps initiate himself into the mile run with the absence of Holmes and Rogers after an absence of a year is back to run with Burger, his roommate in the two-mile event and perhaps in the half mile.

There are numerous prospects of freshmen and also men who have not been out for college track previously to this year. There is good prospect in Walt Buller as a weight man. Dayton Rothrock may turn out to be a good half-miler. Mays and Ditmars are running the mile and Ronald Orr may run the half.

The pressure has not been put on as yet. We will find out what our prospective men can do on the day of inter-class meet on some future date.

Don't be surprised to see another successful two mile relay team this year. Although three of last year's second place two mile team have gone leaving only Finfrock, there will be nearly seven half-miles to pick from. However some of our other distance runners may be converted into a half-miler for the Ottawa Relays and others.

In all probability there will be no track meets until around the 1st of May due to a late start on the account of the weather. It has been for the past two weeks too cold or chilly to be running very much outside.

We are in dire need of competition this year due to the fact that Bethany College dropped out and Bethel will have very little track. That leaves only Kansas Wesleyan, the Ottawa Relays, and Conference Meet sometime in May.

If there is enough interest some of the boys may be entered in the Kansas Relays at Lawrence, April 15. This occurs a day after the "M" Club Banquet. Of course the boys will have to show favorable records before having the honor of entering these Relays at Lawrence.

Coach Hayden has been working with the boys regularly of late and he may develop a few stars good enough to win a few meets this year.

# Tennis And Golf To Be Abandoned

Tennis and golf have been abandoned as intercollegiate sports at McPherson College this year. McPherson will have a track team this spring but by necessity its schedule will be limited. Bethany College, College of Emporia and Hutchinson Jr. College are all abandoning track and Bethel will put little emphasis on it. Baker, Kansas Wesleyan, and Ottawa will have track teams as usual. But it will be impossible for the Bulldogs to have dual meets with Baker or Ottawa because of the distance.

It will be possible for Bulldog athletes to participate in the conference tennis tournament or conference golf meet Coach Hayden stated, if the college thinks their ability merits the chance. But McPherson will not send teams as in past years.

Coach Hayden made it clear that this measure was taken only for this spring and had no bearing on tennis and golf competition in future year.

# Mutterings

By Marilyn

Ahhh Happiness! softball diamond is being completed and softball practice games are at last being started. The diamond, through the assistance of Coach Hayden, was set up this week. Alta Gross, head of softball announced that teams will be organized and games will soon begin.

And girls haven't you always wanted something extra special to do on Saturday mornings? W. A. A. offers just that something—archery every Saturday morning beginning at 9:00, besides the other practices on Friday at 7:50 and Thursday at 4:00.

Of course who doesn't like to go out in this Kansas wind and get their hair blown—or should I say let the breeze gently blow through your locks—but anyway—last Monday the Outing club went on one of their first spring hikes. Heads of this club are planning a wolverine roast—hike very soon, and even though you aren't a member you are invited.

Wouldn't you like to be able to dive without falling flat on your face—or something—both Maurine Black and Miss Staehling are out for just that every Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 to assist girls as they plunge into the Y pool.

# City Library Receives New Books

The second installment for books for the International Mind Alove, including two of the best and most recent works on Japan and the Far East, has been received by the McPherson Public Library. The books were placed on the shelves and went into circulation this morning.

Books for the alove are coming as a gift from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. These books are sent in installments about four times a year to small public libraries until the library receives 100 books.

The new group of four books are particularly timely. They include the autobiography of a Japanese woman, "My Narrow Lane," by Sumiko Mishima. She is a modern Japanese woman and in the book tells of her education in America and her clash with the feudal system of Japan.

Of special interest at the present time is "North of Singapore," by Carveth Wells. It is an informal account of a trip starting in Japan, north to Manchuria and south to Singapore and was written in 1940.

The fourth of the new books is "The Heard of Europe," written by Denis de Rougemont and Charlotte Murel. It gives a picture of present life in Switzerland, surrounded by warring governments, and shows the federated type of government in that country.

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# Intramurals Receive Emphasis This Spring

Intramurals will move to the foreground on Macampus this spring. With the abandonment of golf and tennis this spring there is a definite shifting of emphasis towards intramurals by the college.

Under the leadership of Coach Hayden and Jean Staehling an extensive intramural program has been planned. Predominant among the intramural activities this spring will be softball for both the boys and girls. The softball season will be opened with a game between the second and third floors of Arnold Hall. According to the rules each team will be permitted to let five boys play on their team. However both the pitcher and catcher can not be boys.

Besides softball there are several other intramural activities in progress. At present a ping pong tournament is in progress. Horseshoe stakes have been set up east of the gym and the croquet set has also been set up south of the gym.

# Ramblings

By Robert

With the abandonment of golf and tennis and the curtailment of competition in track this Spring, there has been a decided shift of emphasis from intercollegiate athletics to intramurals, which many believe have been neglected in favor of the intercollegiate sports, get their big chance for approval or disapproval this spring. Intramurals will be successful if the entire student body gets

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behind Coach Hayden. Miss Staehling, and participates and cooperates with the intramural program that has been planned. Disapproval (and admitted failure of the program) will be shown by lack of interest, little cooperation with the intramural program as planned and the lack of participation. Lack of participation is perhaps the best barometer of all in indicating whether intramurals are accepted or not. When it is hard to get a team together or when students would rather be doing something else than participating in intramurals it's

a pretty good indication the students don't care for intramurals. So if you are in favor of a strong intramural program for Macampus this spring here's your chance to express your approval of it because intramurals will make its strongest bid for recognition this spring.



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