

# The Freshmen Arrive

By Annette Glasier

Typically, the freshmen this year wander about with a slightly dazed look. They timidly inquire of such personages as Muriel Lamle and Alta Gross if they, too, are "fresh." Standing in the business office, they shyly inquire where Sharp is; and they think Fanny is the name of the science building. However, when the baffled look on the face of the greenies is pierced, various personalities emerge.

Jane Anderson is the pretty brunette from Osborne who has journalistic aspirations. She is a good pal of our old friend, Shirley Wyckoff. The sole representative from New Mexico is blonde Ila Verne Lobban. More than one upperclassman has mentioned her resemblance to Katy McRae.

Susie and Ernest Ikenberry call Twin Falls, Idaho, their home. Both brother and sister are very friendly and full of fun, cute kids! Susan was an inhabitant of the dorm—but only for a very short time. She now takes up her abode at Wall's, but we see her about the campus a lot.

Relatives of older students are also much in evidence: Les Roger's brother, Louis, is interested in football (Here's hoping he likes basketball as well.) That tall dark fellow who looks vaguely familiar is Marvin Reeves, Phyllis' brother. Alvin Klotz has a sister, Eva May; and Ruth Shoemaker has a niece, Margaret Williams from Wenatchee, Washington. Eloise McKnight calls Eula Wolf, cousin. Eula is from Quinter, too. Evelyn Royer of Iowa is a cousin of Ruth Ickes, a sophomore last year. This year Mary Jane is roaming the campus with a sister again, but this one's name is Margaret Peterson.

A goodly number of freshmen were evidently present when the "brains were passed out." Mildred Cartner of Abilene is the possessor of a music scholarship, and cute Freda Aurell of McPherson ("Twitter" to her friends) Eldon Mohler and "Pat" (Patricia) Kennedy won high school scholarships.

Minnesota is well represented, yes! by Nada Niel, Ida May Byer, Irene Schraml and Fern Allen.

Betty Greig, tall, dark, and good looking, is from Denver, Colorado. (and you should see the pictures of MEN in her room!)

Considering the "manpower shortage," many femmes will be glad to hear of Bob Lowe, a six-footer and a football player. Too bad, tho! He was seen writing a letter—and it didn't start "Dear Mom!"

The city of McPherson is filling its quota of students with a number of fellows enrolled Tuesday. Bob Barr represents the brunette sec-

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## Quad Staff Begins Sale Campaign Early

McNicol And Sandy Get Head Start On Annual

The Quadrangle sales campaign has been under way since the first week of school and closed a week ago today. Most of the sales this year will be handled through the business office, it was announced by Jean McNicol, editor, and Marilyn Sandy, business manager of the 1944 Quadrangle. Salesmen will later contact every student and faculty member on the campus who has not been reached.

Due to present conditions, the staff will have some difficulty in publishing the 1944 yearbook; but, in spite of this, they are planning a book which will represent the real McPherson College. The Mid-Continent Engraving Company of Wichita has been contracted to do the engraving of the book, and the services of the McPherson Republican have been secured as printers.

One of the largest problems facing the staff is getting photographic supplies. Any student who has a camera, a flair for picture taking, and a desire to share his works, is asked to see Jean McNicol or Marilyn Sandy. The Quadrangle pays for the pictures used. Students' support is sought and needed this year, especially.

The Quadrangle will come out next spring and the price is, as in former years, four dollars.

## Student Decrease Only 38% Under Former Figures

Women Predominate; Frosh Claim High Score

The student body of McPherson College, in beginning another school year, finds its size considerably altered. As is the case in colleges all over the United States, the enrollment figures are only slightly over one-half of what they were last year.

Records, as they stand, show the freshman class to be the largest with a total of 51 as compared with last year's figures of 89 members on Sept. 13, 1943. The sophomores follow with an enrollment of 31 students. Last year's sophomores numbered 70.

The smallest amount of change is shown in the comparison of this year's seniors with the class of '43. With a decrease of only one student these mighty seniors come along and total 23.

Junior class members find themselves outnumbered by all the other regularly enrolled students. This class has only 18 members. Last year there were 37 juniors.

Special students' enrollment has been cut exactly in half from last year's number, as there are now only 6 in this group.

The entire school consists of 129 students as compared with the 1942-43 figures of 232, a decrease of 38 per cent. These totals do not include those enrolled in pre-school fine arts.

Whereas last year over one-half of the student body was composed of men, this fall McPherson College begins with 42 boys.

## Rev. King Speaks In First Regular Chapel

The first regular chapel was held in the auditorium Friday morning, Sept. 10. Following the opening hymn and prayer, Professor Fisher sang the tenor solo, "Forward to Christ." Rev. King presented the official Church of the Brethren welcome and an invitation to the annual church reception.

Dr. Peters introduced Rev. Frantz, our new field representative who gave a short talk on "Forward McPherson."

## S.U.R. Scene Of Women's Tea

"Oldsters" Introduce New Campus Sisters

Women of McPherson College donated their fall finery Thursday afternoon, Sept. 9 to attend the tea sponsored by the Women's Council. The S. U. R. was the scene of the annual occasion as "oldsters" proudly introduced their campus sisters.

Miss Edna Neher, acting dean of women, poured punch as the guests assembled. Alta Gross and Maxine Ruehlen, members of the women's council, acted as the welcoming committee in behalf of the council.

## Students Urged To Patronize Men Supporting "Spectator"

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## Notice, Dear Readers!

The position of campus editor is vacant on account of the failure of the individual chosen last year to return to school. Any regularly enrolled student who is interested in working on the Spectator and eventually becoming editor should make application to Marilyn Sandy, secretary of the Board of Publications, by Monday, September 20.

## College Vitality Is Displayed By Improvements

Sidewalks, Landscaping, And Entrance Instituted

Year after year improvements change the appearance of our college and her campus. Improvements this year, while not spectacular, bear witness to the fact that Macollege is not a stagnant institution.

Spanning the distances between the two dormitories, the Library, and Sharp hall, cement was poured into a network of molds, forming sidewalks. Landscaping smoothed the molehills behind New Fahnestock. For the benefit of Arnold Hall girls a double door was cut into the east wall of the Hall. Now girls' trunks and laundry need not be dragged through the lobby of the building.

Painters splashed more than the usual amount of paint upon woodwork and walls; and the customary soap and water cleansing took place throughout the past month.

## Four Faculty Members To Be Absent A Year

Teacher Turnover Brought About By Four Leave of Absence

In returning to McPherson college campus, old students find a few persons noticeably absent from the front seats in the chapel. Conditions of unrest which have affected universities and colleges throughout the nation have hit McPherson College as well. Four of last year's faculty members have found it necessary to take leaves of absence from their positions.

Miss Wanda Hoover, formerly head of the home economics department, is completing work on her master's degree at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

Dr. Oscar A. Olson, economic head, is teaching in an army training unit at Dennison University, Ohio.

The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, called Dr. Walter Nauman, teacher of modern languages, to teach in an army training unit, also.

The curtailment in the number of students made it necessary for the college to cut down on the number of members on the teaching staff. Miss Ida Shockley, Dean of Women and psychology teacher, offered to take a leave of absence for a year. Miss Shockley intends to take up a different type of work during the coming school year.

# Teaching Posts Filled

Staff Vacancies Satisfied; Instructors Assume Duties



## At The Stroke Of The Clock

Friday, Sept. 17—Watermelon Party, Program in S.A.R., 7:30 p. m.

Sunday, Sept. 9—Open House for New Students, Home of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Peters, 3:00-5:00 p. m.

## Dr. J. W. Hershey Retires From Staff

Professor Leaves Campus After Twenty-four Years

It is the regret of McPherson College faculty and students that Dr. J. Willard Hershey who has taught here for the past 24 years will not be back this year.

On account of illness he has been confined to his home since last February. Dr. Hershey will be greatly missed by all who remember and appreciate the fine contribution he has made to the college in these years he has been here. His speedy recovery is the sincere hope of all.

Dr. Hershey's place will be taken by Mr. James M. Berkebile from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

## Kimmel And Dobrinski Receive Junior Offices

The failure of two junior class officers to return to school this fall made another election necessary Tuesday afternoon. At this time the junior class convened and chose Leora Dobrinski to fill the vacancy in the treasurer position. Betty Kimmel was elected as the girl who will represent her class on the Student Council.

## Summer Term Was Highly Successful

Summer school in McPherson College for the summer of 1943 was deemed even more successful than had been anticipated. The enrollment was larger than college officials had expected. "In fact, there was probably a twelve to fifteen per cent increase over the previous summer," said Dr. John W. Boitnott, Dean of the college.

The largest group was made up of freshmen who were taking hours for their emergency teaching certificates.

## President's Talk Offers Challenge

On Thursday, Sept. 9, the first chapel of the 56th year of McPherson College's existence opened with a prelude played by Anne Janet Allison. After the hymn, "Come Thou, Almighty King", led by Prof. Nevil W. Fisher, Dr. W. W. Peters delivered the invocation and read the scripture, Dr. Burton Metzler, chairman of the chapel committee, led in prayer, and Eugene Lichty, senior, sang "Hear Me, Ye Winds and Waves".

President Peters presented the welcome to new and old students. He stated that although the number present was much smaller than in former years, thousands were there spiritually. Dr. Peters specified that the quality is to be stressed in the absence of quantity.

Pres. W. W. Peters closed his talk by issuing a challenge to the students to do their best and asked for the fullest cooperation possible.

## Kaiser Expounds Upon Conscience Topic Mon.

"Let Your Conscience Be Your Guide" was discussed by the Rev. R. R. Kaiser, pastor of the Christian Church and president of the McPherson Ministerial Alliance in chapel Monday morning.

Rev. Kaiser stated that conscience is the gift of God. Socrates, Martin Luther, and Peter are characters in history who had definite beliefs. Socrates was forced to drink the cup of hemlock, Martin Luther was persecuted, and Peter was a Christian martyr; but these men died happy because they let their conscience be their guide.

## Witmore-Geisert Score Successes In Scholarship

Parris Places Second In Year's Honor Roll Ten Minute Respite Is New Schedule Result

With 54 honor points apiece Ann Witmore a sophomore last year, and Wayne Geisert, a junior, headed the honor roll for second semester of the school year, 1942-43. Wayne Parris, another of last year's juniors, made a close second with a total of 51 points.

Maxine Ruehlen merited 48, while Gayle Tammel and Isabel Champ each received 47 points. Other students rating the honored list were John Burkholder, 44; Elsie Mast and Anne Janet Allison, 43; Jean Oberst, Harold Voth, Sarah Fox, and Blanche Geisert, 42; Mildred Helmer, 41; Mary Slifer and Deam Stucky, 40.

The list of students receiving honorable mention for their superior scholastic standing follows: Jack Kough and Kurtz Ebbert, 39; Violet Bollinger, Ernest Dale, Joseph Hoffert, Wilma Kuns, and Glenda Sawyer, 38; Alice Mae Boyce, Leora Dobrinski, Lucille Harris, Geraldine Hedges, Eugene Lichty, Robert Mays, Luella Poister, Lewis Thomas, 37; Ted Washburn, 36; Dorothy Gall Barret, Bryce Breneman, Betty Burger, Arlene Flory, Anne Metzler, Edward Murray, and Shirley Wyckoff, 35.

## Dean's List

The Dean's List, that honored group to which students desire to belong because of the privileges that go along with it, was smaller the second semester than is usual. The fact that if a student loses his place on this honored roll, he can not regain it at the end of the next nine-weeks' period accounts for the shorter list. In order to have a seat on the Dean's List one must receive at least a B in every course.

Those who make up the Dean's List by merit of their grades the second semester last year are Anne Janet Allison, Violet Bollinger, John Burkholder, Gertrude Conner, Sarah Fox, Wayne Geisert, Geraldine Hedges, Joseph Hoffert, Ruth Huxman, Elsie Mast, Jean Oberst, Wayne Parris, Glenda Sawyer, Lenora Shoemaker, Harold Voth, and Ted Washburn.

## College Church Honors Students And Teachers

That annual opportunity for college students to become acquainted with the folks of "College Hill" were provided again last Sunday evening. As is the custom the students will be guests at a reception held at the Church of the Brethren.

All students, new and old, were invited to be present at the yearly "get-together" Sunday evening, Sept. 12, after the services.

Four new faculty members from various universities and professions have been employed by the Board of Trustees to help in the direction of student thought this year at McPherson College.

Miss Mildred Minnie Siek will take her place on the campus with the best of recommendations. Miss Siek graduated from McPherson College in the class of 1935. She received her M. S. degree in Home Economics from the University of Wisconsin at which she also served as a graduate assistant in the Department of Home Economics. Miss Siek was a successful teacher on both the elementary and secondary school levels before taking graduate work. Her home is in Hope, Kansas.

Miss Minnie Mugler, another McPherson College graduate from the city of McPherson, succeeds Miss Gulah Hoover in the Department of Music. Above her college work and teaching experiences, Miss Mugler has studied two years at Bethany College; two summers at Lamont School of Music in Denver; one summer at Colorado State College of Education; one year under E. R. Kroeger at St. Louis and one summer under Maurice Dumesnil in Paris.

Mr. James M. Berkebile, the only male member of the quartet of new faculty, has moved to McPherson with his wife and two young children to head the Chemistry Department. An alumnus of Manchester College, Mr. Berkebile majored in chemistry, and further pursued this major in the Ohio State University at which he received his M. A. degree. Before accepting his teaching position at McPherson College, Mr. Berkebile was employed in laboratory research by a petroleum company in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

With the best of recommendations, Dr. Frances Bengel comes to our campus as Associate Professor of Modern Languages from Norman, Oklahoma. A graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, her native state, Dr. Bengel received her master's degree and doctor's degree from the National University of Mexico. Travel had aided her teaching experiences in Spanish, French, and German. Honors bestowed upon the successful language teacher include memberships in Phi Beta Sigma, Modern Language Association, and Pan-American League.

## Dean Of Men Accepts Social Directorship

Prof. S. M. Dell has been chosen to fill the position of social director which was left vacant by Miss Ida Shockley, Dean of Women in absentia.

It is Prof. Dell's task to have charge of a large number of the social activities around the campus. He is the chairman of the social committee. Other faculty members completing that group are Miss Edna Neher and Coach Thomas C. Hayden. Student representatives have not yet been selected.

Miss Doris Drescher, secretary to the president, will be in charge of the social calendar. All organizations desiring to schedule activities must do so with her.

## Freshmen Break Ice At Annual Party

An activity which has become a tradition, the "freshman party" was well attended Wednesday evening. These newcomers to the campus gathered in the S. U. R. to play games and sing songs under the leadership of several of the older students.

Betty Dean Burger and Eugene Lichty represented the Recreational Council as co-chairman of the entertainment. They were aided by other members.

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## "Green Carpet" Re-established On Macampus

Sharp Hall was the scene of feverish activity this summer as several inhabitants of offices in that building moved their belongings and prepared to occupy different rooms. Dr. W. W. Peters, president of the college, now "holds court" in the office formerly used by Miss Shockley, just east of and adjoining his old room. Miss Doris Drescher's heart was made glad by an office all her own. She now takes up her abode during working hours in Dr. Peters' old office. The room just west of the S. U. R. in the basement of Sharp, which was occupied by Prof. Dell before the advent of the Industrial Arts Building, will throughout the school year house the S. C. M. office. Co-presidents, Lucile Harris and Eugene Lichty will preside here.

## Burton Rates Co-Bus. Managership

Keith Burton, sophomore, who unexpectedly returned to the campus at the end of the summer's vacation, has been approved as a co-business manager of the Spectator with Vurle Howard who received her appointment last spring. These two sophomores worked in partnership last year as advertising managers. It was at Miss Howard's request that the change was considered by the Board of Publications and the Student Council. Keith, whose home is in Des Moines, Iowa, has become well-known at McPherson, not only through his work on the paper, but also by his participation in a large number of other activities such as men's varsity quartet and Thespian Club.

## Freshman Ranks Elect Ikenberry President

Members of the freshman class elected officers Wednesday morning in orientation. At the helm of the freshman class is Ernest Ikenberry from Twin Falls, Idaho. Eula Wolf from Quinter, Kansas, is vice-president. The secretary is Dale Ferguson from McPherson. Twila Neely from Ottawa is the treasurer. Student council representatives are Susan Ikenberry and Kent Naylor. Miss Ikenberry is from Twin Falls, Idaho, and Mr. Naylor is from Natoma, Kansas.

## The Freshmen Arrive

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## Hammann Resigns

Among the teachers who are missing on the campus this year is Miss Audrey Hammann, girls' physical education instructor of last year's second semester. Miss Hammann is now teaching Home Economics in the Junior High School of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Coach Hayden will supervise both men's and women's athletics. Alta Gross, assistant to the Coach, will direct the women's classes.

## People For Prophets

"Would that all the Lord's people were prophets" was the scriptural foundation for Dean Boitnott's Wednesday chapel talk. This scripture was applied to modern days. The Dean defined a prophet as one who interprets the past and predicts the future. The true prophet hears the prophecies of others; he is not gullible; he avoids loose talk. His prophecies grow out of "sweat and tears." The discussion led on to the training place of prophets. Dean Boitnott answered the question by referring to the liberal arts colleges. Liberal arts colleges, which hold the culture and knowledge of the race, are the logical institutions out of which today's prophets may spring.

## A Freshman Speaks His Mind

By Ernest Ikenberry  
After sitting up all night and spending four lonely hours in Salina, even the back of the campus looked pretty good to me. At the moment the thought of sleep alone kept me going. I took my broken-down suitcase to Fahnestock Hall to find a room. I found one all right, but I was informed that I should hurry over to chapel for English placement exams. I was too late for them, but I had the honor of making them up after dinner. Now since I have had a good night's sleep and a few dining hall meals, I can take a look around. The first thing that impressed me was the large number of new buildings and old scholarly teachers. At the present we (I am speaking for all the freshmen now) are still in something of a daze. It will pass, no doubt (?); an dwe will find ourselves. I, myself, am really looking forward to my stay here.

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## Our President Comments:

For some of us another college year has begun and for others it is the beginning of a new adventure in what we commonly call "college life." To all of you on behalf of the trustees and faculty I extend a friendly and cordial welcome and a pledge to do all possible to make the year ahead most meaningful and enriching.

"College life should be life at its best". McPherson College attempts to provide an educational program in a Christian atmosphere where human values are considered supreme and group rights and privileges are respected and given proper consideration.

It has become trite to refer to these days as "critical". Nevertheless these are critical days, for, in reality, all days are critical; the only difference is that some are much more disturbed and uncertain than others. It is well to remember, however, that most differences in life are relative.

Personally I should like to think of these days as full of opportunities for clear, constructive thinking and abundant in opportunities for service to the end of human betterment.

You who are in college this year are highly fortunate and in the years ahead you will be increasingly appreciative of the fact that you will be in a better position to make a more valuable contribution to social improvement in a needy world.

McPherson College is an intellectual, social and spiritual environment in which the student may continue his intellectual, social and spiritual growth.

The year 1943-1944 at McPherson College will be different in many ways. Probably it will be the first in the history of the college when there were more women than men in the regular four year program. It is the first time that the year opened with eight good buildings. It is the time at which, probably, the college never had a better time to prove herself worthy of her alumni and many other friends including the churches which so generously support her. It is the first time that the General Conference of the Church of the Brethren has voted to supply funds to aid the college in meeting her budget. It is the first year in many in which we are unable to have a football schedule. We will have basketball, however, and an enlarged program of play and recreational activities.

May I repeat, by saying that the year ahead offers students and faculty opportunities never excelled in the appeal for the expression and growth of the best potentialities they possess.

You are welcome. W. W. Peters

## Time Marches On

... and after seemingly about three weeks but in reality three months, McPherson College portals have again swung wide. Among the faces we see on the campus there are many we have not known before, as well as some with whom we are familiar. Those of us who have been here before realize that "old Maccollege" is glad to see us and that we have a place here on the campus. However, in our enthusiasm at greeting old friends and bemoaning the absence of certain individuals, if we are not careful, we may give the impression that we resent the presence of newcomers and that we intend to ignore them as much as possible. But that is not true!

All of us certainly realize the necessity for a constant turnover of students, old ones graduating and new ones beginning. We are pleased to greet you who have never been here before—and it is our place to show it. The entire responsibility for getting acquainted does not lie with us, however. As new students, standing on the brink of an experience a bit unusual to you, you must be willing to take the bit between your teeth and plunge into college life with both feet.

If you have talent which will be an asset to the College—and there are few of you who do not have something she needs—you are the one who will have to make that talent known. We can not tell by merely looking at your exterior coating that you are something more than the ordinary. Of course, we do not welcome newcomers who enter college with the selfish idea of gaining renown and getting ahead at the expense of others. Nevertheless, no one will blame the student who is modest, but yet not uncertain and apologetic about his achievements. McPherson College extends a welcoming hand to students who realize the extent of their own abilities and who are ready to make the most of them as soon as the opportunity arises.

## There'll Be Some Changes Made

It was Byron who penned, "And one by one in turn, some grand mistake casts off its bright skin yearly like the snake." Perhaps some of us for whom this year of college is not the first, feel as if at least part of our previous college career might be termed as "one grand mistake". We may even have been a bit reluctant about returning here for just this reason. Even if we have made a fair record in the past, there are none of us who will not be able to show improvements in a few things. Now is an excellent time to begin that change to the better. If we wait too long, we may get to drifting along and soon will find ourselves in the same old indolent rut as before.

McPherson College students are here for various reasons. Parents may have been insistent that a college education is necessary. Tales of fun and frolics in college may have appealed to some. Certain individuals may actually have in mind the preparing for vocations in order that they may do their parts as citizens. Regardless of the motivating power, in order to be fair to ourselves and to our parents, it is the duty of each and everyone of us to put ourselves into the harness and pull with all our strength.

This column is not here for the purpose of expounding advice, but you surely will not blame a poor editor for philosophizing a bit now and then. No college career is complete without a little hard study and work, but neither is it complete without recreation and good clean fun. Some of us have been lax in that latter respect as well as in the first. Whatever our failure in the past years of college, now is the time to begin anew!

Editing a newspaper is something quite new and different to most members of the Spectator staff. Undoubtedly we will make plenty of mistakes. We may omit printing something which you feel is essential. If we do, tell us about it. If there is something you would like to see printed, tell us that, also—and preferably before the paper goes to press! We will try to have a full news coverage, but we are not omniscient in respect to all the campus happenings.

The Spectator staff pledges itself to cooperation with faculty and students. We will strive to please, but we do not offer apologies for our policies or the quality of our workmanship. As is understandable, the staff is "manned" primarily with members of the "fairer sex". You know and I know that in spots the Spectator may suffer from the lack of the "masculine hand". However, the situation causing this shortage is not of our doing. We are going ahead and putting out a paper to the best of our ability. Regardless of such difficulties the Spectator echoes that trite but still applicable expression, "Forward with McPherson College!"

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## Thespians Plan Tryouts For Coveted Spots

Limited Membership Selected By Tryouts Next Tuesday Afternoon

Thespians announce that tryouts for new members will be held next Tuesday afternoon. The tryout committee met this week and completed plans for requirements and selection of applicants.

Any regularly enrolled student of McPherson College is eligible to try out for a membership in this campus dramatic organization. Membership at this time will be based on ability, experience, and proficiency as displayed at the tryout. Tryouts will be judged by adult, experienced critics of drama.

After new members are selected, a period of initiation is climaxed with the annual Thespian initiation banquet, one of the highlights of the Thespian year. Plans are already underway for the fall play and will be announced in the near future. New members will be given the opportunity to contribute to this play.

Students interested in trying out for the Thespian Club can glean further details from Betty Burger, chairman of the tryout committee, or Maxine Ruehlen, president of the club.

## Forget Your Fork; Nuzzle The Melon

S.C.M. Sponsors Spread Of Juicy Watermelons

With sticky pink juice oozing from the luscious red and greenness to drip from chins and fingers, the annual watermelon feed will come to a happy climax this evening on the campus. This fall highlight is sponsored by the Student Christian Movement.

Students of all ages will throng the Student Assembly Room at 7:30 tonight to participate in the first half of the big night, an informal program of freshman talent. This year such talent is in evidence, and the program chairman has announced a large assortment of musical numbers readings, and a bit of pure drama.

Games played on the moonlight-drenched campus will score a hit with everyone, until the melons are quartered with knives and distributed to eager fellows and their numerous girl friends. No forks allowed.

## Dorms Welcome New Students With Parties

As a gesture of welcome to the new dormitory inhabitants, Arnold and New Fahnstock Halls threw parties in their parlors, Tuesday night. Informal games, other light entertainment, and refreshments broke the ice between new and old students.

## Dollars For Membership

The Student Christian Movement has made plans for an extended membership drive. The drive will immediately follow the Monday morning chapel service which will explain the purpose and function of this organization on our campus.

## Informal Reception Welcomes Faculty

In tradition's footsteps, the reception for the faculty was held in the Student Union Room last Friday night, September 3. This year's informal gathering was held with Dr. R. E. Mohler as master of ceremonies, in the absence of President W. W. Peters, who was making a tour through certain of the northern states.

Numbers of the informal program included solos by Professor Nevin Fisher and impromptu talks on summer vacations by the professors. Light refreshments were served.

## Macoeds Sport Party Dresses

Formal Glitter Greets All-Student Group

Damsels in long skirts and young gentlemen in their best "Sunday-go-meetin'" garb were floating around the campus last Friday evening as faculty and students prepared to enjoy their first annual gathering of the year.

The S. U. R. was the scene of the festivity this year, no doubt partially on account of the smaller number in attendance. The party began promptly at 8:00 p. m.

Prof. Dell, social director, announced that the committees in charge of the plans were Dr. Desmond W. Bittinger, chairman; Mrs. Bittinger; Prof. and Mrs. Thomas Hayden; and Prof. and Mrs. Nevin W. Fisher.

An opening welcome by Dr. W. W. Peters, President of McPherson College, a student response by Wayne Geisert, President of the Student Council, were featured on the program. Dr. Peters presented the faculty members and their wives to the assembled group.

Miss Jean McNicol, senior, sang two numbers, "The Spirit Flower" and "Modern American Lullaby". A Negro spiritual and a love song were sung by Prof. Nevin W. Fisher who was accompanied by Anne Janet Allison. In the group singing which followed Miss Minnie Mugler accompanied the leader, Prof. Fisher.

Refreshments of punch and cakes were served.

## Sophomores Elect Heads

With two vacancies to be filled after the persons chosen last year failed to return to school the sophomores met Wednesday evening to elect officers.

Keith Burton was chosen to fill the office of president while Gerald Mease will represent his class on The Student Council.

## "Scandalabra Glitterings"

Dark glasses could certainly be of use if one stayed very long around many of the coeds of Macollege—so numerous are the sparklers. Cupid and the jewelers had a feverish whirl in their business this year.

Three weeks ago today, Bob Mays gave Joyce her diamond, asking her if she expected a Christmas present, too!

Speaking of Christmas, we were expecting to see Evelyn Wilson sporting a lovely ring around Christmas, but it seems Klotz got a little ahead of schedule.

Ruth Miller, oh, pardon me, new

Ruth Reeves has added a gold band to replace the diamond of last year. Rev. and Mrs. Reeves may be found at Kline Hall.

Not with rings, but with hopes, are Vurle Howard (an Army lad is the lucky fellow) and Annette Glasier (I've heard she picked up a cheerleader's "M" club sweater somewhere!)

Incidentally, a great deal of the summer Lucile Harris and Wayne Crist went around with Klotz and Evelyn — as chaperons — they say. (Funny, isn't it?)

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## S.C.M. Office Opens In Colorful Rebirth

The drab colorless room, commonly called the S. C. M. committee room experienced the preliminaries of a rebirth last Friday afternoon when a group of five viewed its dismal appearance.

After some consideration all agreed that a complete redecorating project was necessary. Sad to relate, that was the only suggestion that met with whole-hearted approval of the entire group.

Color scheme after color scheme was introduced, discussed, and discarded. Finally, a compromise evolved that was reluctantly accepted by all. The trouble was that two girls advocated marshmallow pink to add life to the room. Unhappily, this idea met with bitter opposition by the male element. "We want an office, not a nursery."

Seriously, though, several students have worked diligently at this seemingly hopeless task, and, although amateurs, they expect to complete their work before the close of the week.

Ceiling and walls of ivory, windows and furniture of lime green blend pleasantly to make the basis for a harmonious color combination. In these cozy surroundings the S. C. M. cabinet, Eugene Lichty and Lucile Harris, co-chairmen, and Anne Metzler, secretary, will reign as this up-and-coming organization begins another busy year.

## New Cook Reigns In Kitchen Kingdom

The eighty students who are eating in the college dining hall this year are under the supervision of a new head cook. Last June, Mrs. Lena Shirk, who had been with the college since 1933, resigned; and Mrs. J. F. Slifer has taken her place.

Mrs. Slifer is a former student of McPherson College. She attended school here during the 1922-23 and 1923-24 terms, majoring in Home Economics. Last year 115 students were served meals in the dining hall, which total is considerably over this year's group.

## Sweethearts Wed In College Church

College courtship culminated with the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, Thursday, September 9, at 7:00 o'clock. The wedding of Miss Kathleen Brubaker and Aviation Cadet Wilbur Linville took place in the sanctuary of the Church of the Brethren in McPherson.

Love melodies on the organ preceded the bride's music. Miss Jean McNicol sang "Because" and "Oh, Promise Me." Candlabra were lit by Miss Alta Gross and Miss Muriel Lamle, identically dressed in black velvet and pale blue net.

Vows were exchanged before the altar, banked with potted palms and salmon-pink gladioli. Dr. Desmond Bittinger read the service. "Dedication", "Ich Liebe Dich," and other well-known airs were played by Miss Leora Dobrinski, organist, throughout the ceremony. Rings were exchanged.

The bride's gown was fashioned of white satin brocade. Her train-length veil was held in place by a tiara of orange blossoms. She carried gladioli and pickardy. Her attendants were Miss Blanche Geisert of Elmo, Kansas, and Mrs. Alfred Miller, sister of the groom, of Wiley, Colorado.

Both girls wore twin fashions of blue net over taffeta. Maid of honor, Miss Betty Dean Burger of Wiley, Colorado, wore pink net. Peach

gladioli bouquets were carried by the three attendants to the bride. Lauren Wado, brother of the groom, served as best man. John Trostle and Wayne Geisert ushered. Mrs. E. O. Wade, the groom's aunt, traveled from Wiley, Colo., to attend the wedding.

A reception for close friends and relatives was held in the basement following the ceremony. Miss Martha Forney of McPherson was in charge during the reception by Professor Nevin Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Linville are at home on Kenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

## Attention, Students

With chapel attendance a definite part of the program at McPherson College the faculty and the chapel committee have drawn up a number of rules concerning this activity. Students, please note the following:

1. Each student is allowed 5 absences per semester without recording the absence. Excuses for additional absences may be granted for illness or other emergencies.

2. All absences above 5 which are unexcused will be recorded as a part of the student personnel record.

3. Anyone who is entitled to permanent excuses should fill out a card stating the reasons. See Miss Dresher in the President's Office. The permanent excuses will be considered for approval.

4. Chapel begins at 9:50 and closes at 10:20 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

5. Students are expected to sit in the seats to which they have been assigned.

6. If you enter chapel after the roll is taken, you are responsible to report to your monitor.

7. Quiet on entering and leaving the chapel will be most highly appreciated.

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### Bulldogs Will Promote Intra-Mural Program

Variety Of Activities To Replace Main Sports

Sports programs of most colleges and universities this year will be considerably different from what they have been in the past. McPherson College, like many of her sister schools, is finding it necessary to make adjustments in her athletic activities.

Football is a thing which is out for the duration, very likely, in this school, as well as in all the other Kansas Conference colleges. According to Coach Thomas Hayden, Director of Athletics in McPherson College, no school in this conference is planning football for this year. The cause for this cutting down on the athletic program is quite obvious in the shortage of men in schools everywhere.

"In spite of the decreased number of men, we do intend to have a basketball team this year," said Coach Hayden in response to queries concerning the athletic program for 1943-44.

In addition to basketball McPherson College is planning an extensive intra-mural program to begin in the near future. Women, as well as the men, will find ample opportunity to participate in some sport. Croquet and horseshoe will be on the intra-mural schedule. The play nights with their folk games will be sponsored again this year. Coach Hayden also said that at some of these all-school parties outdoor games might be played on the football field.

Prospects for athletic activity in these days seem rather discouraging at times. Nevertheless, McPherson College has declared its aim to continue to have a strong sports schedule. It will be her policy to provide for the students the most strenuous program possible. It is the duty of every student to cooperate in this respect.

"It is the desire of the administration," said Coach Hayden, "that every student should get into some type of athletic activity, women as well as men, and that each one should take a whole-hearted interest in that sport."

### Scandalabra Glitterings

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Eloise McKnight and Eugene Lichty, members of the quartets of last year, have been together frequently. Isn't it nice to have a mutual interest? Like music.

Maybe W. Geisert doesn't believe in signs. He wanted the Arnold Hall party to start at ten o'clock instead of 9:30, so that's when he brought Maurine home. Stubborn, isn't he?

By the way, if any of you want to write to Ernie Dale, you can ask Helen Burkholder for his address.

Rex Wilson says Susie I, is the most respectable girl he's ever gone with. 'Tis rumored that she is a good tutor and with her help Rex is learning a good share of the Chinese traditions.



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### Geisert and Shoemaker Make Debut As S. C. Leaders

In the election held at an appointed time last spring Wayne Geisert and Ruth Shoemaker were chosen by popular vote to fill the offices of Student Council President and Treasurer, respectively. In behalf of the entire Council these students promise to carry out their tasks to the best of their ability.

Your Student Council for the school year, 1943-44, pledges itself to do its utmost in promoting understanding and goodwill on McPherson College campus. It shall be an honest endeavor of the Council to handle matters with efficiency, judgment and dispatch.

Let us as a student body meet present conditions with strength. A smaller enrollment creates certain problems for all campus organizations. Only through a policy of increased effort can we maintain cam-

### "Sing-Spiration" Launches B.Y. Year

The college students assembled in the main auditorium of the Brethren church September 12, for the first B. Y. P. D. meeting of the new school year.

The prelude was played by Keith Burton. With various members selecting songs, Eugene Lichty led the group in singing. Anne Metzler, program chairman, gave a welcome. A solo, "Trust in Him" was sung by Alvin Klotz. This was followed with a reading by Betty Dean Bur-

ger. Joan Blough sang a solo entitled "The Ninety-First Psalm." Glenn Swinger led in a closing prayer.

Plans are being made for a very successful B. Y. P. D. year. All college students will be welcome at these inspiring meetings.

### S.C.M. Delegation Welcomes Students

The Student Christian Movement has already performed its good deed of the year. Sad and frightened boys and girls stepped from the trains to be greeted by an S. C. M. welcome delegation which cheerfully escorted the newcomers and their baggage to their respective dormitories.

The only rather regrettable and yet amusing incident that has been reported was the transporting of a couple of young ladies to the McPherson College's portals only to find that they were bound for Central College.

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### Ten Minute Respite Is New Schedule Result

Laggards who must have that extra half-wink of sleep were overjoyed to hear of the change in the forenoon schedule for this school year. All morning classes and activities convene ten minutes later than has been the custom. In other words, instead of the first hour's beginning at 7:50 a. m., it does not start until 8:00 o'clock.

### Lichty Is S.C. Member

The extra-curricular organizations of the campus have elected Eugene Lichty to the Student Council as their representative. The election took place this past week.

Eugene takes an active interest in extra-curricular activities and at present is serving as co-president of the Student Christian Movement.

### Ruehlen Leads Class

Maxine Ruehlen heads the roster of senior class officers elected last Tuesday. Alvin Klotz is the choice for vice-president. Maurine Gish, secretary, and Charles Lunkey, treasurer, complete the line-up.

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### Let's Meet

—the new sports managers. Lot of the girls call them "club heads," but, anyhow this year Helen Burkholder will teach the would-be mermaids the techniques of the splash at the "y" pool. Regardless of the shin-knocking and the knee bruising, Joyce Peter, who will head hockey, is expecting a large group out for this season's team sport. Those who enjoy hittin' the road and hiking the blues away should join the Outing Club, under the supervision of Marilyn Sandy. Lucile Harris will be in charge of the new W. A. A. activity which will be the Doei Do club for both W.A.A.'ers and college fellows. Folk games are the highlight of this group. As soon as the board gets together, the bulletin boards will again be heavy with the new schedules. Get into the habit of looking at the phys. ed. bulletin boards!

### Lamle, New Vice Prexy

—Muriel will succeed Velma Bickenstaff, who wasn't able to attend our school of quality.

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