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Student Volunteers

Recreation was the keynote of the deputation group of the Student Volunteers. A committee, which had prepared a program of recreation to be used on a deputation trip, presented a couple of games. The group played them together for fun and also to learn them.

The committees continued their deputation program planning.

A group of Student Volunteers also worked at the Industrial Arts building sorting, packing and baling relief clothing.

More students could be used baling clothes as well as planning deputation programs.

Three New Students

In case you have seen some new students around the campus lately you might be interested to know who the new enrollees are. Eugene Kumle comes from the local town. Winston Bowman adds to the list of Quinter students, and Marion Frantz calls Beatrice, Nebraska, his home.

This brings the number of Freshmen to 190.

Thespians Give One-Act Plays

Last evening three one act plays were presented by the students trying out for Thespians. The three plays are as follows:

"A Man Should Have a Wife," directed by Phyllis Strickler with Don Stern, Clifford Shultz, Dorothy Saylor, Wilma Gies, Etha Mae Smith, Phyllis Callon, Marie Miller, Donna Johnson, Barbara Burkholder, Russell West, John Firestone, Vernon Nicholson, Ruth Berry, Morris McClung, Mary Ann Krumbach, Joyce Smith, and Winston Beam portraying the various characters.

"Alice Threw the Looking Glass," under the direction of Hillis Williams, was presented with the following cast: Winston Beam, Theodore Geisert, Ann Oberst, Robert Simonton, Joyce Birkin, Etha Mae Smith, Lowell Brandt, David Stern, and Robert Martin.

"Riders to the Sea," directed by Susan Ikenberry, had the following cast: John Griffith, Bill Mease, Mike Dreese, Merrill Sanger, Avis Erb, Betty Ikenberry, Margaret Keim, Kenneth Brown, Ruth Holsopple, Marie Delaplain, Catharine Little, and Wilma Staats.

In the pink. The slumbering sophomore who answered, "Present", three times before the professor convinced her he was conducting class recitation and not taking roll.

The President's Corner

Since the professions and many business organizations are requiring more and more liberal arts education before specialization, the private college has a golden opportunity to improve and to increase its general or liberal education program. Quality of work, however, must always receive major emphasis. Then, too, the small independent college must not allow the large university to do a better piece of individual and group student guidance than it has advertised itself as more capable of doing. The private college must keep itself open to be democracy's exponent of freedom. It should not be ambitious to become large. Its future lies in its being keenly alert to what is going on in the universe; seeing what changes are needed and in supplying, or making them. Probably its greatest promise of continuance lies in its doing whatever it does in a superior way and in supplying intelligent Christian leadership and financial support and should accept none that will destroy or hinder its freedom.

Liberal arts education for our day should be vitally related to be problems of contemporary life and should develop within an individual the ability to deal masterfully with the problems of mental and physical health, family life, occupation, citizenship, social relations, personal growth, ethical character, leisure time, and religion.

Nine Down

"Thank goodness, that is over!" So say many students when referring to the nine-weeks tests which we were given last week. "If these are the nine-weeks tests, what will the semester tests be like?" were the students' sentiments as they were expressed in the dining hall last Friday.

For some of us, the tests were rugged; for others—they started studying for them about nine weeks earlier than we did. Now we can profit by experience and remember that the semesters will cover just twice as much material, or we can lapse back into our conscious unconsciousness and go about our work in the same way.

Some new resolutions on studying were made as guys and gals staggered out after wrestling with an unusually hard, or unprepared for, test. It is true these remarks were made while the student was still in a sadly weakened condition, but perhaps it would be a good idea to keep such thoughts cached away some place so they can be brought out once in a while and used. Of course, they should not be dwelt upon to too great an extent; if he keeps thinking about semester tests for the next eight weeks, he will be in no condition to take any kind of test, unless it might be trying to fit square blocks into round holes.

It will not do any good to start worrying about semester tests now; instead, we should start thinking about daily lessons. That is hard to do most of the time, especially when we know we may not even get on the subject in class discussion. If professors have other topics to discuss, we are not going to object, but it makes reviewing hard when we do not know what to review.

Not all teachers can be accused of this. Some stick to the text so closely that everything the author said is considered important to remember; that is almost as confusing, but not quite. Either way does not stimulate student participation in class discussion. Some teachers do not do a very much better job of leading class discussion than the student does in preparing for that discussion.

This is, of course, no excuse for the amount of crib notes used during the tests last week. Most of the students had books and should have known their material, but I think that class discussion is one of the most important phases of this learning process. It is the teachers responsibility to stimulate discussion on the important issues of the courses he is teaching. Although cribbing does not affect the teacher, it does affect the grades of all the students in his classes.

"He who is dependent for information solely upon what he hears gets only such information as others choose to tell him. But he who reads may take things in his own hands." These words are those of Headley, author of "Making the Most of Books." It has been said that fifteen minutes of the right kind of reading every day will give a person culture.

Many a man has lost his fight by stopping to pat himself on the back.

He who works will accomplish, and he who has accomplished has worked.

He who makes no mistakes does nothing; he who makes too many, loses his job.

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SOCIETY

The Thursday night when all the ghosts and goblins were out in force Margaret Keim, Winston Beam, Sybil Miller, Bob Keim, Barbara Burton, LeRoy Doty, Betty Ikenberry, and Wendell Burkholder enjoyed a taffy pull at Leona and Bernie Ikenberry's home.

Donna Bowman and Bernice Lindstrom entertained six dorm girls November 2, at the Lindstrom home. Refreshments were served, and by some magical force eight boys appeared in the dining room. Guests were Doris Coppock, Nina Kagarice, Masako Nakamura, Catharine Little, Maralee Beaver, and Jewell Adamson.

Ann Oberst was hostess at a slumber party, held at her home on the night of November 7. Listening to records, eating, and a little studying was the program. The party consisted of Roberta Mohler, Elsie Schnorr, Mary Metzler, Donnis Wampler, and the hostess, Ann.

Paul Klotz and Gordon Reist spent the weekend in Quinter, Kansas, in the home of Irvin Wolf.

Patricia Kennedy was in Ottawa for the week end.

Donald Keim was a guest of Ann Oberst at dinner, Sunday evening.

Ruth Lichty, Warren Hoover, Professors and Mrs. L. K. Bowersox attended the lyceum in Newton, Tuesday evening.

Robert Tanruther and Dick Fleming of Waterloo, Iowa, were week end guests of Donna Jean Tanruther. Both boys are former students.

Clayton Bell of Langdon, Kansas, visited his brother and sister, Charles and Jane, over the week end.

Eula Wolf has announced her wedding to Wayne Lucore to be December 25.

Irene Schraml, Patricia Kennedy, and Dayton Rothrock were guests of Robert Yoder in Conway, Kansas, for Sunday, November 3.

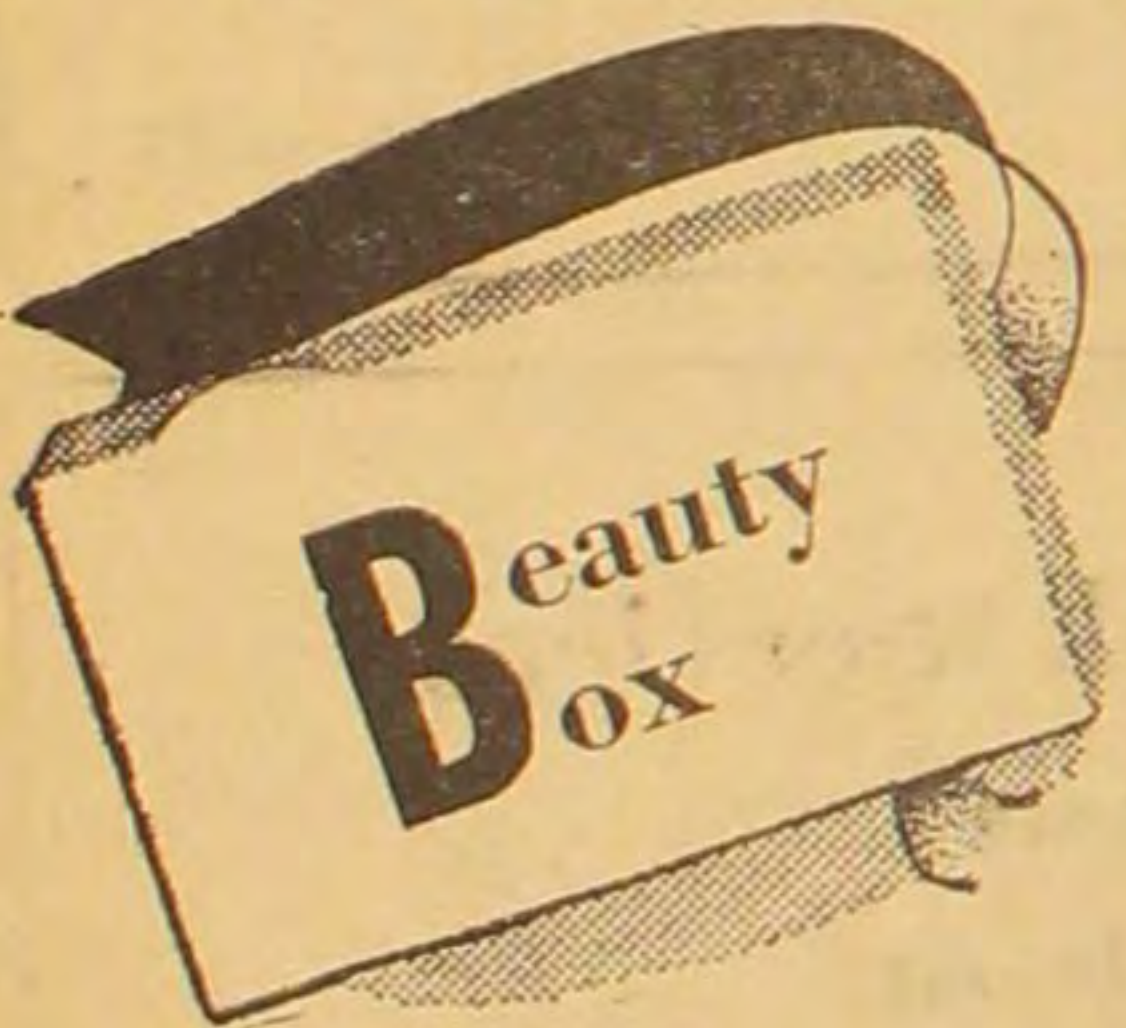
Donna Mohler, Waltine West, and Lois Burger were over night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Peterson, Saturday night.

Jim Brust spent last week end at his home in Clafin, Kansas. His brother, Bob, a graduate with the class of '46 visited on the campus on Tuesday.

Donnis Wampler was a guest of Roberta Mohler Tuesday night November 5.

The "Red Shirts" had a big feed last Saturday night. The food was plentiful and spirits high. At least they thought up a new way to use ink. EEK!

Doris Glat went home to Abilene last week end.



Beauty Box



Fall perfection is in every stitch of this beautiful checked suit. The jacket is tabbled for a new closing—a new fashion. The skirt is box-pleated for easy striding.

SUITS AND COATS. All curves, no angles is the principal rule set down. Let them be dressmaker type or expertly tailored, but see to it that your coats and suits have no sharp edges. Regency and Directorate styles, with the dash of a young dandy, are dashing and elegant worn with high cravat or frilly blouses. Short coats, belted or completely loose with widely flaring swagger lines run neck and neck with the long coat in popularity. Big pockets, tricky pockets, cartridge tucks, and jeweled buttons are intriguing side lights.

Clarence L. and Artaruth Neffl Zink announce the adoption of an infant son, David Michael. Mr. Zink graduated in the class of '30 and is now teaching school.

Freshman Class Presents Chapel Program

On Monday November 4, the freshman class presented the chapel program. The opening hymn was "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," led by Margaret Keim. Kenneth Brown led the devotions and a quartet composed of Margaret Keim, Barbara Burton, Kenneth Jarboe, and Delbert Miller sang "How Firm a Foundation". A poem was read by Bonnie Alexander and the service was closed by "Lord for Tomorrow and It's Needs," sung by the quartet.

"King Wimpy" Contest Thursday

Wimpy of the comic strip will be put to shame as the men of the college and the church indulge in a hamburger eating contest next Thursday evening in the church basement. The men's organization of the college church will entertain the men of the college at the hamburger feed.

The person eating the most hamburgers will be crowned "King Wimpy." Boys, don't forget Thursday, Nov. 21, 9:00 p. m.



Diary Data

A year ago this time the big event was the Sadie Hawkins party. This party was hilariously enjoyed by the students who dressed Dog-Patch style in the hill-billy event. Paul Wagoner won the prize as the most eligible bachelor—a cake of Lifeboy soap!

The Kline Hall group brought to the attention of those attending the SCA Program, the fact that Thanksgiving is just around the corner.

Those grades are here again. Now that grades are here, it's time for students to start "beating their brains" and try to figure out the why and wherefore of the complicated grading system. If you got a "C" in something you thought you should have had a "B", there probably is a good reason for it, and the reason is not because you forgot to take an apple to the teacher.

At the cheerleader election, Don Keim was elected. Don is a Freshman from Idaho and he will fill the vacancy created when William Shepherd left school.

At the end of the first week of school there were 174 regularly enrolled students; 79 freshmen, 48 sophomores, 23 juniors and 27 seniors, 11 specials and 81 pre-college students.

The McPherson College girls scored a victory in the softball game with Central. As a result of hard hitting by the team and good pitching by Doris Coppock, the local girls scored 9 runs to 4 for Central.

Since etiquette rules are the rage on the campus this week, I hereby wish to present some of the latest revisions of modern etiquette.

Rush into the dining hall with a starved look and after seating yourself, tuck the napkin under your chin. When the food is served, start pecking at your plate. Eat greedily and have your plate clean almost before anyone else has started. Lean back in your chair and belch loudly. (Belching is a habit that should be practiced frequently if successful. A belch that echoes back and forth is very impressive).

With this remark we close. We have enough etiquette to last till next week.

Rev. Upton Gives Book Review For SCA Group

"Let us journey, by way of our imagination, to the deep south," so said Reverend Upton at the Thursday evening SCA meeting, November 7. Reverend Upton gave a review of the play "Green Pastures", in which play is portrayed the Negroes conception of the Creation and succeeding events of major importance.

The Lord at the time of the Old Testament walked about on the earth as a human, talking and walking with his greatest creation, man. Sometimes he would go around in disguise "to see how his people wuz gittin' along."

Letters To



The Editor

I am a careful reader and a loyal supporter of your fine newspaper; thus I was deeply hurt to find that in the November 1st issue of the Spec, in the article entitled "The Time is Short" that your paper resorted to the same tactics used by one of the daily Chicago newspapers which I read. Namely, the elimination of part of the material and the presentation of half-truths, and the re-vamping and addition to these to fit into the editorial policy of the paper.

It also greatly grieved me to realize that your paper had printed a personal letter which was meant to help one person, who incidentally greatly needs the help, and not to apply to all of the boys of Mac, many of whom do not need the help from all reports which I hear.

In order that the whole truth might be given to your readers, I would like to fill in with these words the blank space which was censored by you subordinate editors, "J. P.'s with flashy cars, portable and combination radios, high power flash cameras, motion picture projectors, wonderful collections of records, large bank accounts backed by prospects of more wheat, etc., etc."

Yours in truth, A student in Chicago.

Yarns

Can she bake a cherry pie, Billy Boy? or do you like "Beery" pie better? Oh—you will find out tonight? Seems like Ruth Davis and Ward fit in there someplace too, guess they are making a foursome.

Wendell makes good taffy! Eh, Betty?

Rothrock will wring my neck if he does not read the copy and does not get a chance to cut this out. He'd probably enjoy killing me even without an excuse. But I'd like to know how he let his battery get run down Sunday night, and it wasn't at Mohler's but at Oberst's. He and Bert must have been double dating with Don and Ann. Anyway it makes a good story.

It must be exasperating to run after your man till 4:00 p. m. Friday, always one step behind, and have him (I. R.) come by at 4:05 to make a date for the game that night.

Just what makes Sadie Hawkin's left-over cider so popular that it's hoarded so diligently in some rooms?

Sadie Hawkin's day emphasizes an angle to this courtship problem on Mac campus. It is generally assumed that the boy does the asking and takes the aggressive part but a few techniques used in the chase seem rather familiar to us.

And then there is Barbara Burkholder with 2 men. One on Macampus and one in the army. Bernard Nordling has the inside track for several days yet anyway.

Conferences—Ah!

The wheels of the Smith limousine rolled round and round, and we were on our way. Smith, Ikenberry, that is Betty, and Wendell Burkholder occupied all the available space in the front seat, and Landes, Beery, and Stinnette fitted neatly (I use the word loosely) in the back. Several detours, plus the bumps which incidentally were the cause for three holes in the top of the car directly above the back seat and the swollen heads, or three previously normal (?) human beings, later we breezed into Wichita. There the famous Innes' had the extreme good fortune of being visited by the occupants of the aforementioned jalopy — er — car.

Winfield was the next stopping place after we resumed our usual pace. The back-seaters were especially glad to arrive at their destination. Smith had had faith all along that his vehicle—Pontiac, that is—would make it, and Ikenberry and Burkholder did not object to the slow velocity.

At this point we might mention that in Winfield it seemed that Landes and Stinnette usually walked together, Ikenberry and Burkholder likewise, and let's see—there were two more.

A few of us convinced the owner of our means of transportation that a trip to Oklahoma would be a very pleasant way to occupy our time on Saturday afternoon, so off we went. We only got about a mile across the border, but at least we could add one more state to our list of "states traveled in." That evening, we all went down town for a little while, then we all came back to the college, then two of our group went back—result, Burkholder and Smith didn't quite make it to breakfast.

But the most interesting part of the trip was on the way home—that is, it was interesting for some. First Ikenberry warmed Smith's hands—ah, then Ikenberry slept on Burkholder's shoulder—ah, ah. Then we stopped at Ruth Davis' and ate some luscious chocolate cake—ah, ah, ah. Then, last but certainly not least, Burkholder slept on Ikenberry's shoulder—ah, ah, ah, ah—swoon, swoon. But then—of course—that was just because she was wearing that nice, soft fur coat—of course.

Some people sure do have fun, they sure do.

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Student Interviews



There are certain things dear to everyone's heart, and one of these is EATING. Everybody likes to eat, and that is more than you can say for any other form of diversion. However when you are faced with a doom such as the one I thrust upon my obedient servants this week, perhaps the situation would be altered somewhat; i. e. "If you were going to be hanged tomorrow and you could have anything in the world you wanted to eat, what would you order?" The suddenness of this question proved shocking to most of my little friends, and their eyes began popping out all over the place, and they clutched their throats. But after the initial shock was over, they began to think.

Gordon Stutzman, Lois Kaufman, and Ann Oberst would like to have just lots and lots of ice cream. Janet Owen would like to have a Wet-Nut Sundae, whatever that is, other than something wet and something nuts. Gloria Tillman orders a Durky Special whenever she goes to Kings'. Shorty Seever fixes it up for her. It consists of chocolate syrup, marshmallow topping, maple nuts, and cherries all over ice cream! All she orders at Engborgs' is a glass of water (?).

John Firestone is madly in love with his grandmother's special of stuffed chicken, cooked with potatoes and onions. He claims the onions give it that "certain something" which cannot be equalled by anything else in the world. Kenny Brown would like to eat calves' brains once before he dies. He would also like a chicken pie, caviar, and a glass of sherry! Boy, is he crazy! Marie Miller says "I could live on spaghetti and meatballs." Bob Odle would order strawberry shortcake, and I don't blame him; his mother makes the most luscious shortcake.

June Landes could "fall to" like everything over lemon chiffon pie that her mom makes. Don Stern would eat a whole banana graham-cracker pie. James Strong and Russell Jarboe and about three hundred sixty-nine other people around here like cherry pie a la mode (that's with ice cream on it, Rothrock).

Buster West would take a Snack Bar Special, whatever that is. In case anybody wants to know, ask Irene, Winston Goering would rather eat bananas than do anything else in the world, including combing that beautiful hair of his. I can't even remember what bananas taste like, Winston.

Rothrock would not even hesitate. He would order a steak dinner, but quick! Lois Frantz would too, with a thin layer of pineapple ice cream all over the top. Don Keim wants onions with his steak. (what, no garlic?) King Oscar Coffee (plug plug), and apple pie and ice cream. LeRoy Doty didn't think he would want to eat anything, except maybe Burton. (He is very unhappy with her because she dyed her hair.)

Jo Dell, feminine gender, would eat anything but peanuts.

Most of the students would take any of mom's dinners. John Burkholder would end his with warm huckleberry pie with lots of ice cream smeared all over the top. Theora Hardy would order the traditional Thanksgiving dinner: turkey, cranberries, "punkin" pie, chocolate cake, and all that goes with it.

Ruth Berry would take an Illinois company dinner consisting of fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn-on-the-cob, creamed peas, sliced tomatoes, salad, homemade ice cream, and devil's food cake. Bob Martin would take the same only in Ma Stover style, with cherry pie and ice cream.

Well, girls, does this give you any ideas? I am going to go get a drink. I am starving to death!

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