

Welcome Homecomers!

This week end is entirely one of "welcomes" and reunions. To all alumni, former students and friends, the Spectator staff joins the faculty, the student council, and the entire student body of McPherson College in an expression of welcome.

To you students who are in school now, the idea of "welcoming" someone back again seems trite and old. But can it be that way? If we were to exchange places with the "homecomers," we would discover that nothing is so heartening as to have the persons who have stepped into our place greet us with a friendly smile and handshake.

Most of us who belong to the current generation use the excuse that we do not know any of the alumni. For that reason, we argue, we do not wish to be too forward. But we should look at the matter in a different sense. These persons who are coming back to the campus for several days were, we students, figuratively, only a few years ago. They are not total strangers. They, too, are acquainted with all the little idiosyncrasies of college life—the "bull-session," cutting chapel, and "intensified concentration" on studies.

For these reasons we ask you to throw your arms wide open in an all-inclusive welcome to the homecomers. Let's join in a unified expression of "Hi 'ya'll! I!"

With Malice Toward Some

Probably most of you readers have been lectured since childhood about the harmful consequences of gossip. During the last war the F. B. I. and other executive agencies kept reminding all of us that we should not repeat hearsay items because the "enemy has big ears." None of us can deny that a rumor, once started, can and usually does increase in detail and interest.

I would like to call to your attention the harmful effects of a rumor which was initiated last week by some source either directly or remotely connected with McPherson College.

Last week, as you all know, the voting took place for the 1948 Homecoming Queen. The election took place Tuesday morning, but for various reasons, the results were withheld from the general public until noon on Friday.

The normal student or an interested off-campus person would wait calmly, perhaps with a few queries about the returns, until the official announcement of the winner. But was that the case last week? NO, it was not. Some malicious person engaged in a whispering campaign about the person elected to be queen long before anyone thought of announcing who she was.

This rumor that a certain one of the four candidates had been elected traveled and increased in detail as it was passed along. It was circulated in various groups downtown in McPherson. The racial prejudices of some of the people who heard the whisperings were played upon, and those persons became quite disturbed.

Like a rolling snowball, the rumor gathered new bits of material as it went along. It was even asserted that part of the football team had quit because this certain person had been elected for their queen.

Can you see what I mean? Because several persons were thoughtless, and created something to supplement their undernourished vocabularies, the prejudices of quite a few were aroused. Not only that, the person about whom the talking was done has probably had her feelings hurt.

Just remember next time before you state something of questionable authenticity, think it over and decide whether it is slanderous or not.

Let this be your test: Would I like to have this said about ME?

Rec Council Visits Black Canyon; Holds Annual Recreational Retreat

A scene of confusion prevailed last Saturday in front of Sharp Hall as the Recreational Council members assembled and prepared to leave for their annual off-campus retreat at Black Canyon.

To the fourteen new members of the Rec Council this was the beginning of their initiation.

For three weeks the Steering Committee, assisted by Prof. Dell, who has been faculty adviser since the Rec Council began ten years ago, had been planning the retreat. The committee—Paul Waggoner, chairman; Donna Bowman and Winston Bowman, had come to the conclusion that it was quite a job to plan a week-end retreat for thirty people.

The committees working with the Steering Committee were as follows: Worship: Bob Keim, Chairman, Alvin Cook, Marilee Bowman, Pat Gentry and Doris Correll. Campfire: Marianna Stinnette, Chairman, Wilma Botz, Jess Holloway, and Don Ford. Recreation: Leona Richardson, Chairman, Letha Miller, Barbara Carruth and Jake Schaffer. Food: Mary Ellen Metzler, Chairman, Lois Burger, Ruth Merkey, and Melvin and Mary Jo Christy. Transportation and Equipment: John Burkholder-Chairman, Bill Daggett, Ivan Rogers, and Gerald Neher.

The group arrived at Black Canyon early Saturday evening, and set up camp immediately. Each member burrowed in, and soon all were ready for the planned recreation period.

While a few were busy preparing the evening meal the others chose up sides and began a mad game of volleyball. There were a few, however, who preferred to pass the football and softball back and forth.

Soon by the mad clanging of pots and pans Mary Metzler announced "chow-time." The menu for the evening was chili.

The highlight of the evening came as quite a surprise to the new-comers. Directly after the meal was served, everyone gathered around and the initiation began.

A few of the stand-outs were Jake "Egg" Shaffer, Barbara "H20" Carruth, Bill "Silent" Gaggert and Don "Nosey" Ford.

After an initiation the group ceremoniously and religiously found its way to the campfire site. The campers sang familiar songs and then their minds were brought to an attitude of worship. The

theme for the retreat was "Nature" and the emphasis for the campfire service was centered around "trees." The program consisted of poems, readings, meditative thoughts, and a talk. The theme song of the Rec Council was used for the close of the program.

After assembling again at the camp, they engaged in folk games led by Marianna Stinnette and Winston Bowman.

Before retiring for the night the group engaged in an informal period of jokes and songs while the crackling campfire provided the warmth.

In the early morning everyone was awakened by Ivan Rogers who had the job of chopping wood. While a few were engaged in the preparation of breakfast, others were busy making the camp look better.

Hot-cakes and coffee were soon ready in spite of all the usual difficulties of camp cooking.

More recreation in the form of volleyball, tricks, exercises, and football followed the breakfast hour and lasted until church time.

The group soon made its way up the hill, and after seating themselves facing the early rising sun, they commenced the service. Miss Lehman presented the sermon of prose and poetry that was appropriate for the occasion. There also were readings, and an accordion solo by Wilma Botz, and a quartette number.

While the last minute preparations for Sunday dinner were taking place, there was much splashing around the camp's water pump, as the rules of hygiene and sanitation were enforced.

The noon meal was ended with home-made ice cream for desert. As the group was lounging around the camp after the meal, a burst of "and Bobby winds up and delivers" could be heard. Yes, a few were crowded about a radio listening to the World Series, while others were playing the all-American sport.

Too soon the time came to pack the equipment back up the slope.

Wearily, but with their hearts lifted up to a higher level, the retreaters finally arrived at McPherson late Sunday afternoon. All except the four members who could not be there had the memories of an enjoyable as well as a spiritually helpful time.

Miss Della Lehman, who was the special-guest of the retreat added much to the life of the retreat.



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Queen Bonnie Alexander and Her Court

Pictured above is Homecoming Queen Bonnie Alexander and her court which will attend her during this week-end.

The Queen will be crowned tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 p. m. by Miss Ann Oberst of McPherson. Ann was the Queen at last year's Homecoming festivities. She is a member of Bonnie's court in view of the fact that she is the retiring queen. In the above picture, Ann is the person standing.

To the left of the queen sits her freshman attendant, Doris Blocker, who hails from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Leona Richards, sophomore attendant, is on Bonnie's left in the above picture. Leona, a cheerleader, claims Nampa, Idaho, as her home.

Miss Ida Young Is Added To Science Department

Miss Ida M. Young has been on the campus for several weeks now, teaching in the departments of chemistry and mathematics. The new teacher presides over the organic chemistry class, the introductory chemistry group, and two sections of college algebra.

Miss Young's home is Petersburg, Virginia. She has had college work in various schools. She received an A. B. from the University of Valparaiso, and an A. M. from the University of Chicago.



She has done advanced work at Columbia University, at Duke, and at George Peabody Teacher's College.

The new chemistry-mathematics instructor comes to McPherson College from Oklahoma A. and M. where she taught last year.

Miss Young's McPherson address is 123 North Charles Street. She came to McPherson College to replace Miss Isa Ruth Plank, who had been previously hired for the position and found it impossible to come because of serious illness in her family.

Reminiscences from freshman English: A passive verb is one in which the subject is the sufferer, such as, "He was married to her."

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Hasty Heart Is Judged Successful By Many

"Exceptionally successful," was the opinion expressed by Miss Sherry and many others who saw a performance of the "Hasty Heart."

The play was presented four successive nights, October 5-9, in the college Little Theater with student attendance reported as especially good.

The cast was an extraordinary one consisting entirely of males with the exception of one, Ann Oberst, whose role was that of an English nurse.

The setting of "Hasty Heart" was in an Oriental convalescent hospital.

All costumes used were imported from Salt Lake City.

The nine members of the cast have already been published in this paper, but in addition to those actors, numerous other persons had to work in order to produce "The Hasty Heart."

As previously mentioned, Miss Esther Sherry directed the play; her assistant director was Jeanne Baldwin.

Dean Neher served in the capacity of Stage Manager, and Stan Sargent was in charge of the settings. A properties committee, composed of Joan Lehman, Esther Mohler, Kathleen Baerg, and Helen Stover, helped procure some of the essential items which were used in the production. Donna Johnson and Ruth Merkey were in charge of costumes.

Vancil Dunahoo, as business manager, handled ticket sales and other necessary business involved.

John Langley handled the preparation of the posters advertising the play, and Mary Helen Cline was in charge of the programs.

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Although he was born at Quinter, Kansas, on September 7, 1921, he claims McPherson as his home, having lived here for the last ten years.

His college career began in the fall of '39 when Buck enrolled as a freshman at Mac. Then came the fall of '41, and Buck left for Washington, D. C., to work for the F. B. I. The Army came in October, '42, and then Buck came back to Mac in the fall of '46.

In the spring of '47 Buck was elected Quad King, which classes him in the B. M. group of that year also.

Buck's main interest is sports. In high school he lettered in football, basketball, and track. In college he has four years of football and one of basketball. After college Buck plans to teach mathematics.

6' 2". . . 190 lbs. . . brown hair . . . blue eyes. . . student council president . . . personality plus . . . B. M. on C. . . Buck Reinecker

Barkerettes Participate In Homecoming Activities

The Barkerettes will take an active part in tomorrow's Homecoming activities and all home games festivities.

The Mc cheerleaders will ride in tomorrow's pep parade in a float prepared by a Barkerettes committee consisting of Lenora Sorensen, Barbara Carruth, La Verne Burger and Helen Burgess.

Barbara Carruth, Eula Broyles, Anita Anderson and Phyllis Brown are in charge of decorating the Football Queen's throne.

The Barkerettes are planning to make red and white pom-poms to sell at all local games.

Members of the organization will decorate the field goal posts with colored streamers signifying MC and the opponent.

All pep club members will sit in a reserved section at home games in order to unify the cheering.

Collegian Column

Announcement comes from Manchester College that a juke box has been installed in the college cafeteria.

A student committee has been chosen to make suggestions as to what selections will be placed in the machine.

The money received will be divided between the company which owns the machine, the student council, and the college administration.

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Jrs. and Freshies Meet For Debate Championship

Again this year, as has been the tradition for more than a dozen years, the Inter-Class Debates were held to decide the school championship.

Last Monday night the debaters representing the junior class won the chance to go on in the final debate of the inter-class tourney. The junior team was composed of LeRoy Doty, veteran debater, and Miss Helen Stover. The seniors, represented by Mr. Ted Geisert, veteran debater, and Mr. John Burkholder, met defeat.

The question being debated this year is: Resolved, that the Federal Government should adopt a policy of equalizing educational opportunities in tax supported schools by means of annual grants.

The following night the sophomores—represented by Mr. Dean Neher and Miss Bonnie Martin met defeat at the hands of the freshman class represented by Mr. Donovan Speaker and Miss Lorene Clark.

The victors of the two classes will meet in the championship debate to be held October 25, in the student Union Room.

On October 26, the tryouts for both women's and men's varsity teams will be held at 4:00 p. m., and 6:45 p. m., respectively, in Sharp Hall.

The debate season begins in earnest with the first debate tourney which is to be held at Bethel College, in North Newton, on November 30. In December, Southwestern College of Winfield will hold its annual debate tourney and then in January McPherson College will hold its annual Economy Debate Tournament.

Other tournaments scheduled will be the league tourney in March and the National Pi Kappa Delta Tournament to be held in April down in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Prayer: Forgive us our Christ-mases as we forgive those who Christmas against us.

Late Headlines

Boston, October 11. The Cleveland Indians won the world series this afternoon with a 4-to-3 victory over the Boston Braves on the Braves' home field.

Topeka, Kansas, October 12. Senator Capper returned home yesterday to fight for the Kansas Drys. His first question when he arrived was, "How is the dry fight going?"

Pittsburgh, October 11. In his first major speech of his campaign tour of the Mid-West and border states, Governor Thomas E. Dewey called for an end to an administration that "feeds on its own blunders and failures."

SCA Announces Special Vespers For Next Week

As part of the religious emphasis week, the SCA has announced special vesper services to be held in memory chapel of the local church.

These vespers will take the place of the regularly scheduled meditation periods, but will be held at 7:15 instead of 7:00.

The theme for the week will be "Credo", with emphasis on the meditations, "I Believe in God, the Church, Prayer, and the Holy Spirit."

Speakers for the week will be Dr. Metzler, Dr. Heiser, Prof. Flory, Mr. Dick Wareham, and Dr. DeWitt Miller.

The fifteen-minute services are so arranged as to be dismissed just before the regular evening services begin.

Religious Emphasis Week

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Wednesday, 9:50 a. m. College Chapel.

7:30 p. m. College Church. "The Authority of Jesus."

Thursday, 6:30 p. m. SCA.

7:30 p. m. College Church, "What To Do When Trouble Comes."

Friday, 7:30 p. m. College Church, "I Have A Glory."

Saturday, 7:30 p. m. College Church, "The Biography of A Fool."

Sunday, 10:45 a. m. College Church, "What Must We Do?"

7:30 p. m. College Church, "Watchers At The Cross."

Music Included on Program

For all of these services Professor Frederiek has arranged a very attractive service of sacred music which will be given by soloists and ensembles from both the church and the college.

Counseling A New Feature

An added feature of Religious Emphasis Week for this year will be a counselling period. Reverend Robinson will be in Dr. Miller's study at the church each afternoon from 3:20-5:00, for counselling those desiring to make an appointment will see Miss Dorothy Breen, the church secretary.

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Dogs Take On Heavy Coyotes Tomorrow at 2:00

The McPherson College Bulldogs will play their annual homecoming game tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 p. m. with the Kansas Wesleyan Coyotes at the college stadium.

Although the Coyotes have one of the heaviest teams in the conference this year, they haven't been able to get rolling as yet. Out of four games the Coyotes have won only one. That one victory was Smoky Hill Army Air Base, 35-0. They lost the first conference game to Bethany Swedes 19-0; and they held the defending champions, Ottawa Braves, to a single touchdown last week.

The Bulldogs, suffering from three straight defeats, are seeking their first victory of the season in this homecoming event. Intra-squad scrimmage has been the essence of practice this week as Coach Hardacre is getting the men ready for tomorrow's tilt.

Seeing action for the Bulldogs in tomorrow's clash will probably be Stevens, Tillman, and Pritchett at guards; Wolf, Wilson, and Birkes at ends; Webb, West and Flory at tackles; Reed and Anderson, centers; and Unruh, Delay, Carpenter, Arnold, Fisher, and Batson in the backfield.

Kansas Conference

	W	L	%	Pts.	OP
Ottawa	2	0	1.000	53	12
Bethany	2	0	1.000	31	4
C. of E.	1	0	1.000	44	0
Baker	1	1	.500	26	47
Bethel	0	1	.000	12	47
McPherson	0	2	.000	0	70
Wesleyan	0	2	.000	0	28

Conference Schedules

FRIDAY:
October 15 — Bethany-Bethel at Lindsay.

SATURDAY:
October 16 — McPherson-Wesleyan at McPherson.
*Baker-College of Emporia at Baldwin.
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It was C. of E. all the way with Durand out in front in total scores.

McPherson threatened only once.

Touchdowns were scored by:
Don Ek—6 points.
Tremaine to Bodnarchuk—6.
Lenda—1.
Durand to Pemberton—6.
Durand—6.
Durand to Ek—6.
Tremaine to Bodnarchuk—6.
Durand 1.
Tremaine to Sharp—6.
Total—44.

Back in "28" it seems that College of Emporia had an unbeatable team; not only did they remain unconquered, but no team ever succeeded in crossing their goal line.

McPherson this year is seeming to do the opposite by beating no teams and crossing no opponent's goal lines.

The season, however, is only half over and McPherson still has plenty of possibility.

As "Buck" Heinicke said "If the student body would get behind the team, even though we are losing, we may surprise somebody yet."

Game statistics:

	C. of E.	MC.
First downs	16	6
Yards gained rushing	228	12
Yards lost rushing	27	45
Passes attempted	32	29
Passes completed	9	7
Yards from passing	209	43
Passes intercepted by	3	2
Yards gained runback	24	18
Times punted	2	10
Average punt	31	32
Fumbles	5	5
Opponents fumbles	5	5
recovered	3	3
Times penalized	12	4
Yards penalized	90	20

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Ed McKeever, the famous football coach, tells this one on himself. It's about a pep talk that never won a game.

Years ago when he was trying to make his mark as the new football coach at Notre Dame his Fighting Irish came East to meet a powerful, unbeaten Army eleven. The odds were against Notre Dame, and so before the game McKeever gave his Notre Dame men a pep talk that was as sad a tear-jerker as ever heard in a dressing room.

"This is the first time my father will miss seeing one of my teams play," McKeever told his players. "He is sick in bed, and couldn't come. But he'll be listening to the broadcast. I'm not asking much from you men, just win the game for him. The life of that sick man depends on this game. Go out and win this game for my pop."

In the last quarter when Notre Dame was trailing by more than forty points, the dejected McKeever sent in a substitute who in the huddle told the players, who were a lot of confused, bewildered guys, "we can be positive of one thing, now McKeever's old man sure is dead."

This happened during a very bruising game between the well-matched eleventh of Michigan and Northwestern. A number of stars had been injured and substitutes had been dashing in and limping off all afternoon. Suddenly one of the quarterbacks made a sad discovery. He promptly called a huddle.

"Listen fellows," he whispered, "we've got twelve players on the field." It would mean a penalty if the officials found out. We would get a penalty the team could not afford. "Never mind, fellows" said the quarterback. "On the next play I'll call for a wide end sweep. As we pass the bench one of you get off the field."

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MC Bulldogs Drop Their Third Successive Game

McPherson College Bulldogs were defeated for the third time in a row as C. of E. ran wild at her homecoming game last Saturday.

McPherson seemed lost when the Hawaiian boys of C. of E. let go their war chant and started driving for the goal line.

McPherson failed in its usual passing attack and presented little or no running ability whatsoever. The team was also weak on blocking and tackling.

College of Emporia, who fielded an unusually large crowd of Hawaiian boys this year, looked very good. Though the team did not average very much in weight, the players made up for it in spirit and tricky plays.

The total score of the ball game was 44-0 and it was C of E all the way.

McPherson left the campus about 8:30 a. m. Saturday morning, traveling east in a Santa Fe bus. They were cheered off by a representation of the band and student body.

The team arrived at Emporia, eager and ready for the oncoming game. They unloaded their equipment at the dressing room and paraded around the C. of E. campus, which was decorated in red and white for their homecoming that night.

Noon found the McPherson team dining, and after the meal came a walk about Emporia. The players were dressed and ready for the game by 1:30.

McPhersons representatives at the game were very few.

The beaten McPherson football team ate dinner and forged its weary way home arriving back at the campus about 7:30.

Gossip columnists are the spies of life.

B's Suffer First Defeat

Beaten for the first time this season, the McPherson "B" squad lost to an over-powering Kansas Wesleyan "B" squad on the Wesleyan gridiron last Monday afternoon by a score of 32-8.

Still smiling after the game, Assistant Coach Wareham said, "We lost, but we certainly had fun."

Winning prospects before the game were not very high because Wesleyan had defeated Bethany's "B" squad a week before.

The Bulldogs "B" team showed plenty of drive and spirit but lacked the power of the Wesleyan squad.

A touchdown was scored for Wesleyan by Brestann in the first quarter. Calms scored next while Dean kicked the conversion. Brown was third on the list and Dean was last. Brestann counted for the last extra point and the last point of the ball game to make the final count 22-0.

The McPherson starting lineup was: Hoffa, 7c; Webb, 1t; Tharrington, 1g; Odle, c; Fleckethorn,

rs; Weyand, rt; Watkins, re; Hutchison, qb; Delay, fb; Fishburn, lb; Holloway, rf.

W A A

Fifteen girls tried their luck and skill bowling last Thursday at the Bowling Alley. They were Colleen Draper, Jeane Baldwin, Jo Christy, Lois Colberg, Pat Patterson, Arlene Mohler, Betty Redinger, Joy Hornbaker, Leona Flory, Miriam Keim, Verla Hummer, Pat Gentry, Dorothy Breen, Rowena Neher and Marilyn Miller.

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