



### The Stone Wall

Like it or not, America is being pushed or pulled into World War III. If you want to, blame it on Russia, or on poor foreign policy, or war mongering big business, or military despotism.

The Spectator finds another reason for our inability to stop the seemingly inevitable tide. That reason is Fear. Jones built a stone fence because Smith's wife kept missing the garage and driving on Jones' flowers. It cost a lot of money to build that wall, but Jones felt safe. Mrs. Smith never missed the garage after that, so Jones' investment didn't look so good after all.

America is building a stone wall up next to the Iron Curtain so she can feel safe. She feels that Russia may miss the garage and drive over her flowers. Only in America's case, the stones won't do any good. If Russia wants to drive over America's flowers, she has passed up lots of good opportunities before the fence went up and, for that matter, while it was being built.

Smith tells Jones that he won't need that fence if he loves his neighbor like God wants him to. Jones tells Smith he doesn't believe in God so would rather rely on the fence. They finally reach a mutual-respect-for-property agreement and the fence goes down. They don't live happily ever after, but at least they don't drive over each others' flowers.

### Young Brethren Pole Vault Toward 16 Foot Record

In three different meets last year the Rev. Bob Richards, LaVerne College teacher, thought he was the second man in history to vault 15 feet. And three times the officials strung him up with the tape measure in remeasurements of 14 feet 11 1/2 inches. But on January 27 Richards soared 15 feet, 1 inch in the Millrose Games to pass his self-set goal.

He knew he could do it, he said. The Rev. Robert had a sublime faith all along that one day he would pole vault 15 feet. Now that he has joined marvelous Cornelius Warner as the only members of the 15-foot fraternity, Richards is dedicating himself to bettering Warner's loftiest achievement-Cornes' world indoor record of 15 feet, 8 1/2 inches.

With the help of the Lord and Warner, the powerfully-muscled five-foot-ten-inch, 163-pound vaulting vicar hopes to hit 16 feet sometime in the next four or five years.

At Champaign (Illinois) High School, Bob vaulted 12 feet. In football he was all-state as quarterback and passer out of the T. While at Bridgewater College he took six Mason-Dixon championships in 1945. All on a rainy afternoon, he won the high and low hurdles, high and broad jumps, javelin and pole vault.

Richards is a graduate of Bethany Biblical Seminary and a friend of Dick Wareham, director of physical education at Macollege.

Jack Powell's report in The All-Sports News is as follows: "Bobby Richards, the pogo parson, credits his outstanding athletic career to a change which came over his life when he entered Champaign High School.

"At that time Bobby was known around Champaign as a 14-year-old boy who would sweat, smoke and had few ambitions of a high type.

"Few dreamed that he would ever amount to anything. None thought that he would ever become a teacher of philosophy or a minister. Let alone one of the greatest figures in track history.

"But a church worker, interested in his welfare approached Bobby and introduced him to Christianity. "Shortly after entering high

school, Bob was converted. He became a member of the Church of the Brethren and immediately his entire attitude toward life changed.

"He became a good student and was an outstanding athlete. Before graduation from high school, he began to preach in the Champaign Brethren Church. He spoke also to youth clubs in that city. "The big thing I received from Christianity," he says, "was pre-disposition of the mind. The important factor is wanting to do your best whether it's making the best grades possible or vaulting as high as possible.

"For instance, before I became a Christian, I wasn't much of an athlete. I didn't care about athletics or anything else, for that matter.

"Then I was converted. I learned a different approach. I decided that anything worth doing was worth doing well. "If a Christian has made the difference for me in athletics, I don't believe that God decides I can't vault 15 feet.

"I believe that I vaulted 15 feet because I worked hard, and I worked hard because that's what Christianity means to me: doing the best one can in every field."

"Richards has found that his track activities have been helpful in his religious work. It has enabled him to "get closer" to young boys in particular.

"I remember once in my Sunday School class in Champaign," Bob recalled, "there was a boy who hadn't attended for several weeks. He was indifferent and showed no enthusiasm at all. But when he read that I had won the Millrose games pole vault, he came to class, and he attended every Sunday after that."

Now assistant professor of philosophy at La Verne College in Calif., the enthusiastic, agreeable reverend and his wife, Mary Leah, are parents of Carol Anne, 2 1/2 years old, and Robert Eugene, Jr., who will celebrate his first birthday in March.

And Bob Richards himself has a nominee for the world's first 17-foot vaulter: Bob, Jr. Bob thinks he, himself, will be the first to vault 16 feet.

### Damp Weather Fails To Stop Gala Inaugural Procession

Dr. Desmond W. Bittinger was inaugurated as the eighth president of McPherson College Monday morning, Feb. 19, in a ceremony held in the First Church of the Brethren in McPherson.

Monday morning Feb. 19, many dignified people were walking on Macampus and down the corridors of the buildings.

The morning air was damp and filled with an overhanging misty fog. This did not dampen the spirits of these people as they were busy in their numerous preparations for an historical event about to take place on the campus of McPherson College.

Here one could see a student impatiently handling his camera, ready and waiting for the procession to begin, there another student was busy carrying the needed chairs from one building to another. Men and women were making their way toward the campus Physical Education building.

These students were preparing for the inauguration of Dr. Desmond W. Bittinger as the eighth president of McPherson College. Many of the strangers were delegates representing other colleges and universities.

The college church was nearly full by ten o'clock.

Mrs. Audrey San Romani played background organ music for fifteen minutes. She played the "Processional March" by Gounod as the academic procession entered the church after its march from the Physical Education Building.

First came Dr. Bittinger escorted by Prof. Jack Kough. Following to the speaker's platform were Dr. V. F. Schwalm, Dean James Berkebile, Rev. W. H. Yoder, Dr. Philip, and Rev. Harry K. Zeller, Jr.

The brightly colored pageantry displayed in the procession was in contrast to the somber black of the usual commencement procession on Macampus. Those in the procession were seated in the center of the church sanctuary. The group presented colorful displays of robes, degree tassels, and degree and honorary degree hoods.

In the procession were delegates representing 75 schools besides the McPherson College faculty and trustees. The five Brethren colleges were represented plus the church's Bethany Seminary. Kansas was well represented with delegates from 15 schools of higher education.

Rev. W. H. Yoder, chairman of the board of trustees, presided.

McPherson College a Capella Choir under the direction of Prof. Donald R. Frederick sang a call to prayer. The invocation was given by Rev. Harry K. Zeller, Jr. pastor of the First Church of the

Brethren.

The A Capella presented "The Word Believers" by Sateren. Dr. Calvert N. Ellis, president of Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pa., gave the inaugural address entitled "The College - Liberal and Christian."

Rev. W. H. Yoder presented Dr. Bittinger to Dr. V. F. Schwalm, president of Manchester College, for the installation. In a brief but impressive ceremony Dr. Schwalm charged Dr. Bittinger to be the leader of, and co-worker with, the students and faculty of McPherson College and always to look to Jesus Christ for direction and strength. President Bittinger's reply was, "I will do so, the Lord being my helper."

President Bittinger's inaugural address was entitled "Is Truth Freedom? When?"

The A Capella Choir sang "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" by Forest. Dean James Berkebile and President Bittinger conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. W. H. Yoder.

Rev. King Phillips, pastor of the McPherson Presbyterian Church, gave the benediction with the choir giving the amen.

The recessional, "March Aux Flambeaux" by Clark, was played on the organ by Mrs. Lloyd Larsen. Following the inauguration program, the inaugural luncheon was held in the church dining room. Dr. R. E. Mohler presided at the luncheon.

There was an introduction of the guests followed by responses from the representatives of: students, faculty, and trustees of McPherson College, City of McPherson, Western Region, Brethren Colleges, Kansas Church Related Colleges, and the State Department of Education.

The luncheon address was given by Dr. V. F. Schwalm, former President of Macollege for 14 years.

McPherson College men's quartet sang two numbers. From 3-5 p. m. a reception for President and Mrs. Desmond W. Bittinger was held in the SUR of Sharp Hall. Refreshments and entertainment were provided.

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### Students Use New Addition To Library

Students using the library this week have found that everything from the upstairs reading rooms has been moved into the new stacks addition, and the contractor is working on the old part of the library.

Entrance to the library now is through the new west door leading to the first floor of the stacks addition. The circulation desk, the reserve books, a few tables and chairs, and the bound magazines have been moved to the first floor room.

Current periodicals, the International Relations collection, reference books, and most tables and chairs have been placed on the second floor of the addition.

The pale green walls and the tile floors in addition to the windows on the south make the temporary reading rooms in the new addition much lighter than the former reading rooms. Miss Virginia Harris, librarian, stated that the usual comment as students enter the li-

brary now is, "Isn't this nice?"

Remodeling plans for the reading rooms in the old part call for a lowering of the ceilings by two feet when acoustical tile ceilings are installed, the laying of rubber tile flooring, and the addition of a partition in the west reading room to make an office for the librarian.

During the Christmas vacation the entrance to the former browsing room was closed to make a work room, and a number of extra doors were constructed. A sink has been installed in the work room, and a linoleum topped cabinet has been built in.

Two new restrooms have been installed on first floor off the small hall which was formerly used for the processing of books. A new drinking fountain is located in this hall.

Miss Harris stated that the policy of the library is to provide library service for the students with as few interruptions as possible during the remodeling. The moving was done by students on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Because of the inaugural on Monday, the library was not reopened until Tuesday morning.

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# Bulldog Barks

Lucy Flory and Ginger Reynolds visited at the Flory home in Lone Star, Kansas over the weekend.

Mickey Akers, Peggy Sargent, Orva Williams, and Mrs. Dale Carpenter spent the weekend attending the Baker and Ottawa game and shopping in Kansas City, Mo.

Mary Ellen Yeater spent the weekend visiting at her home in Rocky Ford, Colo. Her parents are moving to California.

Richard V. Keim, father of George Keim, spent the past week with George and Joan.

Donna Wagener has been confined to her room with an illness.

Chuck Royer and Pat Patterson were in Ottawa Saturday evening. Joe Kennedy accompanied them as far as Ottawa. They spent the weekend in Lawrence with Mr. and Mrs. Blair Helman.

Marilyn Miller's mother is visiting her in McPherson. She is from Wiley, Colo.

Martha Frantz's parents from Conway Springs, Kans. are visiting in McPherson this week while Mr. Frantz is attending the trustee meetings.

Lorene Clark's parents were visiting in McPherson and attended the one act plays.

Carole Huffman and Dorothy Swinger spent the weekend attending a youth rally in St. Joseph, Mo.

H. A. Cyst will be confined for eight days with an illness.

Guests at a belated birthday party for Dean Cotton were Phyllis Johnson, Ruth Peckover, Kenneth Evans, Lowell Hoch, and Rita Ellen Royer.

Lois Yoder's father Marlan Yoder and brother Gordon spent the weekend on Macampus over the weekend. They are from Pampa, Texas.

Mrs. Ira M. Hoover of Plattsburg, Mo. was a Tuesday afternoon visitor of Carole Huffman.

Winifred Reed and Martha Jo Rhoades spent the weekend in Little River, Kansas.

Mary Louise Hutcherson spent the night with Phyllis Johnson in Arnold Hall Friday.

The "M" Club gave a very inspiring skit in Pep Assembly Tuesday.

Guests at a rabbit feed at the home of Betty Ann Murrey Sunday night were Irwin Porter, Jerry Neher, Lois Yoder, Dick King, and Elsa Kurtz.

Doris Roesch and Dale Snyder spent the weekend visiting in Morrill, Kans., at Dale's home.

Phyllis Johnson, Mary Louise Hutcherson, Roland Kessler, Martha Lucore, Sylvus Flora, and Angie Flora spent the weekend visiting in Quinter, Kans.

Rowena Neher's parents were in McPherson Friday for the concert and spent Saturday shopping in Wichita.

Maxine Coppock visited in Kress, Texas over the weekend.

Mary Caster spent the weekend visiting in Hutchinson.

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Mary Louise Hutcherson was recently a hostess at a party for Mickey Akers, Elsa Kurtz, Martha Lucore, Marilyn Roe, Maxine Hanley, Phyllis Johnson, and Mary Ellen Yoder.

Elsie Kindley spent the weekend visiting in Downs, Ks.

Rowena Merkey was in Clayton, Kans., over the weekend.

Rowan Keim, Bill Daggett, Margaret Daggett, Kathryn Larson, and Hutch Coffman spent the weekend visiting at the Daggett

home in Lone Star, Kans. Clara Doman and Mildred Beck spent the weekend visiting at Clara's home in Hope, Kansas.

Genevieve Krebbs spent the weekend at home in Moundridge. Delores Sigle was an overnight guest of Ann Reynolds at Kilmer Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Frantz are the parents of a baby girl, Pamela Kay, born Tuesday morning, Feb. 13. She weighed 7 pounds 10 1/2 ounces.

## Faculty Corner

Miss Sarah Mae Vancell spent the weekend visiting with her parents in Ottawa, Kansas.

Arlene and Jack Kough accompanied Max McAuley, Claudia Jo Stump, and Berwyn Ottman to the Lone Star church Sunday.

Dick Wareham was confined to his home recently recovering from a bad cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kough will accompany Mrs. Irven Stern, and Don and Wilma Ford to Guthrie, Oklahoma to celebrate another McPherson College Day.

Mrs. Bittinger gave a tea Tuesday afternoon for the faculty women in order that they might enjoy the flowers from the inaugural.

Mr. and Mrs. Lobbin were in Newton Tuesday attending the Bethel-McPherson game.

Dr. James H. Elrod held a weekend Stewardship meeting at the Quinter Church of the Brethren on February 17 and 18.

Rev. Earl M. Frantz was in charge of the services at the Prairie View Church of the Brethren, at Friend, Kansas, Sunday on Feb. 18. Dr. W. H. Yoder will in charge Feb. 25, during the pastor's absence.

## It's A Great Life . . .

By Lowell Hoch

This week, this column shall divert for a time from the usual yak-yak that appears as a mute testimony of what goes on over at the Vets. A great many persons do not know just who lives in the Vets. There are 20 guys billeted over at the "Shack". This week I chose one of the boys of Apartment 32 for the Vet personality of the week.

Curtis Leicht was born near Perryton, Texas, on December 22, 1932. He attended the public schools of Perryton and graduated from the Perryton High School in 1950. In a senior class of about 60 students, Curtis ranked high enough to graduate as Salutatorian as well as taking part in several activities. He played four years in the school band and was voted the Most Talented of the school in that department. He played football three years and lettered at half-back his senior year. He was sports reporter for the school paper and the vice-president of the band. He was president of the Stu-

## Juniata Joins Carnegie 5-Year Program

Juniata College will cooperate with Carnegie Institute of Technology in a five-year educational program leading to both liberal arts and engineering or science degrees known as 3-2 plan.

Under this plan, students may take three years of liberal arts with a major in science, then transfer to Carnegie for two years of engineering or science. At the end of five years, they will receive A. B. degrees from Juniata and B. S. degrees from Carnegie.

This will make Juniata the 17th liberal arts college to join Carnegie in the cooperative program.

dent Council his senior year. His favorite hobbies are music and model airplanes. His favorite recreation is reading fiction and short stories. His favorite sport is football and his favorite study is chemistry. His ambition is to be an aeronautical engineer.

He has his dislikes as most of us have. He does not care for literature as a study, dislikes green beans, but likes banana pie. He doesn't like Kansas because it is not Texas. When asked what he liked about McPherson College, he said he thought the spiritual fellowship was the foremost one thing. His greatest dislike was 8 o'clock classes. Here at school, he is in the band as well as several in the other activities of the campus.

Roland Kessler and Bernard Ebbert went home to Quinter over last weekend. Bob Bean helped his sister move Saturday and spent the night in Hutch. Norman Brammel went home and attended the game at Ottawa Saturday night. Don Hoch went home to see the tournaments.

Ruth Peckover, Phyllis Johnson, Rita Ellen Royer, Kenneth Evans and Lowell Hoch were guests at a birthday party for Dean Cotton Sunday night.

Bob Kerr had a visitor. Bob's cousin, Paul Schnaitman, Jr. spent the weekend with Bob. Paul is a trustee of the college.

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## What Do You Think?

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of either McPherson College or the Spectator.

The question for this week is "Do you think campus activities and organizations are well organized and advertised?"

In a way they are and in a way they are not.

Yes, I think campus activities and organizations are fairly well organized.

Generally if you are interested in them.

No, they are not well organized. They could be better organized and could advertise things more and earlier to the student body.

Yes, the social events are well advertised and organized. However, class news and other activities of interest to students are often neglected.

Yes, I think they are definitely well organized, and advertised.

I think that the events are well posted, but if students are not interested they won't look at them.

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Organizations and activities are well organized and advertised, but the students often neglect to carry out their duties.

As a general rule they are well organized, but those who participate fail to do their assigned duties.

Campus activities are well organized but not well advertised. There are sections on the bulletin boards. All bulletins should be put on the boards. All bulletins should be put in their proper places.

Although the question deviates from my normal train of thought, I find, upon meditation, that there is a tendency toward the positive.

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