

Were We Fair?

By Joan McRoberts

It is no longer the question of whether the Doutzour Hall women will continue with the old Arnold point-system or not. Thursday, February 11, a new constitution was installed which stipulates that each girl has thirty late minutes a semester. This is in comparison with eight late hours a semester over in Arnold.

These late points were for an emergency, and it is certain that they were not always used for that purpose. Miss Neher unnecessarily lost hours of sleep because girls did not use their points to the right advantage.

There was quite a bit of opposition to this part of the constitution. Girls thought it was too drastic a change from what they have been accustomed. Others thought that in real cases of emergency, only thirty

minutes would be sufficient.

The seconds ticked on, 'the minutes, and the hours. The girls were getting sleepy and restless. They were tired of all the argument and discussion.

Finally it was put to vote. It is a fact that some girls voted for the constitution in its entirety simply because they were tired, as it was well past eleven. Others looked around to see how her neighbor voted and then voted likewise.

When hands were counted, it was revealed that approximately twenty did not vote. Yet that majority ruled; that is, the voting majority.

Were we democratic? Should we have voted by ballot? Should we have voted during the day, when time would not have been as precious?

You be the judge.

A Challenge . . .

The greatest challenge on the part of the American college student of today is to further thought and action towards the building of a firm foundation for peace.

In working for this foundation, religious as well as intellectual aspects of the problem must pervade one's thinking. Our first total objective is to make people realize the obsolescence of war in modern society as a means of settling differences.

The problem of war has been made larger in recent times by the advent of tremendous advances in scientific warfare, each nation stocking up this potential to back up its own particular national ideas.

Ever since the nation-state system has risen over 500 years ago, countries have dealt with each other with the traditional Machiavellian methods, each nation considering itself the "best."

When thoughtful persons stop to realize the antiquity of man's contemporary statecraft as compared with society's mighty technological advances, we can readily see the need for paralleling our advances in science with an adequate type of world government.

I see the fundamental weakness of our world society today in its old, inadequate, and dangerous nation-state system.

College students of today, representing the new ideas of the atomic era, must accept the challenge to build a strong and peaceful world. We can do this by supporting the United Nations and helping to expand its potential for waging peace. Peace conferences, such as the one planned for this weekend on Macampus will stimulate and provoke thought on this vital subject. Let us, as mature young people, take up the challenge.

Student Ministers Meet

At Dr. Metzler's Home

The Student Ministers organization will hold its regular meeting on next Wednesday evening, Feb. 24, at 7 o'clock.

C. Ernest Davis and Harold Row will lead in discussion. The meeting will be held at the home of Dr. Burton Metzler, head of the Philosophy and Religion Department at MacCollege.

Music Recital Will Be

Held Feb. 26 in Chapel

The Music Department of McPherson College will present a student recital on Friday evening, Feb. 26, in the college chapel.

The program will feature vocal soloists, pianists, organists, and other instrumentalists. The program is being arranged by Prof. Donald Frederick.

Thinking With The President

The Faculty-Student Forum

The other night the faculty put on a formal party for the students. We were delighted that so many came. You looked beautiful with your lovely gowns and evening dress in the candlelight. You were well-behaved—real ladies and gentlemen. We were proud of you.

We had a good time putting on the party. We always feel somewhat embarrassed to try to put on a party for fine young people like you; we are afraid maybe we are too old. Maybe we don't know your language anymore. Maybe we don't know what you consider funny. Maybe we will look like people out of our time trying to entertain a modern generation. But we had a good time trying to turn back the clock and be young again.

We hope you had a good time. When you applauded and seemed to appreciate our singing and acting, we felt good.

We do like to serve you. We want to serve you, not only at an occasional party, but every day on the campus, in the classrooms in

the church, in our homes. We think you are important. We would like to see you preparing yourselves to do a better job of world-building and brotherhood building and equalization of opportunity and service around the world than we have done. We feel that if you can do better than we, then part of our purpose in serving you will have been achieved. If you do more poorly than we, then we may be at fault. We feel that our work is important because you are important.

Very soon you will sit where we sit. We will no longer be here. But we shall leave this place and work to you with confidence that you will advance it and leave it to those who shall, in their turn, come after you.

It is fun to think that we and you together are moving forward in a common progression to an ever higher goal.

It is fun to be alive, reaching for that goal, no matter whether you are old or young.

Student Ministers Speak . . .

Peace Through Discontentment

By Fred Cline

Last year when I was studying anthropology it occurred to me that the seeking of peace and contentment has always been one of man's main objectives.

In our time too, much peace and contentment can be one of humanity's greatest dangers. In our society one way of gaining popularity is by using the psychology of selling people perfect peace. Advertisements continually lure us with their seductive wares that stress ease and contentment if you purchase.

The result is that a lot of us are getting too large a dose. We have been told that college students are a select group, and certainly we would all agree that we are a privileged group. These facts alone should be

enough to cause us not to be satisfied with being mediocre.

Can people who are supposed to be the cream of the crop be content with so much unhappiness, crime, and discontentment about them?

When one studies the careers of Old and New Testament characters, one is not struck with their peace, but with their discontentment of existing conditions.

True peace and contentment lie on the other side of struggle. We cannot have Easter without Good Friday, or the Resurrection without the Cross.

As intelligent young people we should not allow ourselves to seek peace and contentment as an end in itself. We should all seek it through a noble endeavor to relieve conditions of discontentment.

All Gone

By The Cub

Snip, snip went the scissors. What was cut was not paper nor fabric but hair. "He's going to hate me for this," Miss Brooks's next comment. Connie cut only her bangs; Darlene Treloor went further and had her long locks snapped off. All the way around the room. One of the Freshman English assignments took a good deal of creative concentration this last week. Many of the rough drafts were well doodled before the assignment was completed. Some of the doodling revealed interesting subconscious minds.

An army of blue suits and yellow ties descended on the gym, camouflaged as "Cafe De La Coeur" last weekend. Most of the fellows came up with the same color harmony.

The seecrey and pleasant undercurrent of watchful excitement of Heart Sister Week ended last night. Some guesses were right and some were as wrong as wrong could be.

Fast-speaking Bob Wise and "The Sizzle" Royer talked fast and furiously against their opponents on the affirmative, long-winded Eula Mae Murray and Dean Neher in the debate on prohibiting the sale of packaged liquor in McPherson at C.B.Y.F. last Sunday. The referee-clad time keeper tried his best, but Eula Mae is hard to stop when she gets going.

The phrase "Go soak your head" was changed to "Go soak your foot" when one of the girls on second floor twisted her ankle and began living with one foot in hot water in the bathtub.

Faculty and student eyebrows shot upward the other morning when Dr. Hess appeared to be late for faculty meeting. However, Dr. Hess was busy giving a test at that time.

Miss Lehman received a Christmas present the other day, and it was not canned peas, either. This was from some relatives who had expected her for a Christmas visit and were disappointed.

Annual Booster Banquet

Set For April Second
The traditional Booster Banquet has been scheduled for April 2. This is annually put on by McPherson College. It is an opportunity for the town to show its appreciation to those who support the college.

Koughs Visit On Macampus

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kough, members of the MacCollege faculty, visited on Macampus last weekend. Mr. Kough is now on a temporary leave of absence at the University of Chicago.

The main purpose of the trip was to visit on Macampus and to assist in making plans for the forthcoming Booster Banquet.

Jack Kough is a psychology instructor; his position is being filled by Max McAuley. Arlene Kough was Home Economics instructor.



Jack Kough

The Koughs are living in Quincy, Ill., where he is associated with the faculty of the Univ. of Chicago doing youth work there securing leadership. This work is being done towards his Doctorate degree.

The Koughs attended the "Cafe De La Coeur" and started back to Quincy, Ill. on Sunday.

SS Deferment Test

Deadline Is March 8

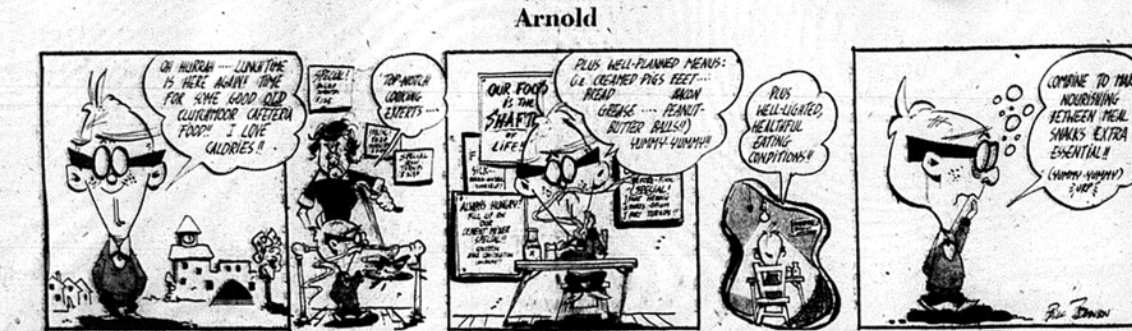
All eligible students who intend to take the Selective Service College Qualification Test in 1954 should file applications at once for the April 22 administration. Selective Service National Headquarters advised recently.

An application and a bulletin of information may be obtained at any Selective Service local board. Following instructions in the bulletin, the student should fill out his application immediately and mail it in the special envelope provided. Applications must be postmarked no later than midnight, March 8, 1954. Early filing will be greatly to the student's advantage.

Results will be reported to the student's Selective Service local board of jurisdiction for use in considering his deferment as a student, according to Educational Testing Service, which gives this deferment test.

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