

C'mon!

The Acting Editor

McPherson College is known throughout our region as a "Friendly school." We on the campus want to keep it that way.

We feel that ours really is a friendly, happy college family, and even though new students are sometimes shy and lonely at first, it takes only a short while to become acquainted. This is as a Christian college should be.

During Regional Conference, many of our parents, relatives, ministers, and friends will be here, providing a good opportunity to show that friendliness toward someone besides our own faculty and student body.

There is a great deal in our regular curriculum to keep us busy, but it might be very profitable to attend as many conference sessions as we can, becoming acquainted with the leaders and outstanding laymen of the Church of the Brethren. Sometimes the professors like to "go easy" on lessons during conference days in order that the student may attend more sessions.

Let's keep the spirit which is characteristic of our campus as we enter into the program of the Regional Conference and really let our home folks know what a wonderful place our MacCollege is!

Swinger, Helman Present Peace Hymn

O GRACIOUS FATHER, LOVING LORD

Patricia Kennedy Helman
Marlys Blough Swinger

The national peace hymn, recently selected in a contest sponsored by the Music and Worship Committee of the Church of the Brethren, was composed by Mrs. Marlys Blough Swinger and Mrs. Patricia Kennedy Helman.

The words for "O Gracious Father, Loving Lord" were written by the wife of A. Blair Helman, McPherson College trustee and pastor of the Church of the Brethren in Wichita. She is a member of the class of '47.

The tune was composed by the wife of Glenn Swinger, public relations director of MacCollege. She is a piano instructor here at the college, appearing with Ann Krehbiel in last week's recital.

Thinking With The President

OUR PARENTS ARE COMING

Next week is Regional Conference time. It is the time when our parents from far and near come to the college.

I think they come for several reasons. One reason is that they like to see the college again. Many of them attended here. Others of them have visited here frequently. But some of them have never been here. In any case, they are eager to see the college. It is their hope that it is changing for the better—that the campus is improved, that the buildings look well-kept, that the college is growing and developing.

They are eager, also, to come back to see each other. Some of them were in school here together. Some of them graduated in the same classes. They have visited each other at Regional Conference time in the spirit of friendly fellowship which characterizes the Brethren, and they like to come back to the college to visit each other, to deepen and renew earlier friendships.

They like also to see their teachers. Many of the teachers who taught while they were in school are still teaching here. Others they may have met in their churches. They are eager to see the teachers again who have helped them in their own personal and family developments.

They like to hear the Regional Conference speakers. Some of the speakers are imported from beyond our own church. Others are our own preachers whom they have heard over and over and from whom they receive inspiration. They come for inspiration to carry to their own communities and churches.

But chiefly, and above all, they come to see their children and the children of their neighbors and friends. It is you, the students, whom they come to see.

You have been close to them. They have tried to help you grow in the right way. They likely are helping you finance your education. Their whole interest is tied up in you. They come to Regional Conference for many reasons, but mainly to see you.

While the Regional Conference guests are here, they may inconvenience us a little. They push us out of our usual routines slightly. We may have to wait longer in

the cafeteria line. We may think they take too long to make their decisions about the food and they visit too much. Our classes are not quite the same as usual.

But this inconvenience is our pleasure, and we are indeed happy to have them here. They care for the college. They and their parents before them have built the college. They contribute to make possible its on-going. They dream and hope for its greater future.

Therefore, let us welcome the Regional Conference guests. Let us find time to be with our parents. Let us give them a chance to see what our life at the college is like. Let us turn to them with cheery greetings.

Bowman Evaluates BVS

Miss Dee Bowman, MacCollege freshman from Riverdale, Md. will attend the Evaluation of the 21st Brethren Volunteer Service Unit at New Windsor, Md. following the Thanksgiving vacation.

An End of Service Evaluation is held for each B.V.S. unit. All members of the unit who are in the United States come together to discuss their year of service. The conference for the 21st unit will be held Nov. 28 to Dec. 1.

Dee entered Volunteer Service in December, 1953. After her training period at New Windsor, she served in home missions work in the Southern District of Missouri until September when she came to MacCollege. Dee will serve the remaining three months of her time this summer.

Dee plans to leave McPherson on Nov. 24 with the group attending the BSCM conference at Elizabethtown, Penn.

Illiterate Teachers?

By Wendell Lentz

Last week some 1800 Kansas teachers attending a sectional meeting of the Kansas State Teachers Association at Salina passed a resolution censuring Prof. James D. Koerner, professor at Kansas State College, in an article he wrote for Harpers Magazine.

The article, entitled "Can Our Teachers Read and Write," came from his experience in teaching 28 teachers whom he termed were "illiterate in the sense that they were unable to express themselves effectively." He also stated, "The sad truth is that the teaching profession is not attracting the intelligent, idealistic and courageous young people that could be its salvation."

In the wrath of their righteous indignation the teachers blasted Koerner for condemning the entire teaching personnel on the basis of his so-called "Generalized unscientific approach on a mere indiscriminating sampling of his class."

The resolution continues in its ferocity that it is "reprehensible" for a member of the teaching profession to "take advantage" of the current run of articles criticizing education, methods and teachers. The big joke of the resolution was when they termed the article a "flagrant violation of professional ethics."

The teachers who so vehemently passed this drastic resolution were evidently carried away by the mass emotion of the moment. In the first place, the teachers themselves are not objective when they claim that Koerner's sampling was unscientific. All that he claims is his opinion which he has gained from his experience alone. The teachers refuse to face the truth when one of their numbers becomes objective

and points out an increasing deficiency in the overall quality of teachers due to lowered standards arising from the teacher shortage.

Koerner's statement is obviously a generalization when compared with ultra-exact scientific requirements, but the teachers do not take into account that his sampling may possibly be correct. Many so-called scientific statistics have proved to be far from the truth. One should be careful when condemning another person's conclusions when the conditions for the statement are not known, as in the case of the resolution.

The teachers are evidently trying to stifle undesirable but objective criticism when they condemn him for taking advantage of the current run of articles reappraising the goals of education in view of established weaknesses. The professor is merely pointing out to the general public the need for a complete overhaul of the educational system, a point on which many of the teachers are staid in their habits and indifferent to changing needs.

Their uncritical and somewhat emotional resolution also terms his article to be a "flagrant violation of professional ethics". In reply to this, Dr. James A. McCain, president of Kansas State College has said: "Concerning the article itself, it is a matter of opinion as to whether it is destructive, vindictive or unethical as it has been labeled". I think that a person should not be censured for objectively criticizing his profession and making public opinion aware of the fact.

As in the case of all arrangements, history will prove the winner, and I'll bet my money on Prof. James D. Koerner.

Student Ministers Speak . . . We Decide

By John Thomas

As the time for Regional Conference draws nearer, I must think back to past conferences which have been here in McPherson. I realize that too many of the meetings were not attended by the students. Many students felt that the meetings were just for the regional visitors.

When I think of the wonderful speakers and the messages presented, the many ideas shared in sectional conferences I feel it has been extremely lax on our part not attending more of the meetings. We are here from different areas of the region and would be in a splendid position to support the conference.

Shortly after conference is over we will be on vacation; at this time we could go to our home churches and help them by sharing many of the experiences.

Life is a long road of choices. Each choice can be a highlight of experiences in which we may share

a feeling of regional and world fellowship. Are we going to make the most of advantages which are before us? Each must answer the question himself, but the answer will be known by the fruit of our choices.

President Travels; Will Come Home Soon

President Bittinger is in Elgin, Ill. this week as chairman of the Brethren Service Committee. Dr. Bittinger and other committee members will discuss the work of the Brethren Service and as to how it will be carried out. Dr. Bittinger flew to Fallurris, Texas, recently in connection with this.

Dell Attends Conference

Prof. S. M. Dell, professor of Industrial Arts at MacCollege, is attending the Mississippi Valley Industrial Arts conference, in Chicago, Ill.

Professor Dell left MacCollege Wednesday, to attend the three day conference on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. He plans to return late Saturday night.

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Tales 'n' Tickers

Along with the regular bustle of activities, a common sight this week has been the girls opening doors, and various courteous acts that the fellows usually take care of. Yes, W.P.A. week has again descended on MacCollege. After tomorrow night "Joe College" will once more be free to indulge in the routine ways of college life.

Students are nearly as busy as they were last week for nine weeks tests, reading the campus for the annual regional conference.

Dwight McSpadden, former Mac football player, arrived on campus last Friday afternoon to visit his sister Anita, and friends. Their mother, Mrs. McSpadden accompanied Dwight. He has just completed his Army basic training at Fort Ord, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Grimm and daughter, from DeWitt, Iowa, came last Friday evening for a short stay with their daughter and sister, Phyllis.

From Minneola, Kansas, Mrs. G. D. Van Blaricum and daughter, Connie, were on campus with J. W. Van Blaricum Thursday through Saturday.

Betty Brammell, a senior home economics major at K. State, surprised friends at Mac, when she returned over the weekend.

The most expensive weekend at Mac was spent by Gerald Ulrich, now a junior at Fort Hayes. When only half way here, conditions compelled him to install a new motor in his car.

Arriving from Topeka, Friday were Ed Sink's folks and little brother.

An overnight guest of Dotzour Hall housemother, Miss Edna Neher, was Miss Margaret Brooks of Colby, Kansas where she is a teacher.

Karl Baldner received his ordination into the ministry at his home church in Dallas Center, Iowa, Rev. Paul Miller and Rev. Meredith Rogers were in charge of the service Nov. 7.

Hot chili was the main feature of a pre-football game supper Friday evening before the Bethany-M.C. game. Arlene Watts, hostess, had seven co-eds as her invited guests. They were Norma Goering, Deane Ann Randie, Lu Wise, Liz Keim, Jeanine Cotton, Anne Keim and Ginny Russell. Along with the chili, relishes, homemade ice cream and angel food cake were served.

Room 137, the infirmary, now has an occupant. Saturday Clara Zunkel returned to her dorm sisters. "Zank" is recovering from her emergency appendectomy. A familiar smell to females filled the dorm halls when a couple of the girls had permanents. You couldn't miss it as the fumes drifted through the hallways.

"Man on floor" became a well known statement while the men were sprinkling a table for the laundry room in Dotzour.

A number of high school students were given a tour of the college grounds and fed in the cafeteria

Friday evening before the football game. It was High School Day at McPherson College. The guests came from various places in the region.

Sprinkling the lawn is such a strenuous job that once in a while it proves interesting to mix the work with fun such as Max Royer did last Saturday. Several people were cooled off by a shower from the hose. One of the cars even got a wash job.

Earl Gulot went to his home in Glasco last weekend while Ronnie Sams traveled to his home in Simpson. Tommy Taylor's and Ronnie Miller's destination was St. John, Kansas.

It appeared in the WESLEYAN ADVANCE, paper from Kansas Wesleyan, that the latest fads were seen on campus. There were two girls sporting Bermuda shorts with knee-length socks. So far Mac gals have stayed within the realms of the usual but have not yet experimented with the latest fashion stated above.

A bright red flash fitting here and there might very well have been an A Cappella choir member. Tuesday was their red jacket day on campus.

Berkebiles Tell Of Baby Boy

Stanley James Berkebile, weighing seven pounds and ten ounces, arrived to the James M. Berkebile family on Thursday, Nov. 4 at 9:20 a.m.

Dr. Berkebile is Dean of McPherson College and he reports that Mrs. Berkebile and Stanley are "doing fine."

The Berkebiles now have three sons and one daughter.

Girls Can Sprinkle Now

Something new is being added to Dotzour's laundry room.

A sprinkling table has been made with shelves for basket storage. The table has a lineout top and the shelves and table sides are now being painted.

In addition to the table, shelves will be put behind the laundry room door and on around the corner to the first washing machine. These shelves will be for basket storage.

A clothes rack on wheels will be added to the room. This is to be used for hanging ironed clothes while doing the weekly ironing.

Students Come To Mac From Puerto Rican Schools

Ana Rosa Rodriguez left Castaner, Puerto Rico for the United States on June 22. Her destination was New Windsor, Md., where she helped with the processing of clothing at the Brethren relief center.

On Aug. 25, Ana Rosa left New Windsor by train. This time, her goal was McPherson College. She learned of McPherson through her high school at Castaner, which the Church of the Brethren established in Puerto Rico.

Learning to understand the English language was not a problem for Ana Rosa, since her high school textbooks were in English and the teachers were American. However, like many in America, she says it is hard to understand people in certain localities such as in the New England states.

Ana Rosa comes from a farm family and has an older married sister and a younger sister in high school. Their main crops are oranges, coffee, vegetables, and bananas. The region around Castaner is mountainous, but that is not true of the entire area of Puerto Rico. The coastal regions are more level.

In naming a few differences between Puerto Rico and the United States, Ana Rosa stated that the construction of the buildings is different and that the Sunday morn-

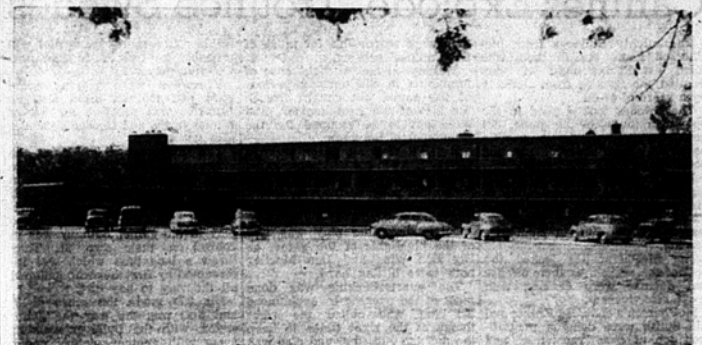
ing worship services are not the same. Also, Americans are more socially free.

From Adjuntas, Puerto Rico, comes one of MacCollege's international students, Israel Zayas. He is majoring in pre-medicine, and he hopes to finish his schooling in Puerto Rico.

Israel received his elementary school and his high school training in Puerto Rico. After high school graduation, he worked as a laboratory technician for three months, and was then drafted into the Army with a C. O. belief status. While in the army, he was with the Medical Corps working as a laboratory and X-ray technician and also as a clerical typist.

The first time he came to the United States was upon release from the Army in November of 1953. He then stayed in Pennsylvania and Ohio for a while, but went to Chicago to work in Bethany Hospital.

"My reason for coming to Mac," states Israel, "is that I had a friend who lived in McPherson working with me in the hospital in Chicago. He gave me much encouragement about McPherson College, so I sent in my application about Christmas time last year."



Dotzour Hall Holds Open House

Dotzour Hall, MacCollege's main women's dormitory, will be open for the inspection of all students, Regional Conference guests, and friends, at its Open House, on Sunday, Nov. 14 from 1:15 to 3:15 p. m., the hall residents have reported.

In the 54 rooms live 108 girls. The top two floors are occupied by 42 girls on each and the ground floor house 24.

Dusty rose, turquoise, brown and green and yellow are the colors of some of the rooms, each of which is furnished with one easy chair as well as a desk and chair, Hollywood bed, clock, study lamp, bulletin board, and 2 bookshelves for each girl.

A rather complex telephone system operates for the benefit of the girls. On the main floor there are two pay telephone booths from which outside calls may be made; however, the girls may answer any outside call from the telephones provided on each floor.

Each girl has her own combination lock mail box. A large well equipped laundry room and place to prepare snacks contains 5 ironing boards, two automatic washers, an automatic dryer, a refrigerator, stove and sink for the pleasure of the girls.

That the washing facilities are appreciated is proven by the fact that they are in use as early as 5 a.m. and as late at night as 10 p.m. Outside the laundry room are twelve clothes lines.

Other accommodations for the girls in Dotzour include a large storage room and formal closet and a well-lighted lounge, modernly furnished with a number of reading

lamps, a fireplace, and a new piano.

Most of the magazines in the lounge are furnished by Miss Fee, Dean of Women; however, the Hall does subscribe to the McPherson Daily Republican.

Two years ago in November, excavating was begun on the Royer and Edna Dotzour Hall. Most of the work was done in the spring and summer of 1953.

A week before Christmas vacation in 1953 was moving week for girls from Arnold Hall to the newly completed dormitory.

The addition to MacCollege campus was made possible through a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Royer P. Dotzour of Johnson, Kas. This gift was the largest ever made to any denominational college in the state of Kansas.

Graduates of McPherson College themselves, the Dotzours had, after the dust bowl days acquired a great deal of land on which gas was later discovered.

Before the plans were completed for the building, the committee visited several other dormitories in this part of the state.

Martin Visits Home Church

Mrs. Alice Martin, Registrar, attended homecoming at her home church Sunday, Carleton, Kansas Presbyterian Church.

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Canines Explode, Trounce Swedes

The mighty Bulldogs from McPherson came out in their true form last Friday night as they mauled the Swedes from Bethany by a score of 44-13.

The Swedes looked good in the opening minutes of the game, but couldn't stand up under the terrific battering administered by the powerhouse from McPherson.

Bethany drew first blood by scoring in the first three minutes of play, but that TD, along with one other late in the second quarter, was to be the sum of Bethany's scoring.

The McPhersonites looked the best of the season, as their offense and defense were clicking with great effectiveness.

McPherson's ends, Ed Frantz and Bill Smith were doing a magnificent job of pass receiving, and along with halfback Bill Goering,

they were responsible for much of the Canines' scoring.

McPherson had a slight case of fumbleitis in the opening periods of the game, but caught fire in the last of the first quarter, and were not to be stopped for the remainder of the game.

Big Bill Goering, came through for the folks in his last home game as a member of the McPherson squad and powered his way across for three touchdowns. His running and pass receiving was sparking. Outstanding line play was one of the highlights of the game, as Big Bob Wise and Don Moeller both were hitting hard.

The quarterbacking was done most of the evening by sophomore Ed Wolf, who called the right things at the right times to keep the defense guessing, and also was doing some magnificent passing.

He has two more years and will probably be one of Mac's most valuable players.

Freshmen were playing some good ball too, as usual. Dwayne Jeffries was scooting for ten of fifteen yards, and George Casebeer also got a TD.

The interesting thing about the entire game was that just before both halves ended McPherson spurred for a TD. They scored with 29 seconds left in the second quarter, and with time left for just one play in the game, Bethany was in control on their own 21. They threw a long pass which was intercepted by Bretches who galloped all the way to pay dirt.

His TD made the score 44-13, and that was the way the game ended, with the Bulldogs walking away with another victory under their belts.

Volleyball Standings

Volleyball standings as of Nov. 9 are:

National League			
	W	L	Pct.
Moeller	7	1	.875
Swinger	6	1	.850
Wolf	6	2	.750
Colberg	6	3	.666
Miller	5	3	.625
Brown	3	3	.500
Grove	4	5	.444
Myers	3	4	.429
Button	3	4	.429
Jones	2	4	.333
Stucky	2	5	.275
Blocher	2	5	.275
Farmley	2	6	.250
Lengel	2	7	.222

American League			
	W	L	Pct.
Goering	7	0	1.000
Bersuch	7	1	.875
Goodfellow	7	1	.875
Elsie	6	2	.750
Gayer	5	2	.714
Burkholder	3	2	.600
Coffman	5	4	.555
Coppock	4	4	.500
Mollhagen	3	4	.429
Lopri	3	5	.375
Boyd	3	5	.375
Vance	3	6	.333
Martin	1	4	.200
Long	1	7	.125
Williams	0	6	.000
Albert	0	6	.000

Intramural volleyball has come to a close. Because of Regional Conference, there will be no games played this next week. The following weeks will have an elimination tournament among the top four teams, in each league. The next issue of The Spectator will contain the list of the final standings.

Clobber 'Em

Canines Challenge Friends In Season's Final Tussel

The rough and ready McPherson Bulldogs will be out for their third conference win as they go onto the field against the Quakers from Friends this week end.

The Bulldogs tasted of the joy of victory again last week as they licked the Bethany Swedes by a score of 44-13. The Bulldogs played what many considered their best game of the season, working effectively both on the ground and through the air.

Friends, who hold the cellar position in the conference have yet to get their first conference win. They have played some very good games, but several times the breaks have just not fallen their way.

They led Baker 13-0 at one time during their game, but Baker came back and beat them late in the game. Bethany squeezed by them by a score of 6-2, and both Kansas Wesleyan and Bethel have whipped them by identical scores of 19-0.

They run off a split T formation and some off of a single wing. They have two very good fullbacks by the names of Pitts and Van Winkle, both of who are capable runners.

They run and pass effectively, and can score either way. Coach Sid Smith reported that they were a very consistent club on defense, as was shown in their game with Emporia, when the Presbies scored only 28 points, much under their average.

Their two quarterbacks are Hogan and Davis. Davis runs their keeper and option plays, and is very effective on both. Their line is bolstered by Stanton, who played center on their team last year and has shifted to tackle this season.

Halfbacks Woodard and Welsh are both fast. Woodard ran two long runs against Ottawa, while Welsh is their dive man. He hits the line hard and fast and is hard to bring down.

This will be the last game for the Canines. It promises to be one of the best of the season. McPherson should have a good representation at the game.

Fellows Have Blue Monday

Nearly every fellow on the campus has experienced those wash day blues. There are some, however, who send their laundry home, or have girl friends or sisters to do theirs for them.

For the not so lucky, washday rolls around. No matter how many times washing is put off, there eventually comes a time when the closet is empty and it just must be done. To some the washing procedure comes quite easily. A dime in the slot, a twist of the dial, and the washing is soon over.

But to others washing presents many profound problems. One of the main problems is sorting clothes. Often it is quite hard to decide what colors will fade and which ones won't.

Some strange color changes often result because of this. One student now has a pair of pink shorts, all credit going to his roommate who put a pair of red socks in the machine.

Many advantages go with washing one's own clothes. In the first place it is a lot cheaper than paying a laundry bill. Another advantage is that the machines do most of the work.

Birdwatchers See New Attractions

Three of McPherson College's main bird-watchers, Edna Neher, Virginia Harris, and Mary Fee, have been on the alert.

Those on campus who have seen any of these three persons walking around with their chins uplifted may have thought that they were stargazing, but it was really bird gazing.

During last Sunday's observations, five different kinds of sparrows were spotted: Tree, Song, Harris, English, and Chipping. Robins have been noticed as coming in waves from the North.

One of the main attractions are the many Cedar Waxwings that have been visiting the campus on their way to a warmer climate. Some years, these are not seen at all.

Waxwings are a small, isolated group of woodland birds of the Northern Hemisphere. Primitive people once thought that the waxwings were a sign of war when they began migrating past from their northern nesting grounds.

Shrike-like beaks, and a silky brown plumage are characteristics of the waxwing. They also have tall, erect crests and red wing and tail quill ends that resemble red sealing wax.

Although they are not often seen here, Miss Fee says that she has seen nearly 500 in one group before, only further south than Kansas.

This Old House . . . Guests Visit Arnold Hall

Tilted pictures, No curtains, very little furniture, and the song "This Old House" playing, was the introduction of Arnold Hall at its open house last Sunday.

Housemother, Mrs. Kenneth Evans greeted the guests at the door. Refreshments were served before the guests went up to the boys' rooms. Chocolate drink and cookies gave everyone the needed energy to make it up to the top floor.

The rooms of the dormitory had their first and possibly last cleaning of the year. Music playing loudly, people laughing, and everyone trying to talk at once gave indication that all the guests enjoyed themselves. Many names were signed in the guest books, which the boys had in their rooms.

The feature attractions in the rooms, were the bulletin boards.

Grades To Be Ready

Grades will come out today, Mrs. Alice Martin, registrar, has announced.

A notice will be posted on Sharp Hall bulletin board when the grades are ready.

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Maec High School Presents Herbert's "The Red Mill"

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