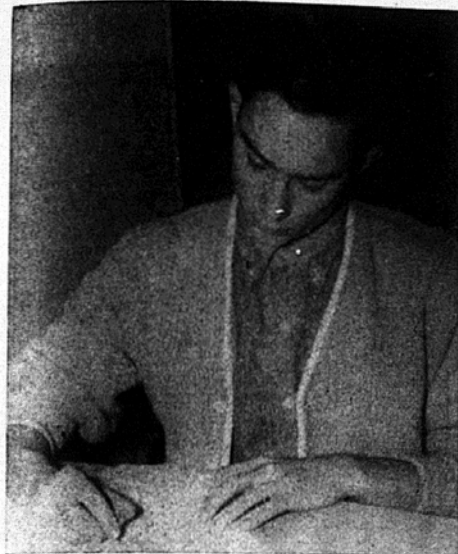


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Mike Hildibrand, practicing managing editor, slaves at a patience-wearing task. This paper is the practice issue for Dave Anders and Mike; each has had gruesome nightmares of a paperless Friday during an unnerving week of hectic work.

Stage Band Produces American Jazz Aspirants

Macollege Stage Band, organized in the Spring of 1961 by Irvin Wagner, assistant professor of music and director of bands and orchestra, presents interested students with a chance to play contemporary jazz idiom. "Jazz," says Wagner, "is the American contribution to the world of music. Legitimate jazz is an art form and not necessarily just popular music," he added.

In past years the stage band has performed at the college

social functions throughout the years.

Last year they presented a concert clinic for the Kansas State Music Educators Association of the University of Kansas. The band usually presents several concerts throughout the year besides playing at dances.

The only veterans in the band are the brasses. The remainder of the band—saxophones, drums, basses, piano—are newcomers to the band. The entire group rehearses programs once a week.

Brasses include veterans Dale Marrs, Larry Blair, John Allen, Ron Achilles, Warren Harden, Larry Kitzel, Merlin Grady, Merlin Dresher, and Tim Matthaei.

Alan Saiki, Glen Weber, Jerry Persons, John Knop, and Ron Cassidente play the saxophones. Drum player is Mike Hultberg; the bass is played by Mev Whitney; Charlie Dadisman plays the piano.

Coming . . .

Tonight — Winter Formal Dance, Student Union Cafeteria, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7—Basketball game at Kansas Wesleyan, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 11—Basketball game at McPherson High School gymnasium, 8 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 13—Choral Concert, Brown Auditorium.

Johnson Like Other Poor Country Boys

"Lyndon Johnson," according to Professor R. R. Rush, visiting professor of physics, "was just like dozens of other poor country boys who attended Southwest State Teachers College in San Marcos, Tex."

Mr. Rush does remember that "Lyndon had a fine attitude and was especially active in debate." He said that he did not realize of course, that Lyndon Johnson would someday become president of the United States.

During his 30 years at Southwest State Teachers College Mr. Rush said that three of Johnson's sisters attended school there and one of them lived and worked at the Rush home.

Lyndon Johnson, a 55 year old lanky Texan, was not born to wealth. He was born in a farmhouse in Stonewall, Tex. At the age of nine, Johnson was shining shoes in the barber shop in Johnson City. While he was 15, he finished

high school and then went to work with a road-building crew. Later he went to California, doing odd jobs on the way.

Johnson returned home and worked again with the road-building crew but he began to realize "that there was something to this idea of a higher education."

While at college in San Marcos he worked as a janitor, sold hosiery door-to-door, and worked as secretary to the college president.

Money ran short so he dropped out for a year and during this time taught school in a small south Texas town.

After graduation he taught for two years in Sam Houston High School in Houston, Tex.

In 1931 he began his career in politics as a secretary to Rep. Richard M. Kleberg of Texas. Since 1931 he has made a spectacular climb in politics, gaining power along the way. In 1960 he ran as Kennedy's

Convocations Calendar

Tuesday, Dec. 10—Highlights of Brethren Student Christian Conference at Manchester College presented by attending students.

Friday, Dec. 13—Pep assembly with Leah Standafer in charge.

Guest to Speak On Ag Changes

Duane Acker, associate dean of agriculture at Kansas State University will be the feature speaker at the next meeting of the Agriculture Club.

He will talk on the changing curriculum in agriculture.

The meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 9, in Mohler 218, at 6:30 p.m.

Acker was reared in an agricultural area of Cass county Iowa. He attended Iowa State University where he received his B.S. degree and master of science degree in animal nutrition.

He has written many books and pamphlets on agriculture, taught at both Iowa and Kansas State Universities and received many awards in agriculture.

Acker is married and lives with his family in Manhattan.



Duane Acker

White Tree Captures Winter Dance Theme

A white Christmas tree, decorated with red, and spotlighted in changing colors, will be featured at the Macollege annual winter formal held from 9 to 12 tonight.

The dance, following a Christmas theme, will be held by candle light in the upstairs of the student union.

Jeweled clusters of snowflakes, accented by colored spotlights from outside, will decorate the picture windows of the room.

Tables to seat 200 will be placed around the sides of the room. Candles and silver and white sprayed tree twigs will decorate the tables.

Red frosty punch, Christmas cookies, and nuts and mints will be served at the refreshment table.

The refreshment table, decorated in multi-colors by Winky Kwok, head of the decoration committees, will be placed in the southwest corner of the room.

Twelve college girls will help serve punch during the evening. Two girls will serve each half hour from 9-12.

A light, surprise program, given by various members of the Macollege faculty, will constitute the floor show given at 9 p.m.

Dance music will be provided by the Macollege stage band, under the direction of Irvin Wagner, assistant professor in music.

Cellophane poinsettias, with light glowing from behind, will decorate the northwest corner where the band will be situated.

Gold and silver snowflake and mosaic tree posters have been prepared by the publicity committee, announcing the time and place of the winter formal, and have been placed in various buildings around campus.

Lynn Christy, sophomore from McPherson, is chairman of the publicity committee. Other members are Alma Noe, freshman, Vinton, Ia.; Barbara Ikenberry, junior, Douglas, Wash.; Ruby Simmons, junior, Garden City; and Ngilda Gadzama, senior from Nigeria.

The Social Committee headed by Roger Emmert, senior from Redfield, Ia., is in charge

of the winter formal. Committee members are Carol Christy, junior, Garrison, Ia.; Harriett Swinger, junior, Essex, Mo.; Ron Grout, junior, McPherson; Jerry Barrows, sophomore, Waterloo, Ia.

Mary Ann Robinson, dean of women and Irvin Wagner, assistant professor in music, are the sponsors.

The decoration committee is headed by Winky Kwok, sophomore from Hong Kong. Committee members are Fumitaka Matsunaka, junior, Japan; Rayna Hamm, freshman, Rocky Ford, Colo.; Larry Thomas, junior, Canton; and Karen Henry, junior, Chelsea, Ia.

The refreshment committee is headed by Elva Stryker, junior, Haxtun, Colo. Other committee members are Faye Gibbel, senior, Lebanon, Pa.; Dennis Heisey, freshman, Martinsburg, Pa.; Susan Mohler, freshman, Warrensburg, Mo.; and Ken Dauer, sophomore, Dunkirk, Ohio.

All students and faculty, with or without dates, may come to the program at 9 and stay for the entire evening.

Peace Corps to Step Up Present Training Program

Plans have been announced by the Peace Corps for the largest spring training program in the agency's history.

Volunteers scheduled for assignments in 18 nations will enter training at U.S. colleges and universities in February-March, said Peace Corps Director Sargent Shriver.

In past years, only about 400 volunteers have entered mid-year training programs, Shriver said. While the peak in-put period will continue to be the summer months he said this year's large spring group will fill urgent requests from countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Many of the spring group will

be mid-year graduates of U.S. colleges and universities who will fill teaching assignments, most of which require college degrees. But about one-third of the spring trainees will not be required to have degrees.

The spring training programs will prepare Volunteers for service in Somalia, Malaysia, Nigeria, Ecuador, Nepal, Thailand; India, Jamaica, Togo, Columbia, Panama, Iran Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Venezuela, Tanga-

nyika, and the Dominican Republic.

Teachers will be needed at all levels — elementary, secondary, and university — and in all subjects with particular emphasis on English, science, and mathematics. Some physical education and vocational teachers will also be required.

Other volunteers will be enrolled in agricultural extension, community development, construction, engineering and geology programs.

Council Selects Lehman As New Campus Editor

Carolyn Lehman, junior from Lincoln, Neb., has been chosen by the Board of Publications and the Student Council of McPherson College to assume the position of campus editor of the

Spectator next semester.

Carolyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lehman. Mr. Lehman is the past Director of Public Relations at Macollege.

A graduate of McPherson High School in 1961, she is presently majoring in English.

Carolyn has participated in Pep Club and German Club, is a reporter for the Spectator, and is a member of Drama Club.

As campus editor, Carolyn will be responsible for the assigning of stories to reporters, and making certain they are turned in.

David Anders, senior from McPherson, will take over as editor-in-chief of the Spectator next semester. Mike Hildibrand, sophomore from Meiba, Id., will be managing editor. Beverly Judge, senior from Marshalltown, Iowa, is retiring as editor-in-chief.



Carolyn Lehman

Committee Plans For Communion At Chapel Hour

Chapel Committee members are planning to have Holy Communion served at the chapel hour in Brown Auditorium on Dec. 17.

Attendance at this service will be voluntary, but students are invited to attend and take communion.

Dr. Bittinger has been invited to preside at the service and Professor Harley Stump will give the meditation.

Four ministers from local churches in McPherson will assist in the service and help in serving the communion to the student body.

Some of the faculty men will also help in serving the communion to the student body.

College Qualifies On AAUW List

McPherson College women have been placed on the AAUW qualified list.

Blanche H. Dow, President of the Board of Directors of the American Association of University Women officially notified President Bittinger of this standing on Nov. 18.

Women graduates, including those who graduated with a recognized baccalaureate or higher degree prior to AAUW listing, are now eligible for membership in the Association.

This association is nationwide and includes women graduates from many universities and colleges.

All Americans Share Blame For Kennedy's Assassination

One of the unique features of the United States government is that it goes on, no matter what happens.

Had the president of another country been assassinated, the government might have given way to chaos, a revolution might have taken place, or thousands may have been killed.

In the U. S., citizens mourn, but the government goes on and the burdens of the presidency fall to another man in this case Lyndon Johnson.

Almost 100 years ago another Johnson became president of the U. S. Andrew Johnson became the chief executive when Lincoln died of an assassin's bullet.

Comparisons can be drawn between Lincoln's death and that of President Kennedy. Lin-

coln's death came at the close of the Civil War. Hatred was rampant on both sides. Today, hatred is running rampant through our country. Hatred brought about by a civil war, but a hatred that is being infused into our political lives each day.

In a sense, each of us must take a share of the blame for Kennedy's death. We have allowed this hatred to exist.

The ones who broadcast this hatred are the fanatics of the left and right. The fact that Oswald is a leftist is of little concern. He is a product of our society.

Americans need to unite and give their support to Johnson. We need to wipe out this hatred.

Carolyn Slater of the Western Courier editorial board of Wes-

tern Illinois University expressed the thoughts of all Americans when she wrote in an editorial:

"Why did he die? Was it merely the fault of a deranged, revengeful man? We cannot take such a superficial answer. We must look to the underlying cause, to the dissension within our own country, to the hatred and bias which has far too long been minimized. Americans have become too much a people of ideas, often times based on misconception, prejudice and fallacies, instead of a people of

ideals. "The death of Kennedy is a tragic culmination of this malignant hatred, a hatred which he devoted his life towards eliminating.

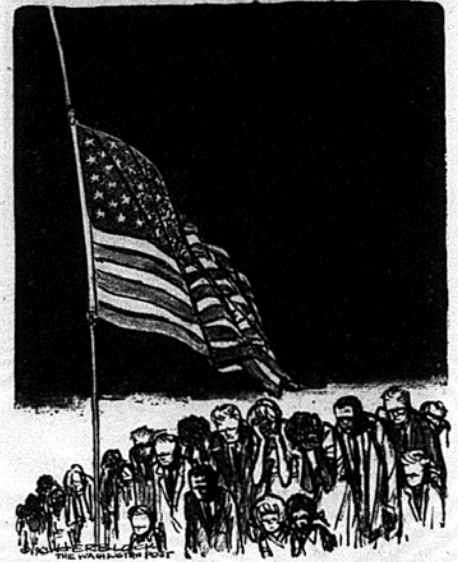
"Obvious Americans did not hear Kennedy's plea during his inaugural address.

"Perhaps his death will speak louder."

"And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country."—J. F. Kennedy, in his inaugural address. daa

"With a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love . . ."

John F. Kennedy—Inaugural Address



Freedom: Where Is It Found?

By D. W. Bittinger
President of McPherson College

In the endless quest for freedom America has always believed herself to be at the head of the class. What are the things which we are seeking?

Freedom:

- to express ourselves
- to vote our desires
- to have the right to a job
- to worship as we feel led

Related to these are such freedoms as the following:

Freedom:

- to identify; not to be "the great unwashed," a "foreigner," a "stranger" a second class citizen.
- to individuality; to have the right to be different without being either ashamed or defiant about it.
- to dream; to dream from a log cabin to the White House; from an Abilene high school to the head of a government; from a lonely lad to renowned philosopher; and not have to have these dreams cut short because of color, language, economics, religion.

Let us examine freedom further. There was an inference in a recent letter to the editor that since one of our overseas students had written "critically" of McPherson's religious ideology or methodology, some sort of public reprimand or answer was required.

My understanding of freedom is that any idea is to be respected and that this young man deserved, instead of reprimand, the right to sit down with his teacher and talk about any and all cultural and ideological differences, certainly including educational and religious understandings.

The search for freedom is unending; must it not first begin within our own minds?

States.

We decided to go and pay homage to President Kennedy.

Our purpose for attending the funeral in person was not, as many believe, to see a spectacular or to sightsee.

We had only one purpose in mind: to pay tribute to a man that had had his life snuffed out at a time when his ideas and leadership were needed in a lost America.

All across the United States, people could think only of the assassination of the president.

And like us, many people displayed a feeling of emptiness and disbelief; others were disgusted that such a thing could have happened. Many people felt a deep sense of guilt for

this inconceivable crime in America.

We arrived Sunday and joined the line leading to the Rotunda of the Capitol where the body lay in state. After an eight hour stand, we finally stood by the president's body.

We had mixed feelings about the moment. There was disappointment over the pier, but what we had seen was necessary.

Washington was a city in mourning, everything still, except for the motorcade and the caisson. We witnessed and learned much. Funders are uneasy occasions.

Ron Cassidente
Marc Divine
Terry Rehyer

We Get Letters . . .

Letters to the editor from students, faculty members, or others are welcomed. All letters must be signed, but the name of the writer need not appear in print.

Letters may be submitted to the editor or placed in the campus mail. Contributions do not necessarily reflect the policy or opinion of The Spectator, the administration, or the faculty of McPherson College.

Political Apathy Possible Cause Of JFK's Death

This letter is my first and probably my last letter to the editor; however, I strongly feel what I say here must be said.

Our 35th president of the United States, John F. Kennedy, has been killed by an assassin and has now been buried in Arlington Cemetery.

The facts of the assassination, and the three days previous to the funeral are new history. It is important to note that even with the death of our president, our government continued to function.

There was not a great period of chaos; rather, a seemingly controlled change of hands in our government. This is a perfect example of one of the values and assets of our form of government.

However, pay heed; the death of our president lies on our heads also. One of the causes attributing to the assassination was over all apathy as far as political ideas go.

Today, the politics of this na-

tion have become spiced with extremist organizations tending either left or right on the political spectrum. People as a whole have tended to become oblivious of the political scene around them.

It is my hope that these last three days will have a sobering effect on the nation as a whole and bring more party and political unity.

We of McPherson College should have come to realize from the events that just occurred, that politics is not a dirty word you stay away from; not part of another world you don't become involved in.

Rather, politics is a part of each of us. So I suggest that each of us take a second look at the world we live in, and make some decisions as to our place in this world's situation.

Bob Crabb

Students Show Lack of Respect For Kennedy

Dear Editor;

I wish to applaud all men and women of this campus who felt the need to, and the responsibility to mourn along with the rest of our fine country two weekends ago.

I felt shock and desperation when I saw as many students as there were who did not have either the respect or the need, or both, to dress for the occasion.

It is too bad when we on a "christian" college campus cannot show en masse our respect, our sorrow and our Christian joy on a day which, by presidential proclamation, was the national day of mourning for our late president and friend, John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

Does this inability show the inadequacies of a technologically-academically regimented society? Are we, on this campus worshippers of the Great Gods Academics and Comfortable-Clothes?

James E. Weaver

Writers Travel To Washington To Pay Respect

Dear Editor;

Like many Americans and people around the world, we were shocked at the events that had so rapidly occurred, and like many others we found it very hard to believe that such a tragic event could have taken place, especially in the United

The Scholiast

By Christopher R. van de Velde

At the Student Council meeting prior to Thanksgiving vacation, the Council was given a general picture of the role and powers the administration wants it to have.

Dr. Bittinger, at the request of the Council, came to his first Student Council meeting since he became president of the college.

He came specifically to explain the administration's position on several of the Student Council's request: Sunday library hours; vending machines; a juke box.

He prefaced his explanations, with some general remarks about his concept of the Student Council's role. Dr. Bittinger expects the Student Council to fulfill much of the control and regulation function forced on the administration.

It was my impression that the Student Council is expected to provide student leadership in areas normally undertaken by the administration, for example, suggestions that drivers put a little more thought behind their actions.

It was also my impression that the Student Council should go on representing the students' views to the administration.

I say that in theory it looks good, but I doubt that it is any different from past policy, and that has proved fairly unpleasant for the students.

As near as I can discover the students have always been willing to control or police themselves and they have always been willing to express their de-

sires.

It is also my opinion that, for some reason, when the chips are down they are told that they are not mature enough to lead themselves, and no one ever seems to take student suggestions seriously.

It is my constant amazement that getting ones physical self through McPherson College becomes increasingly more difficult, much less the effort necessarily required to get one's mind through.

It is my belief that the latter is part of college, but that the former should not be so.

I do not think that I have to mention specific instances, because I am sure we can all think of numerous mutual problems and many personal ones.

Rather, suffice it to say that the students stand ready to provide their own mature leadership and regulation and we feel we could do a good job if given the opportunity.

We realize there are many problems facing the administration—many outside pressures; we appeal to these pressures to ease off—we are the students, we live and work here, and we want things geared to our needs, not others' desires.

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Germans Empathize At Loss of President

By Mike Brown
Brethren Colleges Abroad

Since I have been in Europe, I have had the unusual experience of talking with people who could say nothing bad of "the young American President."

A German student in Luxembourg, in a typical German-American discussion over the racial problem in the U.S., simply expressed the German feeling. "We are solidly behind Kennedy."

At the European Parliament in Strasbourg, a German representative told a group of German students and I, "Our feeling is against the narrow De

Gaullist nationalism. We are more orientated towards the position of Kennedy."

Even a communist student in Brussels with whom I spoke declined to score Kennedy. Such criticism could have had serious political repercussions for his party.

To the European Kennedy, symbolized the liberal ideals towards which mankind has been striving for centuries and now finds within his reach. But even more Kennedy was liked because he sought to put these ideals into action against a strong conservative tide in his country—often at his popularity's expense.

By now Americans have probably already heard the stories of the candles, which as I write this article are lighting the windows of many German houses; of the flags, which this morning had sprung out all over Europe; of the elderly German lady who screamed upon hearing of the death in a Berlin restaurant.

People spoke to me that I hardly knew. A grocery store check out girl gave me her sympathies, an old lady in the local laundromat spoke to me of the "horrible thing."

One lady, who owned one of the many news stands that

had run out of newspapers, told me that her eleven year old daughter had been stunned to the point of being unable to remember anything that happened at school.

My usually talkative German roommate was reduced to an occasional mutter directed at the assassin. A student across the hall said that the death was "a great loss to us, also, Mike."

In the evening Professor Bryerly, the leader of Brethren Colleges Abroad and a student in our group led a worship service in Marburg Catholic church. Over six hundred Americans and Germans gained a deeper and truer insight into the death of John Kennedy.

We mourned not only the death of a person, but the death of the personification of an ideal. Only to have been a small part of this personification gave each of us Americans a strong feeling of patriotism—a patriotism not confined to national borders, but with humanistic appeal to all men. Never was I prouder to be an American.

Gibbel, Atkins

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer A. Gibbel, Lebanon, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Faye, to Fred Atkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Atkins, Nampa, Ida.

Faye and Fred are senior sociology majors.

A September, 1964 wedding is planned.

Team Teaching Improves Teacher-Student Interests

By Allan Miller

To me, team teaching is a more effective and interesting way of approaching high school education.

I feel that the students and teachers benefit equally.

Students benefit because they get a change of instructors in a given subject, which gives them a refreshing approach to the subject.

Beyond this, however, students benefit because they receive the knowledge of each teacher's strongest areas.

The teachers benefit because they can be doing research when they are not in front of the class.

I especially like team teaching because it is not limited in its approach, but can be as variable as two combined minds can make it, and, because two minds are working as a team, much greater things usually take place.

Frederick, professor of music, will be presented Dec. 15.

Morning worship programs for the month of December include the following: Dec. 8, "How to Interpret the Bible," Dec. 15, "A Young Woman's Vision," and on Dec. 22, "Ancient Truths for a New Year." Pastor Harold Bomberger will deliver these sermons.



Robert Crabb and Allan Miller pose beside the overhead projector which they use in team-teaching at the new high school in McPherson. Crabb and Miller are taking part in the teaching block.

Film, Live Discussion Program at CBYF

"Look Ma! I'm Different," is the film to be shown Dec. 8 at CBYF at 6:30 p.m. in the church social room.

The film deals with the non-conformity of the beat generation.

A live discussion will follow the film.

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Winter Break Begins Friday, December 20

Christmas recess for Macollege faculty and students begins Friday, Dec. 20 at 12:15 p.m.

The last meal in the Student Union Cafeteria will be served Friday evening, Dec. 20, and the first meal at the end of this recess will be served Monday evening, Jan. 6.

The residence halls will be officially closed during this period. Those not going home will stay with families in McPherson, if arrangements have been made with the families.

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