

Members of the Student Education Associations across the state are being urged to refuse to sign teaching contracts for the 1969-70 school year which offer a starting salary of under \$6,500.

It is hoped that the refusal of teachers to sign will help improve teaching conditions, especially salary scales in Kansas.

Presently, Kansas is under "School Crisis Alert." This means that unless conditions in Kansas are improved, Kansas will go under sanction next year, and members of the National Education Association will not be permitted to sign contracts in Kansas and stay in good standing with the NEA.

Joe McFarland, speaker at the SEA officers convention in Topeka, Oct. 12, which five McPherson College students attended, felt there are several reasons for the alert.

The reasons McFarland gave for the alert are:

1. Schools in Kansas receive inadequate state support.
2. Kansas are overloaded with property tax.
3. Kansas does not compete in the national salary scale for teachers. (The average base salary in Kansas is about \$900 below the national average base salary, which is \$6,219.)
4. Kansas ranks 37th out of 38 states in starting teachers' salaries even though the preparation requirements are among the highest in the nation.
5. Kansas has problems in organization. For example, last year, one out of five of the state's high schools had an enrollment of less than 100, and in 7,000 classrooms, less than 10 pupils were enrolled.
6. Teachers in Kansas have

few legal rights.

7. Kansas has a teacher shortage problem; there are qualified teachers in the state but they do not want to teach.

8. The Kansas retirement program is poor. Teachers receive only \$155 each month when they retire.

9. There is increasing apathy in communities regarding education.

The members of the Maurice A. Hess Chapter of SEA who attended the convention were Jody Duffy, sr., Abilene; Mike Traetto, sr., Rockaway, N. J.; Bev Burger, sr., McPherson; Pat Albin, sr., McPherson; and Judy Rego, sr., New Bedford, Mass.

The students were accompanied by Monroe Hughbanks, assistant professor in education.

Article by Rothrock is in English magazine

An article by Dr. Dayton G. Rothrock, professor of education and psychology, "Teachers Surveyed: A Decade of Individualized Reading," appears in the October issue of "Elementary English."

The article deals with the attitudes of the teachers surveyed toward continuing a program of individualized reading. The individual approach to the teaching of reading has interested Rothrock for some time.

Rothrock's dissertation for his doctorate was on the subject of individualized reading. Parts of his dissertation have been reprinted in two books of readings on the teaching of reading. "Elementary English" has also published parts of it.

"Elementary English" is one of the official publications of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Millers donate \$100,000 gift

A gift of \$100,000 to be used toward construction of the new McPherson College library was announced Oct. 25 by Dr. J. Jack Melhorn, president of the College.

The money was given to the College by Mr. and Mrs. M. Clare Miller of McPherson. Miller, an alumnus of McPherson College, is president of the San-Ore Construction Company. The company is one of the largest of its kind in the nation.

The Millers have given generously of their time and energy to worthy programs in McPherson.

The College Board of Trustees is recognizing their outstanding service by naming the new library Miller Library in their honor.

The new library will house a listening laboratory, an audio-visual laboratory, and will feature closed circuit and educational television. Many other innovations are also planned.

Miller is known in construction circles the world over. In conjunction with his two brothers, Lloyd and Dale, he has built San-Ore to its present size.



Miller Library

Women attend conference on role of home economist

Several College women attended the Sixteenth Annual Fall Meeting of Kansas Home Economics College Chapters at Marymount College, Salina, Oct. 19.

One hundred women representing 16 colleges in the state attended the conference.

With the theme "Home Economist: The Responsibilities to Families," the speakers and discussion group explained the role of home economists in working with families.

Women from the College participating in the conference were Judy Buckwalter, soph, Litz, Pa.; Joyce Bury, soph, East Peoria, Ill.; Susan Arnesen, jr, Oak Park, Ill.; Kay

Clark, soph, Wheaton, Ill.; Carol Hamilton, fr, McPherson;

Verla Jamison, soph, Quinter; Thelma Johnson, jr, McPherson; Myrna Klinkerman, fr, Durham; Janet Mason, fr, Norborne, Mo.; Karen Miller, jr, Waterloo, Iowa;

Brenda Redding, fr, Cleona, Pa.; Paula Sissel, jr, Davenport, Neb.; Joan Syverson, fr, Minot, N. D.; Kay Troyer, soph, Goshen, Ind.; Sherry Walker, jr, Norton; and Lilli Ann Wivell, jr, Columbia, Pa.

Miss Mildred Sick, professor of home economics and adviser of the Home Economics Club, accompanied the group as adviser.

Stresses of club are social, service, academic

Social, service, and academic are the three major stresses of the Sociology Club, which meets every other Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Mac Shack.

So far the meetings have included a visit by Mrs. Jean Beachel, 1967 College graduate, who discussed social work experience in Wichita, and a discussion of the New Mexico trip taken by members of the Problems in Anthropology class.

Plans are being made by the club to start a Big Brother program in McPherson with the YMCA. The boys would support this program. The girls have decided to work with various retarded children's programs in McPherson.

Dr. Melhorn will speak to the club concerning graduate school qualifications on Nov. 6. He will give the students an idea of what to expect in graduate school.

On Nov. 14, the club and a group that spent interterm in Chicago last January will have

Rodeo Club elects officers

Officers for the newly organized Rodeo Club have been elected.

Officers are president, Lonnie Pauls, fr, Buhler; vice-president, Delaine Thomas, jr, Prairie View; secretary, Donna Daniels, soph, Scott City; corresponding secretary, Cass Martens, fr, Hutchinson;

Treasurer, Dea Unruh, jr, McPherson; publicity, Sherry Walker, jr, Norton; historian, Judy Pauls, soph, Inman; and sponsor, Jerry Hedrick, Jr., admissions counselor.

At the last meeting, the group finalized their entry in the Homecoming parade and adopted the new constitution.

The club is a member of the Central Plains Rodeo Association, which has six schools in Kansas, four in Nebraska, and two in Oklahoma.

Future events plan for trail rides and hopefully some inter-collegiate rodeo competition.

an opportunity to entertain the Convocation speaker, Judge Oakey, at dinner, Oakey is a judge in the Juvenile Court of Cook County, Ill.

Gene Roth, sr, Boiling Springs, Pa., is the club president, and Robert Keim, assistant professor in sociology, is the faculty sponsor.

Play will be November 1, 2

"Measure for Measure," a Shakespearean melodrama presented in mod form, will be given in Brown Auditorium at 8 p.m., Nov. 1 and 2.

The play tells how a governor, wanting a first-hand view of the workings of justice, turns his authority over to his deputy and enters society disguised as a monk.

While thus disguised, he finds that the scruples of the deputy are not as high as desired and believed.

Charles Fischer, assistant pro-

fessor in theater, has rewritten the Shakespearean play.

The play is done in modern dress, with Mehru coats, mini-skirts, long hair, and love beads. Modern day rock music will also be included.

These modern innovations have been added to point up the fact that man's basic problems have not drastically changed through the years.

Admission to the play will be \$1. McPherson College students will be admitted on their ID cards.



Several cast members of "Measure for Measure" prepare for two performances to be given in Brown Auditorium, Nov. 1 and 2.

Students from all areas mingle on Mac campus

BY RODNEY RIFE
McPherson College is a cultural "melting pot" in its own right. Students represent a wide variety of geographical areas. They are native of 37 states, Washington, D. C., and 12 nations.

As might be expected, Kansas is represented by the greatest number of students with a total of 294. This number is not a majority of the student body, however.

Pennsylvania with 56 students and New Jersey with 49 would seem to prove that distance from the campus has little or no meaning. Some states much closer to Kansas are represented by far fewer students.

The remaining 34 states and Washington, D. C. and the number of their residents attending the College are: Iowa, 48; Illinois, 35; Colorado, 30; Ohio, 28; Indiana, 26; New York, 26; Nebraska, 15; Missouri, 14;

California 12; Massachusetts, 12; Connecticut, 10.

Maryland, nine; Delaware, seven; Texas, seven; Idaho, five; Minnesota, five; New Hampshire, four; North Dakota, four; Oklahoma, four; Virginia, four; Washington, D. C., four; Florida, three; Michigan, three; New Mexico, three; and Rhode Island, three.

Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin are each represented by one student.

Nigeria has the largest international delegation on campus with four. Greece and Thailand have two students each. Canada, Iran, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Lebanon, Mexico, Tanzania, and Venezuela each have one representative.

The college can be considered either a man's world or a woman's world, depending upon one's point of view. There is a total of 500 male students and only 305 female students.

The freshman class is the largest with 162 men and 106 women. The sophomore class has 104 men and 65 women. The juniors have the smallest class with 100 men and 51 women. There are 112 men and 47 women in the senior class.

Women outnumber men 36 to 22 among the special students. The dormitories and College Courts house 584 of the 895 stu-

dents. Kline Hall is home for 25 women and Doltzour for 175. The men of Bittlinger number 158, Fahnstock 61, and Metzler 138.

The College Courts are occupied by 24 couples. Of this number, only three couples have both husband and wife attending classes.

The remainder of the students live at home or off campus and drive back and forth each day.

Snell gives instructions on car parking

Dr. Galen Snell, assistant dean of students, has released a statement concerning parking of cars on campus.

Car parking is permissible only on the street or in parking lots provided by the College.

McPherson City Police will supervise the street parking, and the College will supervise the lot parking as it is private property.

Motorcycles are under the same restrictions as cars, and it would be appreciated if two or three cycles could be parked in the same stall in order to conserve space.

Parking should be limited to either street or lot parking, not in fields or undesignated areas.

'68 election is important

One of the commonly accepted signs of adulthood is reaching voting age. The 1968 presidential election has offered many students an opportunity to express their maturity in a concrete manner by taking part in an affair that is of vital importance to their country.

It is too late to urge most students to vote, unless they live nearby. But it is sincerely hoped that all students of voting age took the time to obtain an absentee ballot.

Those individuals who had the opportunity to vote but did not do so may legally be adults, but it is obvious that they are not truly mature if they are not prepared to accept the responsibilities that accompany adulthood. Voting is certainly one of these responsibilities.

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We get letters

Livingston sees reply not relating to article

Dear Editor:

The editorial staff of the Spectator has asked me to respond to Ferris' letter of Oct. 24. This is a difficult undertaking, indeed, seeing as what Ferris wrote had no bearing whatsoever on my article of Oct. 17.

Ferris begins by telling us that he had "read a letter from a gentleman" who claims to know it like it is."

If I made such a claim, it is not evidenced by my article. If I might remind Ferris, it was Bower who claimed to have "told it like it is" and that I allowed that perhaps he did, although "not intentionally so."

Next, Ferris intimated that I must have felt threatened by Bower's letter to have felt justified in calling it a threat.

This is absurd. Surely Ferris must acknowledge the possibility of someone discerning intent of threat without feeling intimidated himself.

Ferris goes on to say that I discussed the "generation gap" — and I'll allow that there is an element of truth in this.

I did discuss what has been called the "generation gap" — the "psychological basis of the age-old struggle between the status quo and innovation."

Then I supposedly discussed "the facts of life," "the morals of a decadent society," "the numerous forms of entrenched power structure," and "everything else that exists in our 'great society'."

I'm sure if Ferris will take the time to read what I had to say, he will discover that

I touched on none of these "topics."

I made no judgment whatsoever regarding the merits of our present socio-political edifice — what I discussed was the forces active within it: that of innovation and status quoism.

Ferris tells me "Not all the world has copped out" and that we must "learn to compromise" rather than copping out or selling out.

Presumably this admonition was directed at me. I assure you, Ferris, that I have not copped out.

Furthermore, the underlying theme of my entire article was the need for compromise: the dire need for cooperation among the forces shaping our socio-political environment.

I must admit that when I wrote my article I had hoped for a coherent, rational, relevant criticism.

I am understandably disappointed, therefore, by the fact that the only response I've been able to engender has been not only incoherent and irrelevant, but does not reflect an even cursory reading of what I had to say.

Come, Ferris, you can do better. At least read — before you criticize. If you encounter any difficulty, I understand that the English department offers a course in remedial reading and that the bookstore has an abundance of dictionaries.

As a last resort, you can come to my room, and I'll try, as best I can, to explain what it is I've written.

Ted Livingston

Professor writes supplementary text

"Theater should bring literature to life," asserts Charles Fischer, assistant professor in theater, in his book "Trends in Modern Theater."

Published by National Theatrical Society, the book is a supplementary text for high school instructors and their students.

"Dramatics Magazine," an educational guide for directors, teachers and students of dra-

matic arts, will publish "Trends in Modern Theater" in its entirety. The October issue begins the chapter installments.

"Research for the book," said Fischer, "came from practical experience, and this experience comes from various parts of the country." Part of this experience came from coaching Theatrical Troupe 47 in Newton before he began teaching at McPherson College.

Dr. Lengel selects Nixon as next president of U.S.

BY DR. LELAND LENGEL

Next Tuesday some 60 to 80 million Americans will elect a new president. Diplomats and foreign service officers from Afghanistan to Zambia will await their verdict with breathless interest, while foreign policies will hinge on the outcome; the work, recreation, education, income, place of residence, and even the longevity of millions of us will be influenced by whether we choose Hubert Horatio Humphrey, Richard Milhous Nixon, or George Corley Wallace.

How, then, will these Americans vote? The editors of the Spectator have asked that I assume the role of crystal gazer, predicting the outcome of this pilgrimage to the polls of 1968, and suggesting my reasons for the outcome I predict.

Notwithstanding my pitiful performance in predictions past, I suggest the following future: First, barring "acts of God," that Richard M. Nixon will be the next president of the United States.

Second, that he will win a simple majority of the electoral vote without compromise with any other candidate.

This outcome, of course, would eliminate any chance that the election might be thrown in to the hands of the Congress.

We get letters

Coed questions choice of 3 alumni speakers

Dear Editor:

As I sat listening to the alumni convocation program, I began to wonder why the alumni association selected these three speakers. Apparently these men personify the association's idea of success, and their professions are ones we as students might well consider.

What bothered me was that the "successfulness" of the men seemed to come through in dollars and cents. These business and professional men might well be community leaders making valuable contributions, but any humanitarian qualities they might possess were subordinated to their business achievements.

The college catalog speaks of "the Christian ideal of service," saying the College seeks "to encourage the student to make a vocational commitment for

the betterment of society and the world" and to help him make his vocation "a significant channel of Christian service to fellowmen."

I do not doubt that the vocations of the three alumni who spoke last week fit into this category. However, I do believe that the College still seeks to encourage vocations where service may involve sacrifices in prestige and economic security.

I somehow believe they value certain vocations where hands get dirty, and it isn't called a profession but a job.

I want to feel that the College is extra proud of those who undergo financial stress to be in full-time service to fellowmen.

Yet at the alumni Convocation did we see agricultural assistants, teachers, ministers, or so-

cial workers? No, we saw three "successful" business and professional men, unhesitant to tell of the financial benefits of their vocations.

The Convocation program raised some questions in my mind. Is the typical "successful businessman" image that was presented to us the alumni's idea of what we are to strive for?

Was it only accidental that all three men represented lucrative vocations, or does it say something about the value system of society and the alumni of this college?

Even if it were accidental, what does this mean? What is a typical McPherson College alumnus, and how broad is the category and how wide are the extremes?

Does the College feel that these men best or broadly represent the fulfillment of the College aims as in the catalog, or do they fully support and encourage service vocations involving some sacrifices, and if so, how?

In spite of its aims, what kind of values is the College instilling in its students, and what is the scope of its understanding of service?

Susan Krehbiel

Political action rallies open KSTA conventions

Political action rallies opened the first general session of the annual Kansas State Teachers' Association meetings. Comments from both gubernatorial candidates were heard at all locations through a special telephone hookup.

Meetings are being held at eight locations Oct. 30-Nov. 1. Hutchinson and Salina are the locations nearest McPherson. A schedule of all meetings may be seen in Mohler 212, Mohler 209, or the College Library.

All members of the Student Education Association are invited to attend the meetings.

Those students who are practice teaching now or who plan to practice teach next semester are expected to attend one day.

Students who wish to attend meetings must show SEA membership cards in order to be admitted.

The first general session at all locations began at 9:30 a.m. this morning. The second general session begins at 1:30 p.m., Nov. 1. Several subject area sessions are scheduled for both days.

"Unified For Needed Action" is the theme for this year's meetings.

Lee attends course in chemistry research

Sai Lee, assistant professor of chemistry, attended a refresher course at Argonne Laboratories near Chicago, Ill., Oct. 23-26.

Lee took this course in preparation for the interterm course in chemistry research.

We get letters

Hayes thanks all for weekend

I would like to thank every one involved in the Homecoming festivities. I know that the success of last weekend could not have happened without the individual efforts and cooperation of those who gave freely of their time.

It is my hope now that every student will continue to become a part of McPherson College and its activities.

Hal Hayes

Learian thoughts

Late facts

BY LARRY BANKS

It was all happening! The road was cutting its way through the fields that had known tranquility for so long. The cows ran along the northeast fence with their tails held high above their backs as if charging their enemy with surrender flags already raised.

The lugged earth mowers creaked into sight, and from the pasture hill my sister and I watched them write into the earth words of progress that would never be forgotten. The asphalt civilization had touched this haven at last.

Within a few days, the sandhill had revealed its ancient secrets to the steel blades, and when the sun had dried the upturned sand, bones lay bleaching in the sun.

People from distances afar came to the wounded mound to collect these marrowless chips, and they carried them off in cardboard boxes, knowing the Cherokee would rest more comfortably in glass museums.

For about a week, those cows were immortal...

Resolution is now approved

The resolution proposing the seating of two students on the Educational Policies Committee has been approved by the Educational Policies Committee, the administration, and Dr. J. Jack Melhorn, president of the College.

As soon as Dr. Melhorn approves the nominees chosen by Student Council on October 16, they will be seated.

The Academic Affairs Committee, chaired by Ted Livingston, sr., Macedonia, Ohio, proposed the original resolution.

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Dogs to meet Braves Nov. 2

Ottawa Braves will meet the Bulldogs in Brave territory Saturday as Ottawa tires to recover from its defeat by Southwestern.

McPherson with a 1-5 record hopes to repeat its defeat of Bethany. Ottawa's record of 3-3 put the Braves fifth in conference play last week.

Baker University's Wildcats clawed their way to victory as they defeated the Dogs 15-0 in the Homecoming game Oct. 26 before 2,000 fans.

A recovered fumble by Baker early in the first quarter put Baker ahead by 3 points when Lloyd Armsmeyer kicked a field goal from the 30 yard line.

The first of four Bulldog recoveries was made by John Smith early in the third period on the Baker 29. McPherson could not mount a drive so Mike Butsch tried a field goal from the Baker 48, but it fell short.

Early in the second half Baker scored its first touchdown. The kick for the extra point failed.

In the third period, the Dogs returned a Baker punt to the Baker 37. McPherson reached the 26 on a pass to Ken Smith, but the forward progress stopped. Butsch attempted his second field goal from the 27, but it was not good.

Baker scored its second touchdown in the fourth period. The Bulldogs lost the ball on downs on the Baker 29. Baker could not gain, punted, and the Dogs took over on their own 21.

Baker intercepted a McPherson pass and ran it back to the Dogs' 40. Three plays later Baker pushed over the goal line. The kick for the extra point failed.

Later in the game, McPherson punted 40 yards. A Wildcat receiver touched the ball, but Steve Layton recovered for the Dogs.

Sportscope

Thompson surveys 'mixed up' KCAC

BY MIKE THOMPSON

What a mixed up conference! The favorites take it on the chin while the underdogs come through each week.

Only Kansas Wesleyan University seems to be sailing a long uninterrupted on its course toward the Kansas College Athletic Conference championship.

It seems that the opposing team gets up for those Homecoming games. Out of seven Homecoming games played this year in the conference, the home team has won only two.

In last week's action, KWU romped Bethel, College of Emporia spoiled Sterling's Homecoming, and Baker did the same to McPherson.

Southwestern surprisingly took Ottawa, and Bethany upset Friends.

KWU leads the league with a 6-0 record, followed by C of E with 5-1, Southwestern with 4-1-1, Friends with 4-2, Ottawa with 3-3, Bethany with 2-3-1, Baker with 2-4, and Bethel, Sterling, and McPherson with 1-5 records.

Bethany at Baker — I should go with Bethany after their upset of Friends, but Baker impressed me as the better team. Baker 17 — Bethany 14.

Southwestern at Bethel — Southwestern grinds out its yardage on the ground while Bethel tries to strike fast through the air. Hardnose football usually wins. Southwestern

26 — Bethel 14. McPherson at Ottawa — The Dogs best game of the season usually comes when they visit Ottawa. They can do it if they play as a team. McPherson 13 — Ottawa 7.

Sterling at KWU — Nobody has been close to the Coyotes this year. Sterling is just another match for them in the victory column. KWU 49 — Sterling 0.

C of E at Friends — After a humiliating defeat at the hands of Bethany, the Quakers may be downright un-Friendly. Friends 14 — C of E 13.

Professors, students will attend meeting

Dr. Wesley DeCoursey, professor of chemistry, and Sai Lee, assistant professor of chemistry, and five chemistry majors will attend a meeting of the American Chemical Society.

This regional meeting is one of four which are held nationwide.

The students are J. Harvey Koehn, soph, McPherson; Chris Frederick, soph, Wichita; Dennis Martin, sr, Pasadena, Calif.; Ron Meek, sr, Omaha; and Sieglind Beesk, sr, Gottingen, Germany.

The purpose of this trip is for students to see how a professional meeting is conducted.

Cross country team wins three-mile meet on campus

McPherson's cross country team won a dual three mile meet held on the College campus during the Homecoming festivities, Oct. 26.

McPherson's score was 17, and Baker's was 44. Bethany also was represented by three runners who did not figure in the team scoring.

The battle for individual meet honors went to Wayne Tshudy, McPherson, with a time of 15:36. Ivan Torres was a very close second with a time of 15:37.

Al Jensen of Bethany was third, followed by Dave Shep-

herd and Dave Smith, both of McPherson.

Hull and Dunfield finished sixth and seventh to lead the Baker team. The next five places were taken by McPherson.

Bob Rosales and Tom Davis had a photo finish for eighth and ninth places. Richard Burke, John Kedzuf, and Phil Stover placed tenth, eleventh, and twelfth, respectively.

Next Saturday the harriers will travel to Lawrence to compete in the Haskell Institute Cross Country Invitational Meet.

College coeds run in meet

Three College coeds ran in the Nebraska Open Cross-Country Oct. 27 for the Topeka Country Girls Track Club and helped the Cosmos capture first in the tourney.

Kathy Rogers, jr, Brooklyn, Iowa placed second in the meet. Rookies Mary Hutchinson, fr, Thomas, Okla.; and Alice Smith, fr, McCune, placed fifth and ninth, respectively.

Last week, Miss Rogers won the John F. Kennedy Invitational meet with a course record of 12:40 minutes.

The coeds will run in the Central USA Cross-Country meet at St. Louis this weekend.

Ag Club travels to Kansas City

The McPherson Agriculture Club went to Kansas City Oct. 18 to attend the National Future Farmers of America convention and the America Royal Livestock Show and Parade.

Friday night, Oct. 18, the group saw the Firestone Show at the conclusion of the FFA convention.

The American Royal Parade started the day for them Oct. 19. That afternoon they saw the Livestock Show.

The group was accompanied by Gerald M. Kiger, assistant professor in agriculture, who is the club sponsor.

College nurse establishes clinic in room 209 Arnold

The many duties of the College nurse have been assumed this year by Mrs. Betty Olson, R.N. One of her first duties was to establish a clinic in room 209 of Arnold Hall.

Mrs. Olson has, under a doctor's direction, tried to provide medication and supplies in all the dormitories for use in emergencies and when she is not at the clinic.

At the present time Mrs. Olson is trying to bring the medical records of all students up to date so that she may help them more when the need arises.

Some other duties of the Col-

lege nurse are to be helpful in emergencies, give health care, recommend a doctor's care when necessary, promote preventive public health on campus, and disseminate health information.

Mrs. Olson graduated from Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing in Baltimore, Md., and she earned a bachelor of science in nursing from Greenville College in Greenville, Ill.

During the month of September, 82 students reported to the clinic for some type of health care.

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Winning floats are announced

First place in the float competition was won by the Circle K-Jonquil Club entry, "Driving the Golden Spike of Victory." Junior Class entry, "First Wildcat in Orbit" took second prize. Third place was awarded to the "Boot Hill" float, entered by Bittinger Hall.

Recognition on a special plaque and monetary awards of \$30, \$20, and \$10 were presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

There were twelve entries in the Homecoming parade that was held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26.

Judges for the float competition were: Mr. Raymond Buskirk, Prairie Gardens, McPherson; Miss Joyce Fogo, art teacher, Hillsboro; Mr. Henry Halm,

Industrial arts teacher, McPherson; Mr. Carl Holloway, insurance agent, Chairman McPherson May Day Parade, McPherson; and Mrs. Elizabeth Liljgren, art teacher, McPherson.

Republicans plan to canvas city

McPherson College Young Republicans will be part of the largest single political undertaking ever attempted in Kansas this weekend. "Operation Contact for Victory - A Mandate for Change" plans to reach 150,000 Kansas voters by way of a specially designed brochure.

College sophomore signs MGM contract

Len Ognibene, soph. Morris Plains, N. J., has signed a record contract with MGM records. He belongs to a five member rock and roll group, the Neighbours' Children.

The band consists of four boys and a girl, who are now attending colleges throughout the nation.

Ognibene, the leader and organizer of the group, was never taught how to play the guitar but taught himself, beginning in his freshman year of high school.

He now plays organ, piano, harpsicord, bass, rhythm guitar, and lead guitar.

Club will show film at meeting

A science fiction movie, "1999 A.D.," will be shown at the monthly meeting of the Industrial Arts Club Nov. 19. Industrial arts magazines and National Industrial Arts Club membership cards will be distributed.

Club members have recently completed a plaque for the best float in the Homecoming parade. It was designed by Jim Carlson, Jr., Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Students may attend lectures

Students are invited to attend any of the three lectures by Dr. A. W. Davidson, Associated Colleges of Central Kansas visiting scientist of chemistry and physics, Nov. 6 in Harnly Hall.

A technical lecture, "Free Energy and the Spontaneity of Chemical Reactions," will be at 8:30 a.m. in Harnly 106. The non-technical lecture on "Entropy Without Tears" will begin at 10:30 a.m. in Harnly 101.

The last non-technical lecture, "The Periodic System and Numbering of the Elements," will be at 1:30 p.m. in Harnly 101.

Mesrobian will direct opera

Plans for the interterm opera, under the direction of Robert Mesrobian, are progressing. The opera to be performed is Offenbach's "Voyage to the Moon." Mesrobian finds this opera "ideal for our situation" and quite timely.

The group of students involved in this program totals 55. These students have been meeting on Saturdays in preparation for the interterm project. Mesrobian says, "We have been meeting regularly to get students acquainted with each other and with me, so that we know what to expect from each other."

Every area of the production is being worked over. In the weekly workshop, acting techniques, stage movement, and other problems that might be encountered in front of an audience are studied.

The sets for the opera are being constructed by Bethel students under the direction of their drama professor, Mr. Castle.

Costume problems were eliminated when space and facilities were provided for the crews use by Elda's Fabrics, McPherson.

Productions of the opera over the interterm period will take place at Newton, Sterling, Hillsboro, Lindsborg, McPherson, Salina, and the Associated Col-

leges of Central Kansas schools. The opera will also be performed at the Wichita Southeast Auditorium.

From the 55 member cast, Mesrobian is assigning two actors for each role. The roles will be alternated, with one actor taking the major role during a certain performance while the other works in other capacities. In this way, the students will all get experience, and each school will see some of its own members in lead positions.

Enthusiasm for the project has developed rapidly. This could be due to the excitement any new venture generates. As Mesrobian pointed out, "For many of the students it will be their only opportunity to be in opera, and I'm sure some of them never have seen one before."



Homecoming royalty includes, from left to right, Jackie Troutman, freshman attendant; Diane Merrifield, Homecoming queen; and Ginny Yingsi, sophomore attendant.

Seniors visit campus Nov. 1

High school seniors from Kansas, Colorado, Iowa, and Nebraska will be on campus Friday, Nov. 1, for the McPherson College Senior Day.

Purposes of Senior Day are to offer high school seniors the opportunity to compete for academic scholarships awarded on the basis of academic ability and to see what a day at college is like.

At the opening session, seniors will receive instructions and hear music planned by Jon Lane, Jr., Piqua, Ohio.

After the program, those who wish to try out for an academic scholarship will then fill out a formal application and have an interview with two College professors.

Merrifield is crowned queen

The 1968 Homecoming Queen and her attendants were announced Friday evening, Oct. 25. Diane Merrifield, Jr., Champaign, Ill., was coronated queen of the festivities.

Her attendants were Ginny Yingsi, soph., McPherson, and Jackie Troutman, Jr., Haddon Heights, N. J.

The queen and her attendants joined the Homecoming activities by riding in the parade, holding the place of honor at the football game, and reigning over the Homecoming dance.

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