

Seniors Elect To Present Play On March Sixth

To Portray Biblical Roles In "A Family Portrait"

At a special meeting on Friday of last week, the senior class chose for their annual spring play "A Family Portrait," by Coffee and Cowen.

To be presented on March 6 at the auditorium in the Community Building, this three act biblical drama will bring to the stage a religious atmosphere in a truly dramatic setting.

Concerned with the activities of the family of Christ, "A Family Portrait" lends a personal, down-to-earth touch to the popular conception of Christ's ministry and its effect upon his family and race. Although the character of Christ does not appear on the stage, action in the play revolves about him and his teachings.

Tryouts for this twenty-nine character play will be held as soon as possible, it was announced Wednesday by Ronald Orr, president of the senior class.

Second Floor Boys Sponsor Skating Party

Skate At Rink, Have Refreshments At Flago's

Friday night, second floor of the boy's dorm, in all their pomp and splendor, gave their initial 1942 party. The get-together, presented on a coeducational basis, was in the form of a skating shindig, which was followed by refreshments in the party room at Flago's Cafe.

Although not on the social calendar, this was said to be one of the social highlights of the season. The party was planned by the far-famed second floor boys and was financed in part by the prize money presented to that group for their homecoming float.

This party was attended by eighteen couples, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brallier, head residents of the boy's dorm, who graciously acted as chaperons.

Esthel Ikenberry, proctor of second floor, acted as master of ceremonies at the luncheon following the skating party.

Postman Leaves For NYU On Scholarship

Leo Postman, junior Russian Jewish refugee student from Germany left this week to return to his home in New York City. He is the recipient of a scholarship to the New York University. His leaving now was necessitated by the fact that the scholarship is valid only if he is a resident of New York City. He could not remain here the second semester and be considered such a resident any longer.

Postman came here last fall through the influence and aid of the S. C. M. He is preparing for a medical career.

College Contemplates Schedule Changes To Help Cope with National Emergency

In keeping with the demand of the present national emergency, McPherson College is planning several important changes for this semester and for next year. The Administration Committee is giving serious consideration to improvements that will more adequately meet the needs arising from the present conditions due to the war.

In view of the call for physically fit men in the service and for healthy citizenry as a whole, special attention is being given to the health and physical education department. A more extended program of health, safety, first aid, nutrition, fire prevention, home nursing, and accident prevention to be offered to the total

McPherson Takes Part In March of Dimes

To aid in the curing of the disease commonly known as infantile paralysis, a drive called the March of Dimes was started. This drive, an annual event for the past few years, was started by President Roosevelt, also a sufferer of the disease at one time. The drive usually lasts for approximately a week, and ends with the President's birthday party on January 30.

This year the March of Dimes in McPherson and surrounding vicinity netted a total of over \$154. This figure represents the total up to January 28. Collections were made at the schools, on main street Saturday, in the Theatres, and at basketball games.

The collections were in the charge of August San Romani and Paul Amick.

Women's Council Sponsors Heart Sister Week

Annual Event to Last One Week; Party Follows, Giver Disclosed.

Heart Sister Week, an annual event sponsored by the Women's Council, will be held February 9 to 13. All girls in school desiring to do so, may put their names into the drawing and receive a secret friend to whom they give some remembrance each day pertaining to Valentine's Day.

On Friday afternoon, February 13, at 4:00 an all-girls' party will be held in the Student Union Room. The party is open to all girls who have Heart Sisters. During the course of the afternoon, the unknown friends will be revealed.

Detailed plans will be announced next Friday by Miss Ida Shockley, dean of women.

Arnold Hall Presents BYPD Program

Committee Of Sheller, Harris And Hedges Make Plans

Residents of Arnold Hall will present the B. Y. P. D. program Sunday evening. The committee in charge of the program is composed of Imo-jean Sheller, Lucile Harris, and Geraldine Hedges. "It is rumored in informed circles that the meeting will surpass even the one presented by Fahnstockites a few months ago. Everyone is invited to come." Time is 6:30 in the church basement.

I. R. C. Holds First Meeting Today

The International Relations Club opens the first meeting of the semester today. Joe Dell will present a paper on the development of events in Great Britain since August, 1941.

Semester Enrollment Drops

"Mice" Stack Beds

While the cat is away the mice will play. Apply this bit of phraseology to our Arnold Coeds and the outcome is dormology. In simple language, we might say that there was some room stacking done over the week end. Two of our illustrious Macoeds were berieved at a horrible sight which met their eyes upon entering their cozy quarters in Arnold. The skeleton of a bed with unturned haunches glared at them. Dresser drawers strewn about with disheveled belongings met their gaze. Most cherished pictures of fond friends dotted the construed mess. On the mirror in red print was written a message which read, "Hello". Revenge swelled in the hearts of these defenseless misses. Quick action was delayed by a few hours. Later, in the darkness two other little girls received their showers of blessings while lying sleepily in bed. So ends our story—Revenge is sweet.

Arnold Hall Elects Semester's Officers

New officers have been elected for Arnold Hall for this semester. Lena Belle Olwin, last semester's president, was reelected for this semester. Vice-president-elect is Kathleen Brubaker. Isabel Crumpacker was elected secretary-treasurer, and Luella Poister head proctor.

Names were submitted by ballot, with no preliminary nominations. Ones receiving the most votes for the various positions were inaugurated into office.

The eligibility list for president included all senior girls residing in Arnold Hall; all junior girls in Arnold were eligible for vice-president, all sophomore girls for secretary-treasurer, and the head proctor chosen from either the junior or senior group.

John Detrick, '41, is teaching at Hansont, Kansas.

Bittinger To Mexico To Survey Mission Field

Dr. Desmond W. Bittinger, head of the sociology department at McPherson College, last night left the campus for Mexico, where he will aid in making a survey of the Mexican mission field, planning to return to the college next Thursday. Bittinger, having spent ten years in the Brethren mission service in Africa, will proceed to Falfurrias, Texas, where he will be joined by C. D. Bonsack, Brethren general secretary from Elgin, Illinois, and Reverend J. F. Hope, of Welch, Louisiana.

These three men will comprise a national Brethren committee which will investigate the possibilities of establishing Brethren missions in Mexico. Proceeding from Falfurrias, Texas, the southernmost tip of the United States, the committee will make a comprehensive survey of mission possibilities on either side of the Rio Grande. If no complications arise, present plans are that fields will be established on the Mexican side of the border. "The Mission work will be set up in such a way that it will aid in the rehabilitation of the Mexican life," said Bittinger in an interview shortly before leaving McPherson. "If the Mexican mission work proves satisfactory, there is a distinct possibility that the Brethren mission field will be extended to include the Latin American countries."

Coming programs are a panel discussion (title announced later), led by Joe Hoffart, a discussion by four members of the faculty on the basis of a durable peace, and a review of events of Japan since August, 1941. These topics are very timely today and interesting material is promised by the Participants.

"According to present plans, missionary personnel for the Mexican mission work will include young ministers from the Brethren Church. Because of the nature of the requirements for mission work, it is possible that various ministerial students at McPherson College will be considered eligible for appointment to the new mission field," Bittinger continued.

Roosevelt Asks College Support

Writes Open Letter To Snavely, Pres. of Association

Below is a copy of a letter sent by President Roosevelt to Dr. Guy E. Snavely, Executive Director of the Association of American colleges, dated Dec. 10, 1941, in request for co-operation of Colleges with the President.

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington
December 29, 1941

Dr. Guy E. Snavely,
Executive Director,
Association of American Colleges
19 West 44th Street
New York, N. Y.
Dear Dr. Snavely:

I am glad to send this greeting to the representatives of colleges assembled at the annual meeting of the Association of American colleges.

We have one great task before us. That is to win the war. At the same time it is perfectly clear that it will be futile to win the war unless during its winning we lay the foundation for the kind of peace and readjustment that will guarantee the preservation of those aspects of American life for which the war is fought. Colleges and universities are in the particularly difficult position of balancing their contributions to these two ends. I am sure, nevertheless, that the leaders of our colleges and universities can be depended upon to find the wisest solution for the difficult problem of how to make this twofold contribution.

I am anxious that this national crisis shall not result in the destruction or impairment of those institutions which have contributed so largely to the development of American culture.

I shall appreciate being kept informed through the United States Commissioner of Education as to the effects of federal legislation and federal programs upon our colleges and universities.

The United States needs the services of its institutions of higher learning and we know we can depend upon their complete cooperation in carrying forward the present war effort.

Very Sincerely Yours,
(Signed) Franklin D. Roosevelt

Various Causes For Twenty Per Cent Cut

Enrollment at McPherson College has dropped considerably since the beginning of the first semester. At the present, there are ninety-nine freshmen, sixty-six sophomores, thirty-five juniors, thirty-five seniors, and five special students.

The total of the above figures represents a drop of slightly over twenty percent in the enrollment since the first semester. This is considerably greater than the drop between semesters for the last academic year which was about ten percent.

The number of students dropping from school has been increased by the war, but the percentage of those actually joining some branch of the service is small compared with those who are quitting for other reasons. War psychology, which causes some students to work harder while it gives others an indifferent attitude, is undoubtedly the cause of part of the reduction. Another large part of the reduction is probably due to the efforts of the changing war economy.

Dean Boitnott said, "The attitude of the government toward higher education at the present time is one of approval. This is clearly seen in the college requirements for commissions in both the army and navy." At the present there are five students who have applied for "V-7" naval

Albright Gives Recital Tonight

Accompanied by Fisher, Gives Interesting Numbers

Lyle Albright, prominent and popular McPherson College Baritone will present his first full-fledged recital this evening, beginning at 8:00 o'clock, in the Chapel-auditorium. Albright is a Senior whose home was in Eldora, Iowa. He is president of the A Capella Choir and is serving his second year on the College Male Quartette.

Albright is the possessor of a baritone of goodly power, quality, and range. His many solo appearances during the three and a half years of his college course have popularized his singing in both college and the community of McPherson. Of special interest on his program will be Tchaikovsky's "None But the Lonely Heart", "Dio Possente" from Gounod's opera, "Faust", "My Journey's End", a Negro song by the Kansas composer, Fay Foster, and "The Monotone", a song which is sung entirely on one tone. Mr. Albright will be accompanied by Professor Fisher, who will also play a piano solo as a part of the program.

College Receives Four Old Books As Gifts

Received recently were four books, given by Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Vaniman of McPherson. Upon receipt of the books, Dr. W. W. Peters turned them over to Dr. Walter Naumann, Professor of Modern Languages, who in turn, handed in the following statements concerning the four books:

The first is a Swedish Hymn Book. The page containing the date of printing is missing, but the type style indicates that it is a rather modern dated book. The second, a Hymn book of the Lutheran Church in Pennsylvania, was printed in the German language in 1803.

The third book is a Danish Bible printed in 1873.

The fourth, and perhaps the most valuable book, is a German book printed in 1644 and written by one of the greatest German medieval mystics, D. Johann Tauler. The title of the book is "The Marrow of the Soul. (That is: of the perfection of all virtues, a very thoughtful and devout little book."

training which leads to an officer's commission. Acceptance by the navy of application for this training permits deferments for both juniors and seniors until time of graduation.

The school is not expecting any further reduction in the number of students during the coming semester.

Varsity Debaters Attend Four-State Meet

Lasts Two Days; To Attend Tourney At Lincoln Later

Four McPherson College debate teams will participate in the annual college speech tournament at Hutchinson February 6 and 7, Dr. D. W. Bittinger, debate coach, announced this week.

This annual junior college event, which is sponsored by the Kansas Delta of Phi Rho Pi, draws contestants from Oklahoma, Colorado, and Nebraska as well as Kansas. The tournament is scheduled to begin Friday, February 6, at 10:30 A. M. and to continue until Saturday afternoon. Awards will be given for winners in debates, extemporaneous speaking, and oratory.

The Pi Kappa Delta question, "Resolved: That the democracies should form a federation to establish and maintain the eight Churchill-Roosevelt principles," will be used.

The teams composed of Wayne Geisert and Dean Stucky, Jack Kough and Nathan Jones, Blanche Geisort Maxine Reublen and Betty Burger will make the trip.

Dr. Bittinger also stated that he plans to take two teams to the University of Nebraska tournament at Lincoln, February 27 and 28. Details of the trip will be given later he added.

FOR Studies Topic Jesus And War

Chapter IV, "Jesus and War," of MacGregor's "New Testament Basis of Pacifism" was studied last Sunday night by the F. O. R. group. Elvin Frantz led the group in a very enlightening discussion.

Wayne Parris will have charge of the study for this coming Sunday evening. The next topic to be considered is "The Wrath of God". The meetings have been well attended. If interested in the pacifist thought, come and help boost up discussion.

An event that is being looked forward to is the F. O. R. State Conference. This conference is to be held in Emporia, February 20 and 21.

Blair Resigns Position; Mohler Takes Place

Miss Helen Ann Blair of the Home Economics Department at McPherson College resigned her position at the close of the first semester this year and the classes in home economics are being taught by Mrs. R. E. Mohler.

Tune In on our Social Calendar

Friday January 30—Recital by Lyle Albright.

Sunday February 1—Mixed Recital.

Tuesday February 3—Bethel, here, Friday February 6—Baker, there, Movie 7:30 P. M. in chapel.

New Editorial Staff Assumes Its Duties

Change Made According to Publications Board Plan; No Other Alterations Made

By Coffey and Cowen

The Spectator reaches Macampus this week after a change in editorship. In accordance with the new set-up as instigated last year by the Publications Board of the Student Council, the Managing Editor and the Co-Campus Editors have advanced their rankings.

Ernest Dale, as Managing Editor for the past two semesters, will function as Editor-in-Chief for this semester. Dale assumes the duties as editor after a year and a half of college experience on the Spectator staff and after having served as editor of the Genesee High School paper.

Marilynn Sandy and Maxine Ruehlen will serve as Co-Managing Editors for this semester, stepping up from the campus editorship. Ruehlen and Sandy were editor-in-chief and business manager, respectively, of the McPherson High Life, and have been members of the "Spec" staff during their college careers.

Applications for the position of Campus Editor are being considered this week by the Student Council and the new staff member will be announced in next week's Spectator.

Editor-in-Chief Ernest Dale announces that no further changes will be made in the editorial set-up, Bob Burkholder continuing as Sports Editor and Clancy Bunyan as Column Editor.

WAA Ball Clubs Meet This Week

All-Star Team Chosen; Must Play To Have Points Credited

Basketball and volley ball sports met two afternoons this week. Practice periods will continue on the afternoons when the men's teams have games until the week of February 9, when a class team tournament will begin. Those who wish to get their points for going out for basketball or volley ball must play in these tournament games in order to get them. Two all-star teams will be chosen from the girls who have played, to play a game. From these teams will be chosen the honorary varsity teams of all the girls in school.

Play-Day Set

The date of the all-college play day has been set. It will be February 28. The program planned for this year will differ from the one followed in former years. Last year, and years before, only volley ball has been played, but this year volley ball will share the spotlight with basketball and folk games. Girls from nine colleges have been invited to attend this play day.

Writing New Constitution

The writing of the new constitution is now well under way and a copy of it will be distributed to each member sometime next week.

The class volley ball tournament of last week proved to be of interest to more than those who were participating on the court, to judge from the number of people who came to the gym to watch the tournament being played off. The girls' team which won the tournament was captained by Lucile Harris. The champs then bowed to Ed Murray's Co-ed team. The Co-ed team had their time for winning again when a team of all-stars chosen from all the girls teams played them.

Only five more weeks remain in the winter sports season. Plans are being made for individual sports, as badminton, table tennis, and shuffleboard.

Yea Bulldogs Beat the Grey Maroons



After the game stop in at SHINN'S SUPER SERVICE

February, Month Of Birthdays

Since tomorrow is the last day of January, May I introduce to you, Dear readers, February. Ah February Thou are a jewel of months. Not only dost thou give us leap year once ever four years, and Valentines day once a year, and the birthdays of such important personages as George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and Thomas A. Edison, but Oh gracious month, thou denotest the dates of birth of such eminent Macollegians as:

- Feb. 1, Robert Mays
- Feb. 4, Thurston Beckwith.
- Feb. 6, Walter Pauls.
- Feb. 9, Robert Frantz, Maurine Gish, Delmar Wessler.
- Feb. 11, Betty Burger, Letha Kaufman.
- Feb. 12, Mary Ruth Herr, Galen Bengston.
- Feb. 13, Harold Voth.
- Feb. 14, Maxine Ruehlen.
- Feb. 17, Isabel Crumpacker, Joseph Hoffert.
- Feb. 18, Edsel Johnson.
- Feb. 21, Doris Ikenberry, Doris Miller, Albert Floyd.

Heaston Peps Pepsters With Talk

Williams And Ronk Duet Own Arrangement on Piano

Pep Chapel Thursday morning prior to the Kansas Wesleyan game was well attended by an enthusiastic audience. Dr. Heaston, well known benefactor and friend of McPherson College was the speaker of the occasion. In his typical Dr. Heaston style which has won for him the respect and admiration of generations of McPherson College students, he gave a short talk on basketball and sportsmanship that greatly inspired the pepsters.

Previous to Dr. Heaston's talk the nimble fingers of Austin "Doc" Williams and Herbert Ronk amused and delighted the audience with two piano numbers of their own arrangement. Their encore, as good as the two previous numbers, left the audience still applauding for more.

"The pep and enthusiasm among McPherson College Students; although never below par, has taken a decided turn for the better since the beginning of basketball season. The students, as well as the townspeople are behind the team and coach as never before," says cheerleader Bunyan.

Paul W. Winkler, librarian of McPherson College, has added another item to his duties on the campus. He is now teaching a class in Introduction to Literature. Due to the large enrollment in the English department this semester and to the new courses offered to be taught by Miss Lehman, it was deemed necessary to increase the faculty in this department.

Winkler is a graduate of Illinois State Normal College and holds an L. S. Degree in Library Science.

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Heard On The Party Line



Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum! Also the Fahnstock second floor party. And all on Friday. Gone—the sentence. Sad. No tears from me. No. Not one.

And besides, the Spectator office is clean once more. The dirt was all swept under a rug. Someone moved the rug. The dirt shows. But Dannelley's intentions were good. And anyhow, nobody told anybody that the Spectator staff would have to be self-sufficient, even to the point of doing its own janitor work. . . unquote.

Another item of femininity in the person of Connie Alfaro, has been added to the campus boarding staff this semester. The die is cast! Connie has crossed the Rubicon and is rooming with prexy Kerlin.

The college cagers are going great guns this season. Wow! Even the fans have enthusiasm. Result? A delicious circle. The team wins. We cheer. The team gains confidence. We support them. They win games. We cheer.

God be with you 'til we meet again —Duthey terminated a "habit" of some weeks standing when she waved Leo on to far horizons last Wednesday morning.

Little Nell has went away, and what will the quartette do then, poor thing? No top tenor. Is there a boy soprano in the house? Harold Hoover, two time repeater and three year quartette member, has heard the call and journeyed home.

I get a lonesome feeling, when I survey the campus. Lots of vacant spots on the green and in the classroom. Several fellows are army.

College Students Welcome

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Poesy And Prose

By Kathryn McRae

The students have just passed through two grand reviews, one for the benefit of their teachers who looked on pityingly trying to give a boost here and a pull there; and the other in the solitude of their own minds where they have compared with merciless judgment their opportunities unheeded with those grasped, their victories with their failures, and their long goings with their short comings. To some this has been a feeling of deep satisfaction to others it has been a period of wretchedness and regret. But to every one the one great joy of all is that they are given another string for their bow even though they have shot one semester and missed the bulls-eye, they have yet the second semester upon which they may sight more clearly and win.

Somebody said that it couldn't be done.

But he with a chuckle replied That "maybe it couldn't," "but he would be one

Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.

So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin

On his face. If he worried he hid it.

He started to sing as he tackled the thing

That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,

There are thousands to prophesy failure;

There are thousands to point out to you one by one

The dangers that wait to assail you.

But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,

Just take off your coat and go to it;

Just start to sing as you tackle the thing

That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

E. A. Guest

Vermont is the only state not represented by a student at the University of California this year.

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