

'It's Been A Great Year', Pranks, Activities Keep Life From Being Dull

Well, we are just about at the end of another school year. Since this is the final edition of the 1948-49 Spectator, thoughts begin to go back over the entire school year. It has been a great year at McPherson College, what with all the dorm raids, firecrackers, pranks, athletic events, and the many other items of interest that keep Mac College from becoming too dull.

Amazing how fast time travels, isn't it? Just think, it wasn't too long ago when the college year opened with seven new teachers. That was the fall of the year and Esther Mohler, freshman, made 137 out of 150 on the freshman English test. Also Gina Munda was expected from Italy. The downtown community concert association announced that this year Mac would have four artists in their series.

Enrollment dropped from 417

to 361 and the business administration of the college must have surely thought that the college at least was in the throes of a business recession.

Sherly Directs Play

Mrs. Esther Sherly, now Mrs. Marion Porter, came back from Colorado with a "Hafty Head" to direct the play "That's Us" and a rock on the proverbial finger. The play went fine, so did the rock.

The new cafeteria was photographed with all the big wheels standing in line waiting to pay their checks. It was overheard that one professor, and he's not absent minded, stated that he didn't have to eat in the cafeteria because he had a good cook at home.

Alexander Queen

Bonnie Alexander began her reign as queen with a court that did her justice. Bonnie reigned over a banquet, the football

game, and the homecoming parade. Those selected were Ted Geisert, Bonnie Alexander, John Firestone, Buck Reinecker, and John Burkholder. Ted Geisert since then has been admitted to Harvard University with a scholarship, and John Burkholder has been admitted to the University of Chicago with a scholarship.

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KNEX was founded in the community, and the college began to make plans for a college broadcast.

College students took a sudden interest in grapefruit, oranges, and other health foods after Mrs. Elsie Dean told students in assembly that they were literally falling apart from lack of the right foods.

"Prexy" Resigns

After serving Mac seven years, President Peter announced his resignation to the student body and the city. Shortly before this announcement some 200 seats from the chapel were "swiped" but returned later.

Elections were getting hot, and someone slipped in his own idea of the March 15th election by heading the ears of the Spec with the lines "Beware the Ideas of March."

Blood For Red Cross

The American Red Cross opened a drive for blood from the college and a special day was set aside. Sixty-seven pints were given by faculty members and students. The Booster Banquet went off with a bang, and most people said that it was the best ever given.

So all in all it's been a grand year at "ye olde college," and most everyone is looking forward to next year with its new teachers, new students and everything else that must happen when a group like the students of McPherson College come together.

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Above are scenes from the recent dorm raids. No damage was done and students let off a great deal of steam. Similar action was taken by the girls previous to the raid pictured above.

'And The Raids Came'

I
Twas the second night after the first raid occurred
That the boys entered Arnold in one big herd.
In they came, through windows and doors,
Two by two, and four by fours.
II
Some came on second,
Some came on third,
From shouts of the inmates were those boys heard.
A few of the girls became quite excited,
But most of the girls were extreme.

III
The switch was thrown, to make more confusion,
By one of the boys who made the noisy intrusion.
Beds were tipped, rooms were stacked.
There was nothing that this raid lacked.
IV
After the excitement the boys went home,
And this is the end of my little poem.

Student Council Urges College To Improve Mac Campus

For the last several weeks the Student Council has been working on a plan to beautify the campus. We feel that something can be done if everyone gets behind it. Since this is a Student Council project we feel that all of the student body should know of the proposed plans. We feel that not only we but the faculty and trustees are in sympathy with this plan.

Here, approximately, is the proposed plan:

1. Renovate the lawn area of campus proper. This would include filling in with top soil where needed, preparing seed bed, and seeding.

2. Prepare a preliminary plan for landscaping the campus. These plans would provide for more parking areas which is very badly needed. This would also show where future trees, shrubs, and perhaps some flower beds should be located.

3. It would be necessary to have an adequate system for watering the lawns of the campus.

4. Maintenance would have to be provided. It has been suggested that we secure a D. P. for this. We could probably get a D. P. who would be just the man for such a job.

It is felt that if McPherson College had a more attractive campus we could draw more students. It would also make the students prouder of their college.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL Committee:

Delma Cline
Bill Sheets
Irven Stern

Council Cancels Tryouts Of '49 Mac Cheerleaders

Because of the lack of interest on the part of students, the Cheerleader election has been called off until next fall according to Jeanne Baldwin, secretary of the student council.

Only two applications were received by the council those being from Mary Ann Bishop and Eula Broyles.

The council voted to hold these two applications until next fall and then call for additional applications from the new freshmen and other classmen. The new president of the council will arrange for the election next fall.

The constitution states that the election must be held on or before May 15 and that two boys and two girls should fill the position.

Summer School To Open With Twelve Faculty

Twelve regular faculty members will staff the summer school this June. Three visiting professors will also be on the campus to instruct students. Two sessions will be held, the first beginning June 1 and the second beginning July 27.

Art Department Sponsors Exhibit

Each year the art department looks forward to exhibiting some of the paintings by the art students. This year about thirty students will exhibit studies in charcoal, pastels, oils, and water colors next week during exams. The exhibit will be displayed in the Little Theater and will be open to any one who is interested.

Another exhibit of interest to all will be a display of English water color paintings from May 24 through commencement in the S. U. R. These paintings have been secured through the Kansas Federation of Art. They have won popular acclaim wherever shown. This exhibit may be seen each afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 and from 9:00 to 10:00 in the evening.

Three visiting professors will also be on the campus to take part in the summer activities. The professors will offer between thirty and thirty-five regular college courses.

The summer session will incorporate subjects in the fields of business, education, and psychology, Bible, biology, chemistry, music, foreign language, art, sociology, geography, and playground activities. Up to nine credits can be earned during this session.

Alumni' Reunion, Organ Recital, Speeches Closes College Session For 1948-49

The Forecast:

May 20—Freshman and Sophomore Picnic.

May 20—Graham and Nicholson Recital.

May 21—Senior Breakfast.

May 22—Student Recital.

May 24-27—Final Examinations.

May 25—Class Day; Alumni Reception.

May 29—Baccalaureate.

May 30—Commencement.

Final events of the school year will draw to a close with the commencement exercises May 30 at 10 a. m. in the Church of the Brethren. On Sunday, May 29, during the worship hour, the baccalaureate address will be given.

New "Chevy" Replaces Damaged College Car

McPherson College is the proud owner of a new 1949 black Chevrolet Style Line which will replace the older car that was wrecked in an accident near Emporia, Kansas.

Tomorrow morning the seniors will be the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Peters at the annual senior breakfast.

Sunday, May 22, will find a full day planned by the Church of the Brethren with Rev. DeWitt L. Miller giving the morning sermon entitled "Two Doors."

Monday May 23 the annual awards assembly will be held. Seniors are to sit in the front portion of the auditorium on the north side and students scheduled to receive awards are to sit on the south side front portion of the auditorium.

Speaking at the college's sixtieth annual commencement will be Mr. Hyatt Harmon, attorney of Kansas City, Kansas. The exercises will be May 30 at 10 a. m. Mr. Harmon is a graduate of the Wyandotte High School and Park College, Parkville, Mo., and is a



Hyatt Harmon

former pastor of the Kansas City, Kansas, Church of the Brethren.

Other responsibilities of Mr. Harmon are membership in the General Brotherhood Board of the Church of the Brethren, and membership in the Brethren Service Commission.

Part of Mr. Harmon's studies were taken at George Washington University, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Harmon's wife has the distinction of being the first airline hostess for TWA.

Saturday, May 28, will find the class of 1949 presenting the Class Day Program. Also the Alumni Banquet will be held in the evening in the Church of the Brethren.

Sunday, May 29 will be reserved for parents and friends of the graduates. At 3:30 p. m. an organ recital will be presented in the college chapel by the music department. At 4:30 p. m. a reception will be held for the parents of the graduates and visiting friends in the Student Union Room.

Monday, May 30 will close the activities for the Class of '49 with the address given by Hyatt Harmon, attorney-at-law, Kansas City, Kansas.



Winning six out of eleven games the Bulldogs pictured from left to right are: first row, Dean Ward, Elvern Ramsey, Earl Grindel, Carol Tillman, Charles Petefish, Don Stevens, John Colyn, Duane Hansey; second row, Dick Wareham, Vernon Blackden, George Holloway, Lawrence Lowrey, Dean Coughenour, Bill Moore, Willard Tolle, Wilbur Beattie. Not pictured is Gene Arnold.

Final Broadcast By Mac College Goes To Players

Alpha Psi Omega, drama fraternity, will be in charge of the last McPherson College radio broadcast over station KNEX. The program will be aired today at 3:30.

The dramatic frat will present two plays on the broadcast. The plays are entitled "When Angry Count to 100," and "The Last Word."

Mr. Frank Lutz will be the student narrator. The cast for "The Last Word," will be Van Dunahoo, Ann Oberst, Kathleen Baerg, Ruth Merkey, Gordon Reist, LeRoy Doty, and Ted Gelser.

And It Wasn't Stag Week Here

Administrative officials are all in a dither about the dorm raids which occurred a week ago. McPherson College isn't the only college that is obliged to worry about such instances.

The University of Kansas is in the process of recovering from similar student action, except on a much larger scale. The Daily Kansan reported that as a part of the aftermath of the "Stag Week" rebellion that 13 students were sent to the hospital for treatment. The Daily also reported that the crowd participating in the violence was between 200 and 500.

The raids were a result of retaliation by women students of the university when a "Stag Week" was declared on campus. Each male student was suppose to steer clear of the weaker sex during the short week which ran from Wednesday to Friday. The women retaliated by making themselves at home in the frat houses. Then the "fun" began. Every one of the sorority houses were raided and water was splashed in most of the houses. Most of the damage done resulted from the throwing of water although a few windows were broken. When the police tried to break up the mob, they too were "soosed" with water.

Now where does this all lead? Mostly it brings unfavorable publicity to the campuses of the colleges involved.

The administration and students have one thing to be thankful for here. We can be glad that the raids staged here were not of the K. U. type.

One K. U. professor of sociology stated that the need for energy release caused most of the students to take part in the mob. That undoubtedly can hold true on the Mac Campus.

Some students have pointed out that raiding the girls dorm is a tradition but even tradition does not warrant the continuation of these raids. We want to criticize both the students and the Administration Committee for their action the past week.

Sure the students put one over on the committee when the girls raided "Fanny." Perhaps they felt as if it was fair. But was it? The old line about being mature citizens of the campus was talked up when the raids began. Students were asked questions like "How old are you?" and "Do you consider yourself a child?" Undoubtedly there were other questions asked but these we think certainly seem irrelevant to solving the problems of raiding dorms.

Students laughed at the committee investigating the fracas. They knew that in the past the committee had only questioned and had very seldom acted or formulated policy. It is for this that we criticize the committee.

We contend, as do students on the campus, that anything that is important enough to be brought before the Administration Committee is important enough to be solved and a satisfactory conclusion rendered. It is up to the committee themselves to gain the desired respect of the Mac College Students.

Situations similar to the raids are always regrettable, and we sincerely hope that in the future activities can be substituted for the raids! It is up to both the student body and the faculty of the college to solve this problem.

Thanks A Million, Staff

The end of each semester always brings the usual "thank you's" to the staff of the paper. The end of this present school year brings to a successful close a good year for the college paper and a fine year for the college itself.

This is primarily going to be an "I" editorial, which according to the accepted standards in editorial writing is not good. It's been fun working on the paper each week although there have been weeks when I felt as if it would take a "prod" from someone to keep me going.

I usually received this "prod" from the entire staff. It is really gratifying to find people who are dependable because dependability is one of the cherished traits to have when you are trying to put out a weekly like the "Spec."

I particularly want to thank Betty Redinger for standing by until the last work for each day was completed. Also I want to thank LeRoy Doty for working with me this past season. To him I now hand over the reins of the Spectator and sincerely hope that he will be able to improve where I have fallen down.

I also extend heartfelt thanks to my business manager, Mr. Wendell Burkholder, for keeping the Spec supplied with cash, which incidentally made possible the large number of cuts that appeared in this year's paper.

To my sports editor I also say "thank you," John Lohrenz has done a good job, a job that is thankless and very big for one person to handle.

Now to the people who are really the backbone of the paper, my reporters, I want to say "thanks a million." It's because of people like Lorene Clark, Lorene Marshall, Carmina San Romani; Annette Shropshire, and Don Ford that the paper continues to come out week after week. The reporters have worked unusually hard scouring the

We Invite You Back

With the final edition of the paper we want to take this opportunity to urge all of the present students to return to the Mac Campus next fall. We realize that there will be instances where students will find it impossible to return because of financial plans or other study plans.

The college is continuing to strengthen the various departments represented on the campus. The Home Economics department will be increased next year as will the Education department, and the English department. The officials of the college are making the necessary adjustments to help each student to secure the desired courses of study here on the Mac Campus.

Next year our athletes will have more experience and will undoubtedly turn in better records than this past year. In this field the college has put up a program that will lure more athletes to our campus. A portion of this program was the giant athletic banquet held in April with Ray Evans, All American 1947, as guest speaker.

It's true that other campuses seem to have more of a lure than does Mac, but this is always true. When we are in school elsewhere we will look back at Mac College and see the many things that we here have but that we as individuals were unaware of.

Next year promises to be a bigger year than ever for the college. Let us urge you all to come back and be a part of that great year.

Campus for news, and it is to them that I owe the most.

Another thankless job on the Spec and a job that turns out to be drudgery is the column writer. To Leon Flory, society editor, and Miriam Keim, it's also thank you.

Thanks also goes to Sarah May Vancil, sponsor and advisor, who helped us with our grammar, proof reading, and the latest journalism hints.

Last, but by far not least, is John Firestone, first semester editor. John formulated the policy of the Spec as far as make up and the technical ends of the paper go. He helped me to further formulate my ideas about the kind of paper I wanted to publish. To John goes the credit of molding together the staff of this year's paper. Although John and I have differed concerning the paper and politics, it is with deep gratitude to him that I extend sincere thanks.

To all of you, the reading public, I also extend my thanks. Thanks for sticking by throughout the year.

Yes, it has been a great year for the paper, and it should be an even greater year in 1949-50.

—Max McAuley



It seems to me that there has been a grave injustice done concerning the issuing of athletic awards at Mac College. An example of this follows: During basketball season, one of the players was awarded a basketball letter under these conditions: he came to practice very seldom and over a two-week period he came only once, and I believe that if the records are checked it will show that he failed to have the

required amount of halves to be eligible for a letter.

The other side of the story is this: One of our baseball players who cooperated wholeheartedly with the coach and other players, never missed a practice without a good excuse, coached first base throughout the entire season, drove his car to games, hit fly balls to the outfield during practice, and more than any other player contributed to the morale and the good spirit of the team was recommended by Coach Whigham for a letter but he was turned down by the Athletic Committee.

Sincerely,
Vernon D. Blickenstaff.

and the college pledges every effort to make their continuance possible and profitable. The faculty and curriculum are being strengthened.

The faculty and trustees are grateful to have the honor of graduating the eighty members of the senior class and extend to them best wishes and continued interest and service.

In her sixty-one years of life and growth McPherson College has attempted to provide learning experience in a Christian atmosphere for thousands of young men and women and now has 2510 alumni of whom 2260 are living.

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Never was the Christian college more needed in human society than now and in the years ahead. This does not mean Christian in the narrow sectarian sense, but in a Christian fellowship sense.

I conclude with a paragraph found in the catalog on page fourteen:

"As an outcome of liberal education the college aims to develop in its graduates (1) a measure of scholarly attainments, (2) some mastery of the techniques and tools of further learning; (3) the ability to think clearly, logically, and critically, (4) more profound insight (5) finer moral discernment and aesthetic sensitivity, and (6) a loyalty to truth in any realm of life."

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Black Canyon Is Site Of Annual Class Picnic; Ninety-seven Sign To Go

Ninety-seven freshmen and sophomores have signed up to attend the lower-classmen's picnic this afternoon at Black Canyon.

The menu consists of sandwiches, potato chips, cookies, ice cream, and pop. The foods committee is composed of Jeanne Evans, Eula Broyles, Dorothy Little, and Miriam Klem.

Entertainment for the afternoon will be planned by Bill Daggett and Clayton Bell.

Pat Ford, Stanley Watkins, Gerald Neher, and David Metzler are on the transportation committee. They request that anyone who is seeking transportation should meet at Sharp Hall at 3:15. Also, anyone who can take a car should contact one of the persons on the committee.

The cars will leave Sharp Hall at 3:30 this afternoon. The picnic supper will be served at 6 o'clock. The afternoon's entertainment will officially end at 7:30.

College Students Join BVS Unit

Joan Lehman, Jake Shaffer, and Dean Neher will join the Brethren Volunteer Service workers at New Windsor, Maryland, June 20. They will remain there with a group of thirty young people for four to six weeks' training.

After training, the group will be broken up into individual units to continue service. Jake Schaeffer hopes to go to Europe or to Puerto Rico. Dean Neher is interested in recreational work and would like to go overseas if possible.

All three applicants are classified as sophomores. They will be in service for a year's term.

Veteran Teacher Returns To Mac

One of McPherson's veteran teachers has just returned to the city and campus after having spent approximately eight months on the West Coast. Miss Jessie Brown has been vacationing in Tujunga, California since last September.

After having been granted a leave of absence from the college for one year, Miss Brown reports that she will be coming back to Mac as head of the Piano Department and will also teach half time.

Miss Brown was highly impressed with the desert and its flowers and also the Joshua tree forest. While in the west she took trips to Mexico and to various other scenic spots.

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Ward And Little Preside Over Fahnestock Hall

The new officers for next year of Fahnestock Hall were elected at the last dorm meeting, Wednesday May 11. The officers elected were John Ward, president, and Ivan Little, secretary-treasurer.

The retiring officers were Paul Waggoner, president, and Don Guthals, secretary-treasurer.

Duties of the newly elected include presiding over the dorm meetings and collecting of dorm dues.

Graduate Record Tests Show Wide Range

The range in scores for the college seniors that took the test were from the 97th percentile to the 1st percentile. The mean was 43 1/3 percentile and the mode was 42 percentile. The median was 41 percentile.

History Course Features Field Trip To Mexico

Two new courses are being added to the History department of the college. One course will commence August 1 and is entitled "Summer Field Session in Mexican History."

According to official sources this course is designed as a reading and a laboratory course in two general fields of Mexican history as follows: (a) ancient Mayan and Aztec culture and culture remains, and (b) contemporary Mexican government and social patterns.

Approximately one week of the course will be spent on the campus in a period of concentrated reading and class discussion. The remaining two weeks will be spent in travel and residence in Mexico, with emphasis on the Mexico City area. A final examination will be given after the return to the campus.

The course is worth three hours of history credit. The enrollment is limited. Fees for the course will be the regular college tuition plus the expenses incurred by the individual students.

Seminar In History
Another course that will be taught the second semester of next year will be a Seminar in History. According to Prof. Raymond Flory, history professor, the course is designed to meet the needs of the history majors. The purpose of the course will be to integrate the various fields of history with a view toward developing a comprehensive concept of the subject. Some attention will be paid to writers in the field and the various schools of historical thought.

This course is worth two college hours of credit, and the time will be arranged for the class meetings.

High, Alalima, Jarboe
In Golf Match At C. of E.

On May 11 the last golf tournament was played with C. of E. Sammy High won over his opponent \$1 to \$3. Vi Alalima lost to his opponent as did Kenneth Jarboe.

Ten Couples Take Vows This Summer

Summer plans of many McPherson Campus students include wedding plans, and many will return next fall as Mr. and Mrs.

METZLER-WAGONER

Miss Mary Metzler will become the bride of Mr. Paul Waggoner on May 27 at a formal wedding in the Church of the Brethren. Her father, Dr. Burton Metzler, will perform the ceremony. Miss Waggoner will be attended by her sister, Mrs. Anne Albright. The best man will be Dick Waggoner, brother of the groom. The student body is invited to attend the wedding.

OBERT-KLEM

Miss Ann Oberst and Mr. Don Klem will be united in marriage on June 15 at the First Baptist Church in McPherson. Rev. Ross Wood will officiate at the formal evening ceremony. Miss Oberst will be attended by her sister, Mrs. Jean Beaver as matron of honor, and her bridesmaids will be Anne Oberst and Mary Metzler. Candlelighters will be Miriam Klem and Elsie Schnorr and Bryce Klem will serve his brother as best man. Paul Waggoner will sing preceding the ceremony, and Jerry Gatz will assist as organist.

BURTON-DOTY

A formal evening ceremony in the First Federated Church of Des Moines, Iowa, on June 3 will unite Miss Barbara Burton and Mr. Lester Doty in marriage. Miss Burton will be attended by her sister, Virginia Burton as maid of honor, and Russell West, Jr. will serve as best man. Bridesmaids will be Sharon Burton, LoAnn Brown, Gordia Schafer, Lou Reed and Norma Lee Couch.

STINNETTE-BAKER

Miss Mariana Stinnette will become the bride of Mr. Jack Baker on June 4 at the Brethren Church in Denver, Colo. Miss Stinnette will be attended by Miss Sara Mae Williams as maid of honor, and Albert Guyer will serve Mr. Baker as best man. The student body is invited to attend the wedding.

Each camper will be charged \$9.00 less 3/4c a mile both ways.

The week will include picnics, hikes, vesper and campfire parties, and swimming parties.

Miss Sarah May Yancil is the business manager for the camp. The Kansas state cabinet is composed of Bill Daggett, president; David Metzler, southwest district representative; Winston Bowman, northwest; Dean Neher, southeast; and Jerry McConkey, northeast. The cabin plans the camp.

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As I am
As You Love



DELAPLAIN-EBERLY

On June 26 in the memory chapel of the first Church of the Brethren.

Miss Marie Delaplain will become the bride of Mr. Junior Eberly at an informal ceremony. Dr. Burton Metzler will read the vows. Miss Goldie Delaplain will serve her sister as maid of honor, and Gene Yoder will be best man.

DRAPER-JONES

Miss Colleen Draper will become the bride of Mr. Thad Jones on June 30, at the Western Brethren Church in Grundy Center, Iowa.

Mrs. Doris Blom is attending Miss Draper as maid of honor, and Mr. Jim Hoover will serve as best man. Mr. Beryl McCann and Mr. Ernest Hoffa will usher at the formal evening affair.

BURGER-HEUSINKVELD

On the afternoon of August 21, in the Brethren Church of Waka, Texas, Miss Lois Burger will become the bride of Mr. Arlyn Heusinkveld. Dr. Kenneth Bechtel will perform the ceremony. Miss Burger will be attended by her sister, LaVerne, as maid of honor, and Miss Carolyn Christopher, her cousin, as junior bridesmaid. Mr. Dale Wendt will serve as best man.

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maids. Miss Bonnie Alexander will play, and Jeannette Ettridge will sing. Ushers will be Glen McMurray, Elvin and Irvin Wolf, Bob Zimmerman, Harry Knapp, and LeRoy Doty.

NORIAN-HOPKINS

Miss Anita Norian and Mr. William Hopkins plan an August wedding which will be performed in McPherson. Miss Norian's maid of honor will be Miss Mary Jane Freiburg. Wedding plans are not complete.

CHRISTOPHER-BRUNS

A formal evening wedding in the New Gottland Lutheran Church of rural McPherson in August will unite Miss Lucille Christopher and Mr. Herbert Bruns in marriage. Miss Christopher will be attended by Miss Fern Clark as maid of honor, and Miss Carolyn Christopher, her cousin, as junior bridesmaid. Mr. Dale Wendt will serve as best man.

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