

# Mickey Akers Named For KU Queen Contest

Mickey Akers, freshman from Iowa Falls, Iowa, won the right to represent Macolllege in the KU Relays queen contest with a 16 vote margin over her nearest opponent last Monday.



Mickey Akers

In an election held during the Monday chapel period, two ballots were necessary to decide the final outcome. On the first ballot were Martha Frantz, Conway Springs senior; Miriam Klein, junior from Nampa, Idaho; Mickey Akers; Orva Willems, sophomore from McPherson; Ann Carpenter, sophomore from Las Vegas, Nev.; and Lois Yoder, senior from Pampa, Texas.

On the second ballot were Lois Yoder, Orva Willems, and Mickey Akers.

Voters were asked by the Student Council to consider the qualifications in this election that will be considered by the judges of the Kansas Relays Committee at KU. They were, briefly, Beauty, Intelligence, Personality, and Participation in activities.

A photograph of Mickey will be sent to KU along with her scholarship records and other information concerning the basis for judging. These are to be sent by April 5, and the judging will be done during that week.

Besides a relay queen, several attendants will be chosen.

The winner of the contest will reign over the KU Relays April 20-21.

Contestants will meet competition from other colleges over Kansas in judging at KU.

## Draft To Be Smaller Than Expected

According to recent draft announcements a smaller percentage of college students will be drafted than was earlier expected.

Deferments to present college underclassmen, future college students, and graduate workers are to be made on the basis of scholastic records and/or individual scores on a specially provided psychological test.

Mrs. Alice Martin, Registrar, estimated only a 17 per cent decrease in next year's enrollment as compared with the present year.

Both the tests and the scholastic deferments will be made at the student's DESIRE. That is, if the student does not request action, then action will probably not be taken.

## Miss Vancil To Return To McPherson Faculty

Recent news from Washington, D. C., about draft legislation indicates that more boys may be permitted to enroll in College next fall and to continue college work already begun.

Dr. D. W. Bittinger has stated that McPherson College is now anticipating a good enrollment for next fall. In January the prediction from Washington had been that college enrollments over the nation would be cut by one-third next year.

The college administration felt encouraged over prospects for 1951-52 as contracts were given to McPherson College faculty last week end. Miss Sarah May Vancil, who had been given a leave of absence, was rehired as assistant professor of English and assistant librarian.

## Pep Club Goe Vaudeville For Time Clock

### Variety Acts To Appear Tuesday Night At High School

The Pep Club is sponsoring "Vaudeville Varieties" at the High School auditorium, Tuesday, April 10, at 8 p.m., to raise money for the "Football Field timeclock benefit." Admission is 50 cents. Any contributions will be accepted.

See and hear local people display their talents. Loren Bickelstaff will be Master of Ceremonies. Those being presented on the program will be as follows: Reza Moftarah, College Male Quartet; Ladies Quartet, Freshman Male Quartet; Ladies Auxiliary Choir, Central College Duo Piano, Phyllis and Royce with the dust, Elsa Kurtz with an impersonation of Al Jolson. Don Hoch will present several Scottish numbers. High School Triple Trio, Claudia Jo Stump will sing a solo, Ko-Korps' orchestra, and the Grand Finale.

Elsa Kurtz is the chairman of the program committee and working with her are Orva Willems, Betty Ann Murray, and Mary Ellen Yoder. Millie Snowberger and Maxine Hanley have taken care of the advertising and Peggy Segler, Clara Doman, Betty Jo Barker, Doris Coppock, and Bob Willson are in charge of the ticket sales.

The Pep Club has started the fund for the time clock with \$200 which was earned through concession. It will be necessary to earn about \$800 more to buy and install the time clock.

Handbills have been distributed by the members of the "M" Club. Tickets will be sold by anyone on the committee and will also be sold at the door. Tickets are 50 cents per person or whatever you would like to give towards buying the time clock.

## Max McAuley Takes Job As Dog House Manager

Max McAuley, a senior of next year, plans to manage the Dog House during the next school year. Max's duties will run something like this: hire workers in the dog house, order and be responsible for the food sold, and make out payrolls.

Max is a history major. During this school year, Max has held a part time job at the Peoples State Bank.

Music is Max's hobby, and he has taken part in a large number of musical events at the college.

During his sophomore year Max was a cheerleader. He also served the school in the capacity of Spectator Editor.

Max has had a number of experiences showing a wide variety of interests. In the years 1945-46, Max traveled on cattle boats to Europe. During 1948, Max was in Carana, Italy, doing Brethren Service work in camps there. Max taught in a grade school at Clarifont during the years 1949-1950.

Max plans to open the Dog House next year during the time of enrollment. All those interested in working contact Max. If student council and faculty approval is received, Max will secure a grill with which to serve Sunday suppers.

Max feels that work in the Dog House will give him an excellent opportunity to grow to know the students on Macampus. This was his motive when taking this new job.

## Students Judge 4-H Plays

Don Shultz, Bill Kidwell, and Wayne Zeigler will go to Lyons, Kan., Saturday to judge 4-H plays.

Other parts of the program will be declamations, model meeting, demonstrations, choirs, bands, etc.

This meet is a follow to the McPherson County meet held last month. Margaret Daggett and Dale Oltman judged the dramas in this meeting.

## WAA Girls Will Go To National Meet

Betty Jo Baker, Margaret Margaret, and Donna Sooby will represent the Macolllege W. A. A. next week in the Athletic Federation of College Women Convention at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The W. A. A. selected these three girls to attend this national convention, which lasts four days and will delegates from all over the United States. The local W. A. A. is paying their transportation costs. They will travel in a bus chartered for the Kansas delegates.

The meeting will include discussions, exhibits, visual education, a banquet, and other things of interest to Women's Athletic Associations.

## Debaters Win Excellent At Oklahoma

Gene Bechtel and Wayne Zeigler won a ranking of EXCELLENT in the Men's Debate Division of the National Convention of Pi Kappa Delta, held at Oklahoma A and M from March 25 to March 29.

In this national competition the women's team, Miriam Akers and Joan Keim, won three debates. Elsa Kurtz represented the college Discussion and Women's Oratory. Wayne Zeigler entered Men's Extempore. Miriam Akers entered Women's Extempore, and Gene Bechtel was in Men's Oratory.

Prof. Roy McAuley accompanied the group and served as a judge of contests. Maurice A. Hess was Chairman of the committee in charge of oratory.

The convention was attended by 640 delegates from 133 chapters from 32 states. The McPherson student delegation was composed of all freshmen except Mr. Zeigler, a sophomore.

## Over 200 Attend Faculty Formal

Over 200 students bedecked in gay formal attire attended the royal party given by the faculty Tuesday night in the gymnasium.

Upon arrival the students chose a king and queen to rule over the court. In due time, Carole Huffman and D. Albert Crist were crowned king and queen for the night by Archbishop Metzler.

Two jesters, Roy McAuley and Bob Mays, with the assistance of Dean Berkble, appeared to entertain the royal pair and the court.

Historical charades were presented by the members of the court, and a Shakespearean play was presented by a group of faculty men, including Rev. Zeller Clark as hero and Dr. Bittinger as heroine.

Four faculty men and their wives danced a minuet after which other couples joined in and Arlene Kough led them in the steps of the minuet.

Doris Coppock and Colette Wareham gave an excellent rendition of some excerpts from the opera, "Martha." The last number before the refreshments was a brass trio composed of Don Frederick, Delbert Crabb, and Doris Copcock.

## UNESCO Adopts Project, Directs Play Group

UNESCO has a new project which is an outgrowth of a speech given by Mr. Harms from the McPherson Welfare office.

Mr. Harms suggested before a UNESCO group that something should be done in the line of recreation for children in the trailer camp, south of town. The children there, reported Mr. Harms, have no place to play and usually do not join the activities which children living permanently in McPherson enjoy.

The project was taken up by UNESCO. A recreation program is now being organized by Joann Lehman, UNESCO chairman. Swimming and games began in the "Y" on Wednesday, April 4. Wayne Zeigler, Marilyn Roe, Joann Lehman, Lois Yoder, and Gerhart Sigmund-Shultze are leading the recreation.

By next year, UNESCO hopes to have a larger project. Members and prospective members are invited to help in this project. Interested persons should contact Joann Lehman.

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## Frosh Provide Social Event Tomorrow Nite

An all-school party, sponsored by the freshman class, will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 in the gym.

The decorations committee headed by Beverly Turner will carry over the theme of "Spring Fever."

Refreshments for the occasion will cost 10 cents. Mary Louise Hutcherson and Joan Gleeson head that committee.

Gene Bechtel is chairman of the program committee assisted by Sue Smith and Mary Ellen Yoder.

Freshman class president Wayne Krehnstaaff said Tuesday that,

freshman socials will be sought for the fresh-

mates. Joe Kennedy will be master of ceremonies at this evening of readings, skits, games and music.

### Student Ministers Licensed

On Sunday April 1, 1951, the Church of the Brethren of McPherson voted to license to the ministry of church Mr. Marvin Hanson and Mr. David Metzler,

and to re-license Mr. Donaldovian Speaker. Mr. Hanson, a graduate of McPherson College (1950), is now teaching at Jewell, Kansas.

## 'Mr. Lazarus' Chosen For Spring Production

### Hershberger Sees Vienna Collection In St. Louis

Prf. Roy McAuley announced Monday the selection and casting of the spring production. A four-act comedy, "Mr. Lazarus," was chosen for production by a committee of Players Club members.

The casting was done by a committee of professors interested in dramatics and is as follows: Dr. Sylvester, Dean Cotton; Mr. Lazarus, Dale Oltman; Booth, Wayne Zeigler; Mrs. Sylvester, Delores Siegle; Patricia, Sue Smith; and Edith, Donna Phelon.

"Mr. Lazarus" by Harvey Higgin and Harold Ford was an outstanding success on Broadway at the close of the first world war. The situation of the play is such, however, that it is as timely now as it was then.

The story concerns a mother and daughter who are in the clutch of an evil money-grabber, the second husband. The girl's father presumably lost his life in a train wreck before the child was born.

When the case of the two ladies seems hopeless, Mr. Lazarus, the real father, comes back from the dead and straightens matters out—or does he?

The play is complicated by the utter brainlessness of the mother, the fact that a young artist, loving, is not loved, and a lazy doctor writing a book on "Scognosticism."

The plot is cleverly unfolded, and many laughs are forthcoming as Mr. Lazarus gets into one situation after another. This play is unlike anything produced by the Macolllege dramatics department in the last four years.

Besides the acting roles listed above, Professor McAuley lists many other jobs that need doing and that will be rewarded by production points necessary for membership in Alpha Psi Omega.

### English Majors Get "Dessert" Party Wed.

An English major "Dessert" party will be held Wednesday evening beginning at 7 p.m. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Bittinger.

Prof. Della Lehman and Mrs. Bittinger are giving the party for Miss Lehman's English majors.

English majors are: seniors, Pattie Stern, Don Shultz, Dale Oltman, and Donovan Speaker; underclassmen Joann Lehman, Doris Kesler, Lorene Clark, Margaret Daggett, Wilma Ford, James Statts, and Miriam Keim.

## Thirsty? Witch A Well!

### By Don Shultz

Before last Thursday, the only witches I believed in were June and May on the Esquire Calendar. On that day two history classes and hordes of curious spectators crowded over the lawn north of Sharp to watch the powerful magic of Bill Garrels, local oil and water-witcher.

If the elm stick, like the crystal ball and the teacup, tells no lies, then Macampus is sitting on an oil vein 15 or 20 feet across.

It started this way: the Trans-Mississippi West class began the study of the need for water wells on the great plains for irrigation of its extensive arid lands.

Somehow, water witching was brought up in class and caused sharp lines of division, with the skeptics far in the majority.

The issue spread like legs at a balled school, and soon the involved half the college.

So, to settle the problem, Mr. Garrels volunteered to demonstrate his unusual ability. Grindle was a skeptic until he managed to do it alone. When the stick went down without his consent, his eyes became fried eggs. Apparently it works for everyone but left-handed people, and occasionally for them.

I'm certainly glad I found out about Hada...water-witching. Now I know why my frankfurter falls into the fire, why trees lean into rivers, and what makes the willow weep.

Forgive me for a skeptic, but I still believe in the Esquire Calendar.

—Signed: D. W. Bittinger  
Mr. Sanford Anderson ressealed the copper box with solder, and it was placed in the center of the cornerstone. Tuesday, April 3, the bricks were laid around the cornerstone and the copper box is again in the wall of the McPherson College Library.

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## Imperialist Mythology The Eagle And The Bear

The forest was quite large enough for the fat, five per cent Communist Pig that managed to belch "Oui, oui," when receiving a handout, and large enough for the conservative old Bull so much scorned for his actions in the China shop.

It was too large for a Jackal named "Tito" and a lice-ridden chicken called "Peron," and too large for a Dachshund pounced upon and trisected only recently in a strange revenge.

But, for two animals, the forest was crowded. One was a scurvy and sad-eyed Bear, a rather thoughtful looking animal but really quite stupid. The other was a completely ridiculous Eagle which tittered and chattered with much more fury than it could show in a fight. It was growing fat, lazy, and more nonsensical with age; and, the poor thing had already talked its way into more trouble than it could ever hope to escape.

Now the Bear once read a book by Marx. The Bear repeated what he understood of Marx and said to himself, "This is the way!" With this new doctrine the Bear went out to save the world.

Not to be outdone, the Eagle displayed a document composed by his forefathers which was an ambiguous outline for an even more ambiguous political system. Without bothering to read the thing, the silly bird proclaimed to all the forest, "This is the way." So the Eagle went out to save the world.

The clash between the two came soon. The Eagle, called the Bear a Communistic, Imperialistic Iranomania. The Bear retaliated by calling the Eagle a blabbermouth, capitalistic land-grabber, and the fight was on.

The Eagle got a solid grip on the Bear's tail and held on tight. The Bear couldn't quite reach the Eagle; and, since he wasn't being hurt at all, was content to let the Eagle stay there.

Even to this day, the two are standing there in the forest. The Eagle clings to the Bear's tail and the Bear waits patiently for the Eagle to loosen his grip so that he can crush him.

Someday, something will decide the battle, and the world will come to know which of them is really right. For they couldn't both be right, now could they?

## Tom Thumb Remarks, "Folk Party Was Fun"

Dearest Professor:

I promised you I would attend the All-School Folk Game Party, sponsored by the Social Committee the other evening, and I did.

That was a party you couldn't beat!

You know me, never on time. Well, when I arrived everyone (I'd say at least seventy-five students) was doing the Virginia Reel.

Miss Eileen Marie Kindley, with all her energy and enthusiasm was directing the games for the evening. She very hastily saw to it that I was put into action.

Because there were more boys than girls, I had to be a good sport and play the part of a girl. Imagine me being a girl—it was fun, though.

On that one that goes B-I-N-G-O, my partner swing me like mad. Why, my feet were parallel to the floor!

Some of the other folk-games we

played were: Gloworm, Seven Steps, Western Schottische, Texas Schottische and Ace of Diamonds.

By that time everyone was panting like a dog and drenched with perspiration, so delicious, delicate ice-cream sundaes were served by Glenn Nicholson, chairman of the Social Committee, Jake Sheaffer, Miriam Kelm, Ina Dilmars, Lorene Clark and Rowena Merkey.

After this intermission the party fell into swing again with Mexican Clap Dance, Jesse Polka and Darling Nellie Gray.

I'm in bed now because I am so stiff, sore, and tired I can hardly move a muscle. But, I wouldn't have missed that party for anything.

It was fun and I do mean FUN.

Love, Tom Thumb

P. S. When is the next folk-game party?

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## A Cappella Travels 3,000 Miles Over West

By Berwyn Oltman and Marilee Grove

The McPherson College A Cappella Choir returned Sunday evening, April 1, from a 3000-mile Concert Tour. The choir completed the longest trip in its history. A large green-and cream-bus from the Winfield Bus Service took the group as far as Idaho and back.

The 37 members of the A Cappella Choir represent 11 states. There are 4 married men and 4 sets of brothers and sisters included in the group. Prof. Donald R. Frederick, director; Mrs. Frederick, chaperone; Miss Susan Kathleen Frederick, 3-year-old mascot; and Mr. "Speed" Reeves, bus driver, accompanied the group.

The 41 tourists viewed beautiful scenery on their travel throughout the Midwest and West. The plains of western Kansas, the snow-capped mountains of Colorado, the sage brush of Utah, the fruit orchards of Idaho, the grasslands of Wyoming, and the farms of western Nebraska were seen by the group.

The choir presented 12 concerts. The itinerary included Garden City and Quinton in Kansas; Wiley, Rocky Ford, Denver, Grand Junction, and Hatchet in Colorado; Weston, Fruitland, Nampa, and Twin Falls in Idaho; and Enders, Nebraska. The total attendance at the concerts was approximately 2,500.

Each concert was begun with a choir procession followed by the singing of Don Frederick's arrangement of the college song and the humming of the identification song of the A Cappella Choir, "Dedication" by Franz. The concerts included a section of sacred songs, numbers by men and women's groups, selections by one of the college quartettes or trio, a group of Negro spirituals, and secular music. This year's choir has a repertoire of 29 selections.

The A Cappella Choir presented radio broadcasts at Lamar, Colorado and at Nampa and Twin Falls in Idaho.

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the choir found several schoolmates on hand.

"Efficiency Always" might well be the motto of the A Cappella Choir. Director Don. Frederick, now in his fifth year at MacColl, and choir president Al Rogers make use of their experience in planning for the choir activities. Each choir member serves on a committee. There are committees for arranging lodgings, erecting risers, packing robes, erecting the robe stand, and assembling the marimba.

Expenses for the Choir Tour were paid by the college and by offerings which were taken in the churches in which the choir appeared. Meals and lodgings on the road and incidental expenses were paid by the choir members. Many meals were prepared for the choir by the church people. The choir sang the grace at the meals.

Many interesting souvenirs were collected on the trip. Joe Kennedy and Gilford Kimberley specialized in unique hats. Hazel Sanger and Rowena Neher collected cafe menus. A peacock feather was presented to each member of the group by Mrs. Richard Kelm.

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## Criticism Proves Flop; Actors Want Praise

ACP — Last month the Kiliklik HK student newspaper at Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, tried an experiment. It reviewed a play put on by a student group. The review was generally favorable, lavishing praise on the actors, directors and stage crew.

Only negative comment in the critique was the following: Louis DiLella's choppy actions in the part of the hep older brother seemed to hinder him at times from presenting a true character, while Joseph Keldau, who took the role of Catherine Winslow's reluctant fiancee, seemed almost too stiff, especially in their supposed scenes of affection."

The response was swift, and in some cases surprisingly acid. Drama department students complained that such an innovation was completely contrary to traditional Heidelberg policy.

"On the whole," commented the Kiliklik, "most seem to think that no criticism should be made, but everything praised equally."

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