

Are You Proud?

In the past several weeks, I have read several articles written by faculty members and students of McPherson College. I have heard people comment about a fact with some pride in their voices, which was the same pride that was exhibited in the articles that were published.

Most of you have guessed it by now, it is the fact of our international students on campus. We should be proud of our international students because they have much to offer us and we have something to offer them.

Yet one sound keeps pounding constantly within me. It is the sound—Do we give them enough?

This week it was called to my attention that while the inorganic chemistry class was attending Hutchinson on a field trip, they had to hunt several places before they could find a place where all of their group could eat. They finally found a place where all of them could eat. It was the Chocolate Shop Cafe which is on main street in Hutchinson.

Many incidents similar to this happen every day in our society. It is our duty as Christians not to let these things happen so often. The next time you are in Hutchinson do not forget to patronize the Chocolate Shop Cafe.

An incident of this kind is puzzling to our international students. If we want to make their stay happier and have more to offer them, let us banish our racial prejudices. G. A. N.

GOD'S Living Letters

By Kirby Page

Which historical figures have had the profoundest influence on the life of humanity? A distinguished scholar recently replied: Jesus and Socrates. "The greatest of the Greek philosophers," as he has been called, was born in 469 B. C. in Athens. His appearance was abnormally ugly. He was visionary in temperament and from childhood sought the company of great teachers. Throughout his life he persisted in asking questions. His mission was to convince men of their ignorance and to persuade them to seek the greatest good, the cultivation of their own souls. He had a deep concern for the unseen moral order and possessed a religious faith in God which was rare in that society. He believed in the immortality of the soul and was not afraid of death.

A disastrous war with Sparta brought Athens to ruin and internal strife. In this unsettled time the authorities denounced the activities of Socrates as subversive and brought him to trial before a court of five hundred citizens chosen by lot. He was charged with impiety and corrupting the minds of the youth of the city.

In his own defense, Socrates refused to accept acquittal at the price of giving up the search for wisdom and abandoning his mission. To the court he said: "Athenians, I hold you in much affection and esteem; but I will obey heaven rather than you, and, so long as breath and strength are in me, I will never cease from seeking wisdom or from exhorting you and pointing out the truth to any of you whom I may chance to meet. . . You may acquit me or not; for I shall not change my ways, though I were to die a thousand deaths."

By a narrow vote he was condemned. He drank the bowl of poison hemlock and joined the immortals. His own generation executed him, but all subsequent generations have built monuments in his honor.

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Thinking With The President

A Disaster Unit

During the Easter Season I made two trips across the Missouri. On one of the trips it was necessary to follow down the Missouri nearly two hundred miles before a crossing could be made. Even then the crossing was a rather dangerous one, for the water was threatening to cross the road at a number of places. Already houses beside the road were in water up to the second story windows, some even to the roofs. Along the road dwellings were being evacuated in anticipation of a break in the levee, which would sweep the houses away in the force of the flood.

Entire towns had become ghost towns. Cattle and live stock had to be moved. Up and down the river nurses were busy giving inoculations for typhoid fever and other sicknesses. Many people were left without homes. In one town alone, 45,000 people had been moved within a few days time.

Because the knowledge of the crest of the river preceded its rise, most of these evacuations could be made orderly and without loss of life. When the levees break the water rushes into the towns suddenly when there usually is a tremendous loss of life. But even when there was no loss of life there was almost incalculable loss of property.

The Brethren, and other Christian Youth, with their interest in humanitarian work find themselves peculiarly fitted to render service when disaster comes.

It has been the interest of some of us at McPherson College for some time to establish on the campus what we might call "a disaster unit." We have talked to the Red Cross about it and they evidence interest in it. They would like to have young people volunteer to be-

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May 1 and 3:
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May 10:
A Cappella Picnic.

come members of a disaster unit. These youth would then be trained in first-aid and in other techniques which are necessary to make unit workers valuable when disaster strikes.

If a tornado were to sweep across the country this disaster unit from McPherson College might be called upon to journey to the scene of the disaster to render assistance and to save lives. When floods come, or when any type of disaster or strikes, this unit would stand ready to be of service.

The payment of transportation to and from the place of disaster and probably the arrangements for food and lodging while there would be cared for by the Red Cross. The members of the unit would give of their time without charge.

We are informed that no such disaster unit has yet been set up in any college in the United States. It would be good if McPherson could pioneer in such an undertaking.

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An individual as such seems nothing. Here today, gone and forgotten tomorrow, he is but a grain of sand on a limitless seashore, only a drop of water in a boundless ocean. Yet the individual is the summation of all creation. Through him we live and move and have our being. He is the epitome of our economic, our intellectual, our spiritual life. The forces he sets in motion during his short years are the ones that determine every process in our civilization. Whence come the powers unleashed through him for the good or evil of humanity no man can say. Even the course they may take is guided by a power beyond his comprehension. Within him, however, is a conscience, and imperative ought, whose mandates, if he will but hearken, lead him into the true, the good, the beautiful life.—J. W. Canada

Good Luck

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Switzer-Hoch Wed In Nebraska

Baskets of pink and white gladiolus decorated the altar of the South Beatrice church of the Brethren for the wedding of Barbara Jean Switzer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Switzer of Liberty, Nebraska, and Lowell F. Hoch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoch of Dwight, Kansas. Tapers burned in a seven branch candelabra as Rev. Homer Kimmel read the marriage vows in the presence of 125 guests.

Best man was Don Hoch, brother of Lowell, who is attending McPherson College. Ushers were Maurice Richards and Bill Tolle, who also attend McPherson College. The couple now lives at 1514 East Gordon in McPherson. Lowell is attending school, and Barbara is working in McPherson.

Warren-Moyer

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Warren of Jennings, Kansas, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth, to Ronald Moyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Moyer, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Miss Warren attended Washburn university and taught in Jennings elementary schools. She will graduate this year from Kansas State College.

Mr. Moyer is a graduate of McPherson college with the class of '49, and taught music in Jennings schools. He now teaches at Sharon.

Students Travel Through Iowa

A group from Macollege are now in Iowa to give special emphasis to McPherson College Days which are now being declared throughout the Western Region.

The play, "Minor Miracle" is being given in Iowa churches by Bryce Miller, Joe Kennedy, Stan McClung, and Jack Harter. The director, Roy McAuley, accompanied the cast.

Their itinerary was as follows: Sunday, Navarre, Kas.; Monday, Dallas Center, Ia.; Tuesday, Des Moines Valley, Elkhart, Ia.; Thursday Beaver, Ia.; Friday, Maxell, Ia.; Sunday A. M., Robbins, Ia.; and Sunday p.m., Clarence, Ia.

They will return to Macampus Monday morning.

Last weekend several members of the faculty participated in McPherson College Day programs. Dr. Kenneth Bechtel was at the Gravel Hill Church, Prof. S. M. Dell at the Scott Valley Church, Bob Hayes at the Mount Ida Church, and student, Gene Bechtel at the Verdigris Church.

Dr. James Berkebile participated in services at Parsons, Dr. Burton Metzler at Fredonia, Dr. Maurice Hess at Galesburg, Prof. Jack Kough at Osage Church, and Prof. Guy Hayes at Independence.

At the McPherson Church of the Brethren, Prof. Raymond Flory, Dr. J. J. Yoder, Ann Carpenter, and Dale Carpenter all participated in the morning service.



This is Centenary College Choir of Shreveport, Louisiana, which will present a concert at the McPherson High School Auditorium, Monday, May 5th at 8 p. m. The choir is under the direction of Alvin "Cheesy" Voran, a former student at McPherson College.

Students Attend Conference In Ohio

The Christian Youth Conference on War held at Columbus, Ohio, April 25-27, was attended by six students from Macollege. They were Faye Ellen Trostle, Bertha Landis, Karl Balder, Walter Blough, Don Thralls, and Malo Oltman.

There were 55 schools represented, 30 states and 6 foreign countries, with approximately 250 students attending.

The conclusion to the conference was written in the form of a challenge to Christian Youth. It stated that "as Christian youth, we believe the world is in God's hands. We believe that we are called into obedience to the will of God as revealed in Christ Jesus. We believe that war is contrary to the will of God and life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The Christian Church transcends all barriers of race, class, and nation in a fellowship which is worldwide in its membership and in its mission. The church forsakes its worldwide mission when it is drawn as a partisan into the conflict of nations and cultures."

Obedience to the will of God and the mind of Christ implies a refusal to participate in war and a rededication to positive expressions of redemptive love in our life and work. Yet we submit that the new and frightful dimension of war places upon non-pacifist Christians, equal responsibility for considering afresh whether war can now be tolerated by the Christian conscience."

The group that attended the conference, was in charge of the SCA program Thursday evening, May 1.

Oltman Gives Piano Recital

May 14 is the date set for the recital of Mr. Berwyn Oltman. Mr. Kieth Allison will sing a group of numbers and Mr. Eugene Hicks will present a group of organ numbers.

Mr. Oltman will play a Concerto, accompanied by Miss LaFaughn Hubbard.

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Marie Lipka Visits Macollege Campus

Miss Marie Lipka of Japan was on Macampus April 26-28, as she was traveling for the Student Volunteer Movement, working out of New York.

While Miss Lipka's stay, she spoke to the Sunday School classes Sunday morning, and to the CBVF Sunday evening. She also spoke at Central College while she was in McPherson.

Miss Lipka has been serving as a missionary in Japan. She has taught in several mission schools and has worked in summer camps.

Miss Lipka also arranged special counseling for those students who desired such.

America came of God, without question, and we ought to dedicate ourselves to her service so that the goodness of America would make her eternal.—U. G. Dubach

Read all the advertisements in the Spectator.

Bittingers Entertain Chapel Choir Members

Members of the Chapel Choir were guests of Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Bittinger Monday evening, April 28.

The choir, under the direction of Doris Coppock, sang several selections which Dr. Bittinger placed on tape recording.

This tape will be sent to Bittinger's son, Stanley, who is in Puerto Rico. Stanley Bittinger will use this recording among the Spanish people in acquainting them with American choral music.

Also present were Mr. and Mrs. X. L. Coppock, parents of Doris.

McClung, Mohler Present Recitals

Martha McClung and Esther Mohler gave literary interpretation recitals this week.

Martha gave a cutting of a play by Percy McKaye, "The Scarecrow," on Tuesday afternoon.

Esther gave a lecture recital on parodies Thursday afternoon.

Light refreshments were served after the recitals.

These invitational recitals are a class requirement for the members of the Literary Interpretation Class.

A Cappella Choir Gives Concert In Chapel

Macollege A Cappella Choir presented a concert in chapel April 28. The program included "For A World That Has Lost Its Way," "Glory Be to God On High," and an arrangement of the 23 psalm. They also sang a selection of "A Tribute To Romberg," "Chaguane's Burning," and "Echo Song."

Prof. Donald R. Frederick is the director of the choir.

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