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Alumni News

Harris Goes To Harrisburg

Last April, the DOME announced that Mr. J. Mervyn Harris, Admissions Consultant here at PMC, would seek the Republican nomination for state representative of the third legislative district in Delaware County. Since that time Mr. Harris has won the nomination, completed a successful campaign, and won office in the past November elections.

Lack of Meaningful Legislation

Mr. Harris is now busy scheduling his time between his duties in Harrisburg and on the PMC campus. Asked to comment on his first few weeks as a member of the state's legislature, he said two things impressed him very much. First, the "tremendous" rate of speed at which work is accomplished on the floor. In reality, the legislators meet but one day a week, and then for only a few hours. Second, he was impressed by how little the action on the floor really means.

Although there are great debates and maneuvering by the members, most of the decisions are already made and known before they are brought up on the floor. He was also amazed at the number of times the same bill is presented on the floor; it usually differs only in its sponsor.

As of two weeks ago, 150 bills had been introduced in the House and 100

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Cultural Affairs

Governor Hughes Speaks On New Federal-State Relations

The PMC Cultural Affairs program for the month of February came to a close with a speech delivered to the faculty and student body by New Jersey Governor Richard J. Hughes. The speech on "Federal-State Relationship: A New Dimension," was given February 26, 1965, in the Alumni Auditorium.

The theme was the change in roles of the state government and of the governors. The New Jersey Governor said that the role of governor has changed from that

of ceremonial leader to policy maker and there has been a revitalization of the state government in the last 20 years. Hughes said, "Today the country seems to be going through a period of critical self-examination and of quickened pace. In the field of government, today's attitude appears to be characterized by a resurgence of the desire of state government to meet the needs of the people."

Hughes said that the modern governor would probably be unrecognizable to his predecessors. "He has become an initiating and driving force in the policy making process, and he has assumed broad responsibilities for



Trustee Albert M. Greenfield, and president of the board of trustees Laurence P. Sharples look on as Gov. Richard J. Hughes shakes hands with Mrs. Edward F. MacMorland (wife of PMC's president emeritus).

English Club

As part of the Foreign Film Festival, the English Club showed *Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner*, February 24, in the Alumni Auditorium. The English-made film dealt with lower class social problems in the midlands of Britain. Tickets are still available for the second and third films in the series: *Jules and Jim* and *Wild Strawberries*.

On March 17, *Jules and Jim*, starring Jeanne Moreau, will be shown in the Alumni Auditorium. According to Bosley Crowther of the *New York Times*, Jeanne Moreau is "as variable as a prism that gives off lights and glints as she puts into the role of the woman a bewitching evanescent quality." *Time* recently featured Jeanne Moreau in a cover story. Tickets are available at the college center desk.

At the English Club meeting on March 3, the great success of The Foreign Film Festival was discussed along with future plans for a poetry seminar and a group drama excursion. Members are reminded to return tickets and money from the film festival.

Graduate Record Exams

All seniors and all sophomores are required to take the G.R.E. exams. They will be held on Mon. and Tues., 29 and 30 March. Seniors take 3 exams, Area, Aptitude, and an Advanced Test in their Major fields. If there are any questions about this requirement, see Dean Sloat.

Clayton Hits Lack of Intellectual Climate

Does the Military have a Place?

By Carl R. Lobel

Cadet Captain Walt Clayton in a recent interview brought to light his thoughts on the problems which have been hampering the Cadet Corps in past years and which seem to have come to a head in the current year. As President of the Senior Class and Cadet Aide to the Commandant, Clayton is in an unusually good position to note the attitudes of both the student body and the administration toward present problems.



WALTER CLAYTON, JR.

Considering recent changes in the plans for the future of the college, he was asked if the Corps had a place at PMC or if it might eventually pass into oblivion. Clayton noted that it was up to the members of the Corps when he said, "There is a great possibility of this happening if the cadets themselves don't make the decision that they want it themselves. The attitude toward the administration has to change. The cadets feel that the administration does not know what the actual conditions are. If the cadet's assumption is true, then definite changes must be made."

Gain Leadership Now

Having suggested that the responsibility lies primarily with the cadets, he was asked if the cadets should run the Corps. Clayton stated that the officers within the Corps should assume the major responsibility, with the key roles being played by the company commanders and the tactical officers. Together with the Brigade Staff a policy should be outlined in September which would be adhered to throughout the entire year barring unforeseen changes or difficulties. In comparing the present system, Clayton said, "I don't think the Corps should be run by memorandum. The Corps needs direct leadership. The tactical officers should take more interest in their companies. If the senior cadet officers are to go on active duty within a year, then we should be gaining leadership training now. I feel

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SAME Trip

On Sunday, 28 Feb., the PMC Post of the Society of American Military Engineers visited the Francis E. Walther Dam near White Haven, Pa. This dam is part of a project which provides for a multi-purpose development for water supply and recreation, as well as being part of the Lehigh River Flood Control Project.

Operation Demonstrated

Mr. Hedrich, superintendent of the dam, guided the cadets, pointing out the interesting structures and their functions. The trip was highlighted by a demonstration of the flood gates, which are a major part of the overall operational procedure.

This trip was very beneficial to those cadets interested in the Corps of Engineers because it provided them with another look at the diversified work of the Corps.

This Spring, the PMC Post plans to go to Washington, D. C. where it will tour the Branch School of the Corps of Engineers at Belvoir, Va.

Trips Abroad Planned Here

Two separate trips abroad have been announced on the PMC campus in recent weeks. Under the auspices of the Office of Cultural Affairs, Dr. S. M. Sophocles will lead a **Grand Italian Cultural Tour** of 21 days throughout most of Italy.

Departing from New York on June 8, the group will fly to Rome. After a three day stay in the capital city, the tour will head north visiting Florence, Rapallo, Milan and Venice.

After departing from Venice the group will travel by private motor-coach to Rimini, Perugia, Naples, Pompeii and Sorrento. Prior to the return to Rome, for the trip back to New York, the tour will take a steamer to the Isle of Capri for a two day visit.

Dr. Sophocles has emphasized the cultural aspects of the trip noting that much time will be devoted to museums, cathedrals, and ancient ruins such as the Vatican, the Roman Forum, Pitti Palace, St. Mark's Square, the Doge's Palace, Assisi and Pompeii.

PMC is also sponsoring a **Flight to Oslo** whereby all members of the college family may study for six weeks at the University of Oslo or tour Europe with city-to-city transportation provided. Departure date is set for June 12 with return to be August 13. The Summer School runs from June 28 to August 7, so students interested in obtaining six credits will still have an opportunity to travel before the

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Band Box

by William R. Moller

The PMC Band Record Committee has been actively making plans for the forthcoming cutting of the PMC Band Record this March. The march selections include the march which John Phillip Sousa wrote especially for the PMC Corps of Cadets, "The Dauntless Battalion." The band will conclude the record with our own arrangement of "The National Anthem." The record will be a long-playing, 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ RPM Microgroove Monaural disc and will feature an illustrated record jacket with the PMC Band History and notes on the selections on the reverse side.

News of the PMC Band's participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade will appear in the next issue of THE DOME; however, anyone desiring a pass for the official reviewing stand should request same by writing immediately to:

Mr. Harry Hynes, Chairman
St. Patrick's Day Committee
Hotel Astor
Broadway & 44th Street
New York, N. Y. 10036

CLAYTON SPEAKS

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it is the college's responsibility to provide the experience here at PMC."

"No One Seems to Know"

To support this statement, Clayton cited an occurrence at a recent meeting of cadet officers. A company commander stood up and said, "I don't know what I'm supposed to do besides make two formations a day. The tactical officer never comes around, and no one seems to know what a company commander is supposed to do."

On the subject of on-campus restriction, Clayton readily admitted that, "there is no way of keeping cadets here on weekends, save putting up a ten foot high fence completely encircling the campus. There are too many exits, and few cadets have the honor to remain on campus."

Opposes Class Segregation

Asked to comment on the lack of basic discipline throughout the entire rank structure, Clayton attributed the problem to the segregation of classes. He indicated that discipline is based upon respect which is best bred only when all classes live together, causing both extremes to assume their proper roles in the community.

Emphasizes Cultural Activity

The campus leader was then asked for his opinion of the academic picture as it presently exists, in the light of his past experience. Admitting to improvement, he said, "The academics at PMC have improved greatly. This is to the students' benefit. However, there isn't any interest in academic achievement outside of the minimum. I think that cadets have to realize that when they graduate they will be competing against students from other colleges where the undergraduates strive for academic excellence. The lack of an intellectual atmosphere is entirely the fault of the student body. The students must learn that a BA or BS is almost obsolete. Every student must endeavor to learn much more than the minimum." Then, in an effort to further pinpoint one aspect of the intellectual block which exists on the PMC campus, he added that, "To promote greater knowledge students should participate more in cultural affairs, and if they find these inadequate, they should request other types of affairs. I feel that the ad-

NDE LOANS

All students who will be in need of a National Defense Education Act Loan for the next college year (1965-66) must obtain and complete the Parents' Confidential Statement and the NDEA application forms.

These forms may be obtained from Mr. Huntsinger's office in the Admissions Office before Easter and the completed forms should be returned after that furlough.

The questionnaires are necessary for both old and new borrowers of National Government Loan money. They must be completed now, as next summer and fall will be too late.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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opportunity program — the most fundamental 'reform' program undertaken by government since the 1930's."

In conclusion the governor stated that it is now possible to have both a "wise and frugal government" and a government which could "act" in the "joint resourcefulness and responsibility of all levels of government, in full co-operation with a vital and interested citizenry."

Axilrod to Speak

Last Tuesday night, March 9, Dr. William W. Hagerty, President of Drexel Institute of Technology spoke to the student body in Alumni Auditorium.

On March 18, Dr. Eric Axilrod, Professor of Economics at PMC, will lecture in the Alumni Auditorium at 1:00 P.M. The following day, an exhibit of paintings by John McCoy and Froelich Weymouth will open in the lobby of Alumni Auditorium. Paintings by Theda Evans will be displayed in MacMorland Center at the same time.

Shang bronzes

Last week, certain classes of Professor William Rolofson were enriched by a display of Shang dynasty bronzes which were made avail-



Kheuh (sacrificial wine vessel) and Kui (grain vessel) from the Shang dynasty of China (1766-1123 B.C.).

able by Cadet Lt. C. Swain Fennimore. These pieces, which were uncovered only recently, have contributed much to the knowledge of this era, which is over 3500 years old. Previously, much of the dynasty was treated as myth. The two artifacts pictured in this article are a *khueh* which is a sacrificial wine vessel and a *kui* or grain vessel. Both were found in recently excavated tombs.

ministration and the faculty are doing their best to help the students in this matter."

Military Deserves More Respect

Finally Clayton was asked that question which seems to be in some part of every campus conversation when the Cadet Corps is the central

REP. MERV HARRIS

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in the Senate. Mr. Harris said that most of these bills are now in committee and that none are very urgent.

Appropriations for Colleges

The reapportionment and bus bills are thought by Mr. Harris to be the sticky issues of this session. He also feels that there will be a fight over the appropriations for various state educational institutions. The large universities are in for a great deal of



J. MERVYN HARRIS

criticism because it is felt that the smaller state colleges should receive more money, instead of increasing the already large sums going to the wealthy universities.

Mr. Harris has been appointed to the committee concerned with a study of third class cities, which includes the City of Chester. He said that the Greater Chester Movement is being watched and supported in Harrisburg.

Co-sponsored Three Bills

Since the legislature opened this year, Mr. Harris has co-sponsored three bills. The first was a repeal of Act 299, which concerns school district reorganization. An amendment to Public Law 549, concerning post-secondary school work, was the second bill he co-sponsored. In this bill it was recommended that the state's student-loan program include college freshmen. The third bill Mr. Harris co-sponsored requested \$38,000 for the regular operating expenses of the Williamson Free Trade School. He also said that to his knowledge nothing constructive has been accomplished on the problem of taxes on text books.

On the question of area politics, Mr. Harris thinks that there will be an increase in co-operation between Philadelphia Democrats, and Republicans from Delaware and Montgomery counties. This co-operation results in non-partisan support of such projects as the control of air and stream pollution. However, he does feel that there remains a strong split between the city and rural legislators, and that the Democratic and Republican factions will continue to work against each other on major issues.

topic. Asked if he felt a need existed for a military college in this country, Clayton stated, "To a certain degree, yes. There is little basic respect among Americans for a regimented military system. That is one reason why the Corps might have some difficulty preserving itself. In Britain and continental Europe there is a great respect for military officers. Not in this country. There should be as much respect for the military as there is for doctors and lawyers. But there isn't. When this country shows the military the respect it deserves, than a military college will have a greater place in our society."

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

RANGERS ON MANEUVERS

Under the leadership of Capt. Douglas Detlie, Cadets Charles Bracken, Jeff Dreves, Dennis Isom, and Glen Dennis participated in a tactical bivouac held at Norwich Military Academy on the weekend of 26-28 February. Described as "wonderful" by Captain Detlie, the exercise was conducted in thirty inches of snow with temperatures ranging as low as fifteen degrees below zero. Cross country navigation was impossible without snow shoes.

Those involved gained valuable experience in the building of hasty shelters, cross country navigation, and survival under extreme weather conditions.

In return, PMC has invited Norwich to take part in training exercises to take place here on 16 April.

It is hoped that this tactical bivouac will become an annual affair with more PMC Cadets participating with Norwich Cadets for joint field operations.

SIGNAL CLUB

The Signal Club is still desirous of receiving additional membership. Any cadets interested in learning more about the Signal Corps and how it operates are urged to contact Captain Caddigan or Cadet Captain Nicholls for details.

REENACTMENT OF BATTLE

The PMC ROTC Detachment officers commanded by Lt. Col. Henry G. Phillips and five Senior ROTC Cadets will visit Indiantown Gap Military Reservation on 14 March, 1965, at the invitation of Major General Thomas R. White, Adjutant General of the Pa. National Guard's 28th Division.

The 28th Division will conduct a Map Exercise reenacting one of the famous World War II tank battles between Russia and Germany, which took place on Russian territory. This is an exercise in which a series of related situations are stated and which teach staff techniques and troop leading procedures.

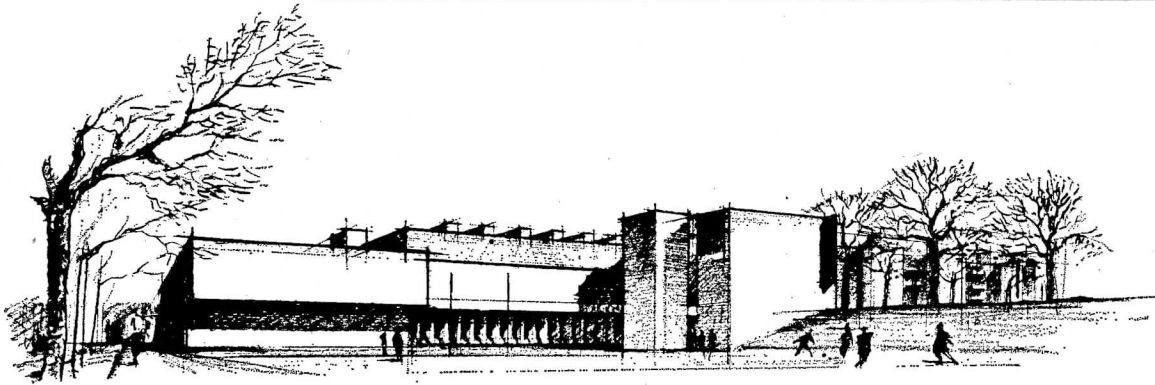
Personnel from PMC who will receive a briefing and observe this exercise are Lt. Col. Phillips, Captain Wallace R. Philbrook, Captain Douglas S. Detlie, Captain James L. Caddigan, Jr., Cadet Michael D. Desko, Jr., Cadet Robert A. Clifford, Cadet Robert S. Heiser, Cadet Curtis W. Lafey, Jr., and Cadet Jack T. Wilson.

INTELLIGENCE BRANCH

ASSIGNMENTS

Professor Prather (Major USAR) presented the Intelligence Branch Insignia to eight of PMC's Senior ROTC Cadets on 25 Feb. '65. Those cadets who will be commissioned in the U. S. Army in June '65, in the Intelligence Branch, are Cadets Barbieri, Carlip, Deile, Laputka, Moller, Nicholls, Pucci and Ward. All except one will attend the Infantry Basic Officers Orientation Course at Ft. Benning, Ga. prior to receiving specialized intelligence training at Ft. Holabird, Md. Cadet Nicholls has been selected for the Intelligence Corps under the regular army program but will spend two years with the Signal Corps prior to intelligence training.

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PROPOSED PMC PHYSICAL EDUCATION BLDG.
VINCENT G. KLING AND ASSOC. ARCHITECTS.

The Alumni Association Fund Drive of 1965 is one of unparalleled scope and striking innovation. Participation is the key word in the drive. Although the Association is striving for upwards of \$50,000, the objective of this year's campaign is directed more toward participation of the alumni than the collection of a set amount of money. Many organizations, such as the Ford Foundation, rate the strength of alumni support as one of the highest criteria for consideration in their special gifts programs. Many corporations have a policy of matching the gifts of their employees, making the original contributions twice as powerful—or as the Alumni Association puts it, "2 + 2 = 4."

Proposed Gymnasium

In his President's Day speech, January 7, Dr. Moll stated that, "PMC does need greater unrestricted income and will seek it, but the answer to the college's financial future and educational future does not lie in spending this money on regular operations.

"Unrestricted money ought to go principally toward scholarships, experimental programs, research projects, cultural programs, library expansion, etc. . . ."

Robert Pierpont, '54, adds that, "PMC needs a large proportion of its alumni making a regular annual contribution if it is to achieve its goal of being an independent college of outstanding reputation. The gifts can be looked at as votes of confidence for the trustees, faculty, and staff as they build facilities, endowment, and the other requirements for the future. Each alumnus who gives, profits from the growing reputation of the college."

Among the things envisioned in future expansion is a proposed one-and-a-half million dollar gymnasium. It is hoped that the drive will get the new gymnasium "out of the planning stage and into the bricks and mortar stage." As Mr. George Hansell, Director of Athletics, pointed out, "Our present facilities are vastly outmoded. The Armory was built in 1919 for a

Bob Jaggard, '51, receives another list of alumni from Art Littman.



Alumni "Fundathon" A Promising Start

By Brian Kates

student body of 150. Then only three major sports were offered. Today we have a student body of 1150 and must provide facilities for eleven sports, yet we are still using the same building!"

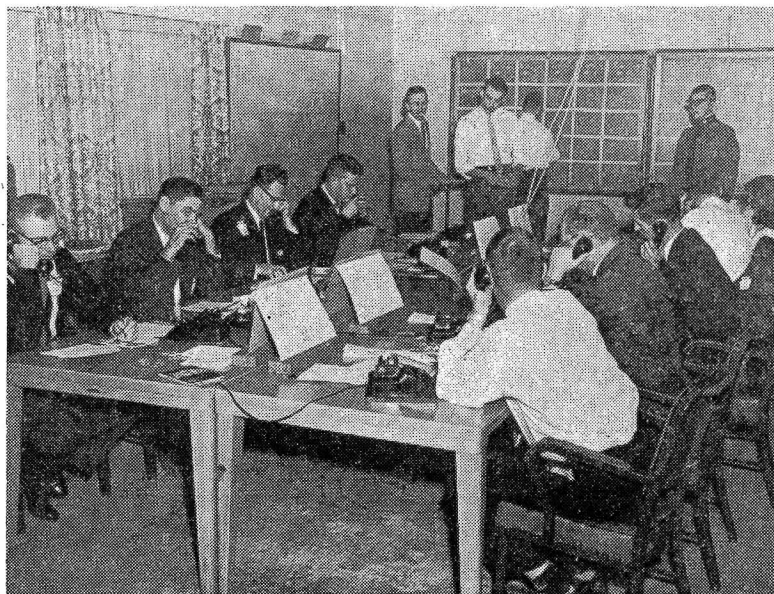
Squash Courts Planned

Although the plan has not been presented to the Board of Trustees, and therefore nothing can be stated definitely, the proposed plan now includes: (1) a gymnasium built on two levels incorporating a basketball court with seating for 2,000 people, a wrestling room, training and equipment rooms, locker rooms for home

Room of the Alumni Auditorium. Ten telephones (so called Hot Lines) were placed on a long table in the center of the room. In front of each phone was a fact sheet that the workers could use in answering any miscellaneous questions that might arise about the present state of the college, its admissions policy, scholarship programs, expansion plans, and other related data.

Fast-Moving Efficiency

Volunteer alumni worked three nights a week for a month soliciting contributions from other graduates



Manning the communications center at its high point of activity are left to right: Bob Jaggard, Dave Thomas, Bob Johnson, Ed Sthal, Maj. Donahue, Bob Pierpont, Art Littman (back to camera).

and visiting teams, and two class rooms; (2) a regulation size swimming pool with seating for about 250 spectators; and (3) squash and handball courts. Naturally, the alumni know that they can not possibly raise the amount of money required for such a large scale operation, but it is hoped that the drive will start the ball rolling so that with aid from other sources the project can be realized in a few years.

Fundathon Initiated to Meet Challenge

In order to contact as many potential contributors as possible, the Fundathon—a mass telephone campaign—was instituted. Although the Fundathon idea is new on the PMC campus, it has been employed successfully at other institutions such as the University of Toronto, Brown University, and Colgate University.

Activities were carried out in the Robert T. Tumbleston Memorial

Thirteen Percent Increase

"We've got our hearts set on a much-needed new gym, library facilities, and a lot more—so how much can we count on you for, Ted? Twenty-five? Great. Thanks a lot. You'll be hearing from us soon. OK, good night." After completing a call, the donor's name and the amount of his contribution was recorded on a special form and filed for later reference. A tally of the amount of money collected by each worker was kept on a blackboard at the rear of the room. A friendly rivalry was soon established among the participants. As a result, operations accelerated to a fever pitch so that the dignified Tumbleston Room soon looked like the headquarters of a fast-moving bookie.

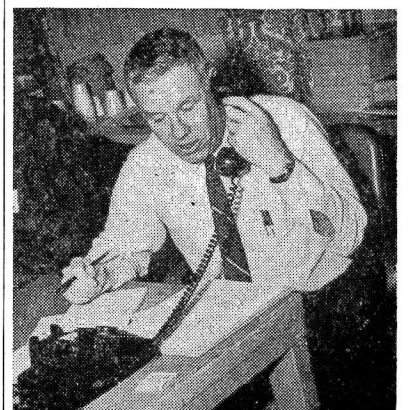
While the average contribution was only in the ten to fifteen dollar bracket, the percentage of participation (the actual goal of the drive) rose from the thirteen percent of previous years to approximately twenty-five percent—which, incidentally, is two percent higher than the national average of alumni participation at other schools.

Littman Optimistic

When asked if he thought the \$50,000 goal would be reached, Mr. Arthur Littman, Executive Secretary of the Alumni Association and supervisor of the drive, stated that "I think we can safely say that we will. We are very optimistic. This calling people direct seems to make them more willing to make contributions. We haven't got a total of all contributions as yet, but to give you an indication of how it's going—we have received more than \$1500 from the class of 1960 alone. Ninety-one percent of the class contributed. Volunteer workers cut our expenses down to something like \$2,000 for everything—this includes installation of the phones, the cost of publishing the pamphlets we sent out to graduates, and other incidentals."

The Fundathon was an outstanding success and a tribute to the planning and ingenuity of Arthur Littman, Alumni Executive Secretary; James B. Finnie and Robert B. Jaggard, Co-Chairmen; and Robert Pierpont, Director of Development.

\$25 on Athletics! Jim Finnie, '49, takes a good bet.



living in all parts of the country. Over 4800 graduates were contacted. Goodwill being a very integral part of the campaign, the conversations were handled on a friendly, first name basis and a 'teleworker' often engaged in small talk before getting to the point of his call. A typical phone call went something like this: "Hello, Ted? This is Bob Jaggard. I'm down here at the PMC Alumni Auditorium for the Alumni Association Fund Drive. This year we're trying something new. We call it a Fundathon. There are ten of us here making phone calls to alumni in all parts of the country. The idea is to get as many contributions as we can no matter how small. Now, don't get me wrong, we're still interested in your contributing as much as the budget will permit, but participation is the main thing. That's what industry is looking for.

THANK YOU

Believing that it is never too late to express appreciation, we thank the ladies in the College Bookstore who brought paper shopping bags from their homes at the beginning of the semester and gave them to students struggling with stacks of newly-purchased books.

We apologize for letting the matter temporarily slip our minds and we assure you that your kindness and consideration was neither unnoticed, nor forgotten.

HAIKU IV

The snows came and
it was too late
to call back the words
I never meant.

Is life a memory
of lilacs
and dreams and things
that quickly pass?

Wise men and children
do not know
that love is a promise
only once.

All tomorrow's blossoms
wither on the earth,
but Hope will not relent.

— Thanh Tuyen

POURQUOI?

*Je me demande souvent
pourquoi quelque gens
frappent a la peau noire
sans cesser apercevoir
que tous les os sont blancs*

— C. C.

The Student
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Articles, announcements and letters to the editor may be deposited at the Post Office. This material should be typewritten, double-spaced, and signed.

“ . . . When Character is Lost . . . ”



“Jack and Jill” Anyone?

It has always seemed strange to us that there should be a proscription against *Playboy* and other related magazines in the College Bookstore. It might be instructive (and probably amusing) to know why. Presumably it has something to do with suggestible young minds, but this really doesn't make a great deal of sense in light of the magazines that are sold. We are not pushing *Playboy*, but are merely suggesting that *Reader's Digest* and the splendid assortment of hot-rod magazines seem somewhat misplaced in an institution with academic pretensions. Certainly this trash is no less corrupting than the “skin” magazines. Mindful of the pitfalls of generalization, we nevertheless suggest that the selection of reading matter — books and magazines — in the College Bookstore must be among the lousiest (*Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary*, p. 105) of any college bookstore in the nation.

Shortcomings of Cadet Corps

Just a couple of weeks ago, the Commandant's staff published a list of promotions in rank for a great number of cadets. Some of these promotions were legitimate and deserved. However, it was apparent from the extremely long list that a good deal of promotions were made simply for the sake of selling more stripes and pips. It would seem that it is now a rather dubious distinction to be an officer in the Corps of Cadets. Rather it would seem an honor and a privilege to be a senior private, for they are a vanishing breed.

One of the new positions created was the Academic Officer. His job will be to help cadets raise their averages by keeping an eye on their academic progress and, when necessary, by obtaining a tutor for them in a subject with which they are having difficulty. This sounds fine, but it probably won't work. It is about time that somebody admitted that there are many students in this college who don't belong in college.

A plea was also made by the Commandant for the Corps to be more vigilant in policing itself. Each individual has been asked to be more careful in watching his own behavior. In order to help you police yourself, they have appointed three SS officers. It will be their primary function to bar hop. In doing this they will attempt to apprehend delinquent cadets. It will save the Commandant's staff a considerable amount of time and trouble. Now the officers won't have to spend half their precious free time in bars, ostensibly on the lookout for wayward cadets. Now, it will be the job of the SS to soak up culture and scotch in our local establishments. But who is going to check up on the SS?

The existing double standard, and the ignoring of the “reg” book to suit their purpose, has given the Commandant's staff a well deserved bad name. A double standard exists as pertains to the loss of rank for failure to receive a 2.00 average. The switch that took place between the Brigade and 1st Battalion Commanders was absurd and illogical.

One can receive an SPO for throwing a firecracker, but not for shooting someone in the eye with a BB gun. Four cadets did get dismissed or suspended for drinking or introducing alcohol onto the campus, but one other didn't. The “reg” book unequivocally states that a cadet will be dismissed from the college for stealing, but two were not.

The Commandant and his staff seem worried about low morale and almost total indifference on the part of the Corps of Cadets. Perhaps they should examine their own laundry before indicting the cadets. It is the supreme irony that the people most concerned with the fate of the Corps of Cadets, are doing the least to foster its preservation.

But Who Helps Whom?

This appeared in the *Delaware County Daily Times*, (February 27, 1965).

Recently in the “Letters to the Editor” columns of this newspaper there have been some complaints by citizens that PMC, in its expansion, is removing “too much land” from the tax rolls.

True, educational institutions are not taxed (although PMC will be making a contribution in lieu of taxes to the city).

In the simplest terms, a rejuvenated PMC will give Chester an identity — something to talk about, to point to with pride, and to cite as a symbol of the rebirth of a city.

In the practical sense, any city is far more attractive to industry (which means jobs) when that city has an institution which, through night classes, caters to the needs of the community, as PMC does.

Also in the practical sense, education is an industry of its own in terms of payrolls and purchases, turning many dollars (to turn over many times) into the blood stream of a city's commerce.

But there is more than the practical sense.

When the new campus is complete, it is inconceivable that any Chester resident could walk past it without feeling pride in the focal point of his city.

And there is more than a matter of physical beauty.

Recall a while back, when the trustees of PMC pondered whether to undertake their vast expansion program in a city which then was dying — or to make a fresh start in some spot of soul-inspiring scenic beauty in suburbia.

Now, many an institution would have made such a decision purely on a selfish basis — and pulled out of Chester.

But PMC, in contrast to many an institution with purely a “me first” philosophy, decided to practice what was taught in its classrooms — the concept of civic responsibility.

Instead of pulling out of a decaying-city, PMC's trustees thought deeply and decided that the responsible course was not to run away but to stay, and put its own considerable strength to the task of making Chester a worthy surrounding for a worthy institution.

Back when Chester needed a friend, and had few, PMC was among the first to shout “we don't have to be a dying city” to Chester.

Chester today is starting to rise — and in no small measure is it because the seed of faith was planted yesterday by Pennsylvania Military College.

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Letters to the Editor

Attitudes Questioned

Sir:
 May I recommend that the enclosed editorial from the Daily Times, 27 February, might be usefully reprinted in THE DOME. This article and highly favorable comments of two young officers, PMC '64, who recently revisited PMC, regarding the reputation of the College abroad, are in striking contrast to the disparagement of it that I often hear on the campus. I suppose that it is another instance of not being able to see the woods for the trees, but the students of the College need to be reminded that its climb to the pinnacle or worthy reputation is perceptible to outsiders and undoubtedly will be to the students when finally they can stand off and look back at PMC more objectively. That certain students need this type of reminder constantly is evident by the four-letter words still found etched on the seats of Alumni Auditorium and the classrooms, or by the cigarettes ground into our newer tile floors. One sometimes wonders whether the Administration can build up this institution as fast as this type of student would tear it down by careless act or thoughtless talk. However, the Times editorial and the hopeful comments from those who have been away for a bit are encouraging.

Incidentally, I might add that the new face of THE DOME since your tenure is as good evidence as can be found of general PMC improvement noted in my three years here. I understand that there are various intercollegiate competitions in the journalism field and I hope that you have entered THE DOME in such.

Sincerely,
HENRY G. PHILLIPS
 Lt. Colonel, Infantry
 Professor of Military Science
 (See editorial reprinted from *Delaware County Daily Times*. Ed.)

Delete "Military"

Sir:
 Please consider this a petition to the students of our institution to remove the word "Military" from our college name. The military system is no longer present here, so why not do away with the premise.

In the long and proud past has there ever been the inconsistency, hesitancy, and lack of plain military discipline in both the Corps and the administration?

The biggest amusement in the Corps is our regulation book, a year ago rated by the administration as the best ever. It sounds excellent on paper, but since everyone in both the administration and the Corps circumvents it, why not throw it away? A cadet can be dismissed for stealing, yet two stole and are still among us. Cadets are given tours or demerits which are cut or deleted because they are on athletic teams. Cadets deserving Special Punishment Orders are given two week restrictions, and then they become waiters or join athletic teams to avoid their minor punishment.

Again the regulation book becomes an utter joke as the administration bends over backwards in its partiality and favoritism for a particular cadet officer concerned with the regulation of reduction because of academic average.

This entire year the administration has apparently only been consistent in one of their decisions—the expelling of drinkers, whether they be senior or freshman. For this consistency I applaud the administration, but I can-

not help wondering how much of that consistency was really bias. I wonder, would they expell the Brigade Commander for drinking?

The lack of discipline and academic proficiency seems to be a problem that the administration has tackled interestingly, with the addition of a new rank to the Corps—the academic officer. Apparently the Assistant Executive Officer is overburdened and needs assistance in his duties. But then this new position leaves all sorts of problems. What does he do? Where does he march? Who does he lead? Shall we have crossed pencils for stripes? Of course he could enforce quiet and orderly conduct during quiet hours—that might be unusual. Then there is the question: If there are four lieutenants and one private, who does the private obey? Anybody? Or nobody? Why not make everybody an honorary officer? That would certainly help bring up the standards of the Corps.

But I have gotten away from my point: The doing away with the "M" in PMC. Obviously the inconsistency, hesitancy, and lack of spirit and discipline show well what kind of Corps we have. With the integration of day students, day boarding students, and women students, and with the reduction in number of our Corps, why not give the Corps its *coup de grace* and let it go down in history books as the great Corps it once was. Offer ROTC to all qualified students in a new civilian college. The military is obviously on its way out.

Give the college a chance to grow and give the Corps a decent burial.

Alan K. Packman
 Class of 1965

Reproaching the Defeatist

Sir:
 Briga-a-ade tenns-hut! Pass in review! For three years I have listened to these words echo across the drill field of PMC. I have heard them come from the lips of three Brigade Commanders and each successive one seems to be calling to his predecessor. It is though he were calling to the Corps which has gone and is waiting for an image of it to pass in review. There has been a change which I have witnessed, one which I hesitate to call a degeneration, but which nonetheless is a far cry from what I once knew to be a Corps.

Before I give the impression of writing an obituary, let me say that this is not my purpose. I am not one who believes that the Corps is dead, nor do I believe that it is dying, but I do think that its foundations have weakened. We should be brought to realize that any weakness of the Corps is a reflection of a bigger weakness in our character.

Too many have said, "The Corps is a joke." The negative attitude, "I hate this place" has become the positive, defeatist outlook toward military life. I often hear the "old men" boast that the military was once strong here. Yet, these men are the same ones to moan and groan when we must stand a Commandant's inspection, or prepare for company competition, clean rifles and the like. Such reactions lead me to believe that they are nothing but hypocrites. What exactly is your idea of a military school?

A major complaint I hear concerns mandatory formations. Why do we march? Why take checks? Again I ask, what exactly do you expect in a military school? Is it not the purpose of the military to teach obedience and

enforce discipline? Of course the Army won't be like this, they claim. Gentlemen, if you think along these lines then you are living in a dream and are not a man who still believes in the Corps.

Changes from the administration haven't helped matters, I must admit. The major one I refer to is the policy toward Rooks. I disagree with this soft treatment myself but the fact remains that this situation exists, from higher headquarters as it were, and we must accept it in that light. We cannot determine what rules will affect the Corps; however, we can determine how they affect it. In the past I can well recall how standards were set so high by upperclassmen that Rooks saw no hope of ever achieving the degree of sharpness and precision of these men. Look around and see if the Rooks do not carry the Corps today. They are the most criticized, as indeed they should be, but the paradox is that we who criticize are in critical shape ourselves! Leadership must come from the top or the men in those positions fail to do their job. Do we have the leaders there? I think so. What we do not have is confidence in them or faith in the system.

What can be done? I can only approach you, the Corps, for a solution. I can ask you to renew the strength of your former convictions—and you had them once, when you came here. Realize where the fault lies and act! If I may quote former President Hoover: "Words without actions are the assassins of idealism."

Bill Symolon
 Class of 1966

Manzini Appalled

Sir:
 "Do you forswear allegiance to your former Country, and pledge allegiance to the United States of America, so help you God?"—"I do."

This is the solemn oath taken by a person about to become a citizen of the United States. The new citizen is to receive all benefits of citizenship, but he is also to bear its responsibilities; he is expected to use his energy, know-how, and enthusiasm for the benefit of his new country.

Yet how many take this oath seriously?

Recently, on the second page of the local newspaper, there was a huge picture with the following caption: "Chester Mayor James H. Gorbey holds American Flag and very Rev. Omelan Mycyk, Pastor of St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Chester, holds Ukrainian flag at ceremonies Friday, marking the 47th anniversary of Ukrainian Independence Day. The Ukraine, independent from 1918 to 1920, is now part of the Soviet Union." The picture was embellished by girls in native Ukrainian costumes.

The absurdity of all this is appalling and, unfortunately, it is not the

only manifestation of its kind in the United States. In Chester we find a "Polish-American Club" and a club for "Americans of Russian Descent." All over the United States we find "Polish-American" clubs, "Irish-American" associations, and not very far from Chester we are faced with a chapter of the "Order of Sons of Italy." And these are just a few examples. Why does all of this have to be necessary?

How can a person be loyal to his country of origin and the United States at the same time? Why should people concentrate in a "Little Italy" or a "Little Poland?" This is an insult to the nation that has adopted them. Moreover, such practices are dangerous because they prevent that particular group from being assimilated. It is even worse when organizations are formed. In effect, such "clubs" announce to the world that its members are officially Americans, but in their hearts they are Irish, Polish or Ukrainians. How can these people expect their children to love their country if they tell them that they are Irish first and Americans second?

These people cannot even justify the existence of these organizations on cultural grounds. America does not need to be reminded that it is made up of a conglomeration of peoples. If a new citizen wants to contribute a share of his old culture, so much the better, but by the same token, he has an obligation to accept the values and culture of the country of his adoption. We need a citizen who believes in this Nation heart and soul, and not an opportunist who perjures himself for economic gain.

It is time to make up our minds on what we want to be: should we be Irish, Italians, Ukrainians, or just plain Americans?

Andrew Manzini

(Mr. Manzini is a political science major about to graduate from PMC. He is also chairman of the International Relations Club—Ed.)

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The prospects for PMC in basketball next year are very bright. This year's disastrous season is over and done with, and I think that there are many who would like to forget it entirely. So let us look to the future.

The PMC cagers will lose only one man, Bud Downey, and it goes without saying that he will be hard to replace. His task of piloting the team in the backcourt did not come easy this year. However, in 19 games he scored a total of 218 points for an 11.5 average per game. Bud started hitting towards the end of the season and finished second to Soph Ron Arbogast who had 236 points for a 12.4 average. The team suffered a loss when Dick Cartwright became ineligible at mid-season. Dick had a 12.1 average going for him when he had to drop out.

The leading rebounder on the squad this year was hefty Bob Konzleemann who averaged 10.3 rebounds per game. In addition to this, Konzleemann set all four of the single game records for play this year. He netted a total of 30 points against Eastern Baptist going 12-14 from the floor and 6-9 from the foul line. In the Quantico Tourney against Franklin University, Bob pulled down 19 rebounds.

Looking at the picture for 1965-66, the players on this year's Frosh team suddenly become the central figures. The Frosh started slowly winning only four out of their first nine games. Then the team came alive and won six out of seven, finishing the season with a credible 10-6 record. Two of the team's top players, Schicora and Mezarous, were lost due to ineligibility. The big one-two scoring punch was then taken up by Browne and Nobel, which made for a fine winning season.

MAC Championships

Three members of the PMC wrestling team travelled to Gettysburg College this past weekend to participate

in the MAC Championships. All three met defeat in the first round. John Jackson, who had a season record of 7-1-1, lost on a 7-3 decision to his opponent from Lycoming. John Benner, who did not start wrestling until mid-season, also lost to a Lycoming opponent in a 4-1 decision. The third representative from PMC, Bill Thurstin, was pinned late in the first period by a Gettysburg grappler.

In another section of the state, two members of the PMC swim team were competing at Elizabethtown in the MAC's.

Captain Tom Whitesell, who had ten first places during the season, placed seventh in the 200 Backstroke and eighth in the 100 Backstroke. His

teammate, Harry Lutz, brought home the only medal with a sixth place in the 200 Butterfly. In addition to this standard, Lutz, also holds the PMC 200 Breaststroke record and is a member of the record-setting 400 Medley Relay team.

Intramural Basketball

(Each issue, a portion of this page will be devoted to one of the intramural teams that are competing this winter in Basketball.)

Over the years the HQ basketball team has lacked the imponderable factor for victory-balance. This year, the HQ cagers have done well to set the pace for the PMC Intramural League with a 6-5 record.

Bill Phillips, "The Spirit of Schnecksville," has led the team in total points and has been the hot shooter for HQ. He is equally use-

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return to the U. S.

After arrival in Oslo, participants may attend Summer School or proceed on the tour taking advantage of the stop-overs as they wish.

Fee for these trips are \$965 including Summer School which also includes tuition, room, board and excursion fees, or \$589 for air transport through Europe not including personal expenses.

ful under the boards, teaming up with Ed Scheib and Gene Stahl, and as play-maker, accented by his deadly jump shot from outside the circle. Max Gayer and Mike McCloy have worked the ball well as backcourt men and are the necessary elements in the aggressive defense.

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