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Tiny Mann's orchestra at the Starlite Ball.

Starlite Ball Was A Twisting Success

By THOMAS BECKER

Tiny Mann and his orchestra and 200 swiveling hips combined to make the Starlite Ball a twisting success. In what turned out to be an endurance contest Geraldine O'Neal (BT) and her escort, Jerry Wilson, were picked by judges Mr. Sweet, Mr. Nigro, Miss Petrone and Mr. Porreca as the winners of the student dance contest. Their prize winning twist won them a handsome trophy. Professor Spiridon and Mrs. Myhre won the Faculty-Alumni Dance contest. Their smooth lindy proved to be the best on the floor.

Garnished Whale

Each couple received a corsage and a toy whale garnished with a small SICC pennant. The ball was held at the Tavern-on-the-Green on Staten Island, May 11. A delicious buffet, consisting of turkey, ham, various salads and all

the trimmings was served at midnight.

Some of the candidates for Student Association offices introduced themselves so that the students present could get acquainted with their future spokesmen.

Wellwarth Speaks On 'Pataphysics

By THOMAS BECKER

"It sounds insane but it is serious" was Dr. George Wellwarth's explanation of 'Pataphysics. Speaking on the topic "French avant-garde Drama" before the Language Club, Dr. Wellwarth offered these definitions of 'Pataphysics for digestion: "Pataphysics is the science of logical illogicalities reluctantly presented." Or, "Pataphysics is the science which seeks solutions to problems which are better left unsolved." He said that 'Pataphysics is a movement bound up with avant-garde drama. It was created by Alfred Jarry, an avant-garde dramatist. The major premise of 'Pataphysics is that life is absurd, therefore it shouldn't be taken too seriously. To remain sane you must act insane.

Dr. Wellwarth said he plans to attend the college of 'Pataphysics this summer. He mentioned a few of the courses offered: Crocodilology; Erotics and Pornosophy; and Spoonerism.

Vicious World

The avant-garde dramatist believes the world to be vicious and ridiculous, Dr. Wellwarth said. Gent and Ionesco both agreed that life is pointless. "A human being is an atom helplessly placed in an inexplicable but vicious void." All thought is pointless and circular.

Human beings are physically and mentally lamed.

Beckett Well Known

Perhaps the best known avant-garde dramatist in the U. S. is Samuel Beckett. Beckett's pessimism is evident throughout his plays and novels, Professor Wellwarth stated. Beckett felt that philosophical and logical thought reveals nothing. Ultimate truth is non-existent. Beckett complained, Dr. Wellwarth said, that people are "ignorant apes" when they believe

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Grad Class To Hear Screvane

Deputy Mayor Paul Screvane will be the guest speaker at SICC's Commencement exercises on June 11. Mr. Screvane, a possible candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, will address the graduating class at Sailor's Snug Harbor on Staten Island. State Assemblyman Amman will administer the Ephebic Oath.

Professor Williamson, member of the Board of Higher Education, will award diplomas to the graduates. Borough President Albert V. Maniscalco will greet the class. Dr. Gustave Rosenberg, Chairman of the Board of Higher Education, will also be present.

The Commencement exercises, which begin at 10:00 A.M., will be directed by the Grand Marshal, Dr. Krasov. Ms. Trogan of the SICC faculty will play the harpsichord.

Immediately following the exercises a luncheon will be served at the Staaten for the graduating class.

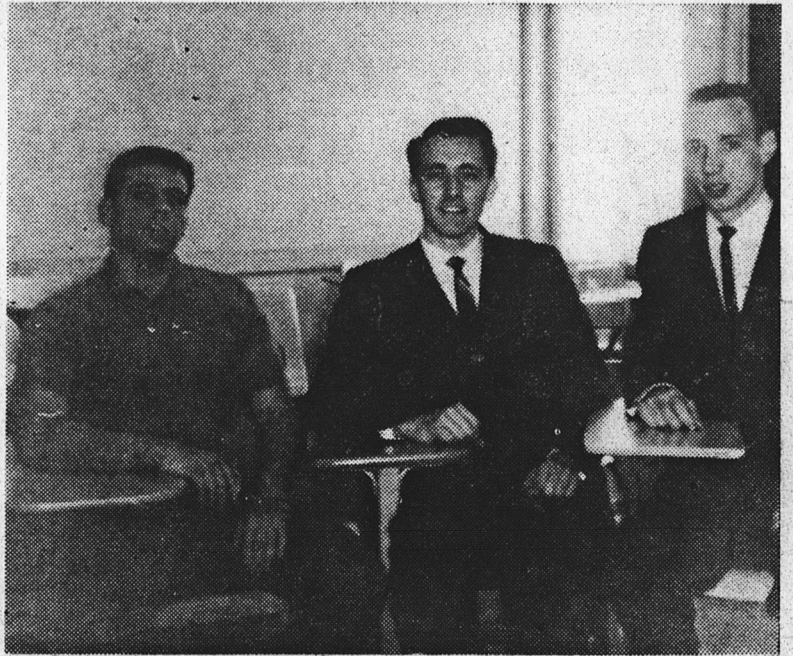
Barnes and Noble On Campus June 1

The Bookstore Manager has announced that arrangements have been completed to bring representatives of Barnes & Noble, Inc. to our Bookstore on Friday, June 1st to afford all students their first opportunity to formally sell used books on campus. Prices offered will be identical to those which students would encounter at the Manhattan headquarters of the firm and will average approximately 35% of the list price (which corresponds to about 40% of the price which students paid for the text at our store).

Students are under no obligation to accept offers which they consider too low but offers are not "negotiable" and will vary with each text, depending upon the market which the title commands among college bookstores. Old editions, badly soiled copies, cribbed language books, and paperback books have very little resale value in general; for this reason offers considerably lower than 35% may be anticipated.

Mr. Boera stressed that students are encouraged to retain for their personal libraries all books which they feel may be useful for reference works in their future studies or careers.

Individual announcements regarding "Operation Buy-Back" will be mailed shortly to all students. Barnes & Noble will be at the Bookstore between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on this one date only - June 1st.



Newly elected SA president Don Desfosse (center) with unsuccessful candidates Harvey Kimelman and Richard Malnati.

Desfosse Elected SA Pres.

Record Vote Cast After Hard-Fought Campaign

By RICHARD CAFFREY

The student body chose its new leaders in the elections held on Friday, May 18th. A record of 371 ballots was cast after a hotly contested campaign and it was nip and tuck all the way down to the wire in the smoke filled room where the ballots were being tallied. After the final ballot had been counted the results showed Donald Desfosse (PE-LS) elected Student Association President; Zdzislaw P. Wesolowski (BT-LS) S.A. Vice-President; Pat Benn (LA-UF) S.A. Treasurer and Marilyn Ryan (LA-UF) S.A. Secretary. Those Senators elected to represent their respective departments were:

Anglo Budah (LA-NF), John Clark (ET-LF), John Daken (MT-UF), John Kee (ET-LF), Hollis Gramovot (LA-UF), Annette Laghezza (BT-UF), Carol Logan (BT-UF), Robert Negliaccio (BT-UF), Geraldine O'Neal (BT-UF), Doreen Simpson (LA-UF).

3 Eyed Top Spot

The election climaxed a week of vivid campaigning on the part of all candidates. Two political parties were on the ballot, the Progressive Party and the United

Students Party, as well as several independent candidates. The entire college was caught up in the intense campaign which featured posters, floods of throw-aways and close contact ballyhooing.

CISGA Meeting At Grossingers

SA Delegates Go To 3 Day Confab

By RICHARD CAFFREY

On April 8th, 9th and 10th The Council Of Institute Student Government Associations held its 12th annual conference at Grossinger, New York. The theme of this year's conference was "Leadership Through Understanding." Six delegates from the Student Association of Staten Island Community College, accompanied by the Dean of Students attended the three day session.

Leadership Training

Included in the schedule of the conference were group meetings which were chaired by student leaders. At these meetings leadership was evaluated and views were exchanged to enlighten those students participating as to the ways and means of effective leader-

ship. The evening activities included banquets featuring two guest speakers; Dr. Gordon Klopff, Professor of Education of the Teachers College of Columbia University and Mr. Robert Rock, coordinator of the conference. Other

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Heavyweight

In case you haven't noticed, this month's Dolphin is bigger, heavier, and we hope, better. Accordingly we have devoted a large part of this issue to the students' activities in the fields of politics, philosophy, economics, etc. and in general, have tried to emphasize the creative aspects of student life.

If you have any comments regarding the newspaper, (bad ones included) let us know what they are, we'll even print them!

A Good Word

Although student newspapers throughout the country are constantly citing the indifferent and apathetic attitude of the American college student, we feel that this attitude of the American college student can no longer be truly said about SICC.

In the past few months there have been a number of very encouraging signs pointing to an increase in student interest and activity; but nowhere was this more strikingly manifest than in the recent student elections. Here the students and faculty witnessed what has probably been the most hard fought and bitter campaign in the history of the College. Posters and slogans appeared everywhere — on the floors, the walls, the steps, from the ceilings — even inside the ice cream and soda machines! Not to mention the array of flags, the flashing signs, the rallies, and other novel and ingenious devices designed to get the vote.

If the final months of this semester are any indication of what is to be in the future, and we believe they are, then there can be no doubt that SICC has finally come into its own. The long-awaited move has begun.

Our Saviors?

Since the end of World War II has arisen in this country a number of groups and individuals who feel that 'security' must be maintained — even if it is done at the expense of human liberty. Some of these groups have gone so far as to intimate that Democracy is the facade of Communism, while certain prominent scientists have made statements that appear to advocate a garrison state. We are told by them that academic freedom will harm the student, who, after hearing a communist speaker, will become a fellow traveler, communist spy or agent for the Kremlin.

We would like to know just where such things as communism should be discussed? — especially in the light of the fact that those capable of countering and explaining these arguments are to be found in college.

We feel that the ideas expressed by these groups and individuals, with their near-blind obsession for security, represent the antithesis of a free and healthy society. Dogmatism is not the answer, for, in our opinion, it serves only to confuse the issue and breed suspicion.

Reflecting

This year has been very gratifying for your Student Association. During the year the support for the efforts of the S.A. has been ever increasing, both from the student body and the faculty and administrative staff. The mature manner in which the students accepted S.A. legislation added greatly to the feeling that the S.A. was acting in the interests of the students.

We hope that this support will be in equal evidence for the newly elected Student Association. The vigor with which the candidates campaigned for election firmly attests to their desire to fulfill the obligations of the offices to which you, the students, elected them.

Our sincere appreciation to all students, faculty and administrators who have helped the Student Association to become all it is capable of being.

Richard Caffrey
Student Association
President

Inquiring Reporter

Question asked of married students: — Why did you go to college?

Mrs. Dolores Coppola

A previous interest in certain subjects led me to the life of a college student. I knew that a complete insight into these intriguing courses would be necessary. College has proved to be a remarkable intellectual outlet for self-improvement and for a better appreciation of life.



Mr. Frank O'Connell

First of all, I am going to college because I want to get a good education. Secondly, I think a college degree is absolutely essential in order to earn more money in the future. This would enable me to provide a better standard of living for myself and for my family.



Mrs. Gloria Deppe

The satisfaction of working with children, in addition to my desire to continue my education plus the need for educational expenses for my family led me to college. Teaching, my eventual goal is the most practical career for a woman who must fit her job into the schedule of her children's lives (school hours and vacations).



Mr. Zdzislaw Wesolowski

I have gone to college to become a more useful member of society. Many people have said that money is the prime reason for going to college. I disagree; the accumulation of new knowledge and the more objective analysis of its merits or defects should be cherished much more than future monetary rewards.



Mrs. Helen E. Baker

Being an avid reader, I was always interested in the enlightening aspects of college. However, the needs of my family and the effects of the depression had to be considered. Now that my family has grown up, and since I work nearby at Borough Hall, I have found that the challenging elements of college are irresistible.



Letters to The Editor

A Critical Look

The writer of the following letter, besides being an active student of political science, has spent some time in the Orient, employed as a political analyst for an agency of the United States government.

To the Editor of the Dolphin: I have read with interest the article published in the March 1962 issue of "The Dolphin" reporting the lecture delivered by Dr. Edward Pessen before the Discussion Club, "A Critical Look at American Foreign Policy with Emphasis on Asia."

If the opinions expressed by Dr. Pessen are accurately reported in your newspaper, then I must respectfully disagree with certain points advanced.

Your paper reports that Dr. Pessen stated that 'a reason for our difficulties in Asia is race hatred.' Dr. Pessen is quoted as stating that, 'the white Christian West, including the United States, has maltreated the dark-skinned people for centuries.' If Dr. Pessen is attempting to conclude that the domestic racial problems of the United States are reflected in the Asian opinion of ourselves, I must submit that his conclusion is erroneous. Rather, the yellow-skinned Oriental has an attitude of racial superiority to the white-skinned Caucasian. One need only be familiar with the tenets of the "Greater Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere" and its attendant cliché - "Asia for the Asiatics" - as preached by the

Japanese during World War II. The Japanese themselves, hold as second class citizens the domestic ethnic group known as the "Ainu" and have done so for centuries. The badge of discrimination is their white-skins. While the Oriental may be envious of the luxurious living standards of the 'low class' overseas American G.I. and his access to the finest indigenous services available; nonetheless, the prevailing attitude is one of a superior, intelligent, well-educated, disciplined and courteous civilized Oriental, steeped in centuries of meaningful tradition, to a crude 'nouveau riche' ill-mannered barbarian who has no respect for the traditions, and ways of life of a proud people.

In regard to our China policy, Dr. Pessen is paraphrased as stating that 'the existence of the Republic of China is maintained by U.S. naval forces and that the United States will support any attempt of the regime to overthrow the Chinese People's Republic on the mainland and that this is the only purpose for our support.' Dr. Pessen has apparently overlooked the allegiance and support of the many millions of overseas Chinese located in Singapore, Hong Kong, South Africa, Honolulu and the west coast of the United States. The political influence and financial power of this group cannot be disregarded, particularly in Singapore. As a group, these overseas

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Alumni News

Thoughts On Open House

The College sent personal invitations to all Alumni to come to Open House. These invitations were not extended purely to retain friendly terms with the Alumni. The purpose intended was to re-acquaint the Alumni with the college and give the opportunity to evaluate the progress. Who can evaluate the progress better than an alumnus? When an alumnus asks you — "is there too much emphasis on mental ability — are admission policies tightening or becoming too lax — how are the college teams doing?" tell him to visit the college either at Open House or at any time during the semester. He can see the improved techniques and equipment, interesting variations in the laboratory space and if he visits now, he will see how to run a student government campaign the modern way — with electric signs and mobiles.

From a strictly personal viewpoint as an alumnus, we are proud to have been a student at SICC. Our pride heightens when I hear that our campus queen placed second in the State University of New York Region 1 Campus Queen Contest, a student attending SICC is elected Vice President of CISGA Region 1, some of our Liberal Arts and Sciences graduates have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa and that Jean Romolo '60 is now in the Peace Corps in Peru.

The Alumni Association is proud to note that students now attending SICC, have been able to improve and expand upon the many facets of student life. This has been evident in the development of the Dolphin and the Horizons.

Certainly with the growth of SICC, the Alumni Association will continue to increase the support given to our Alma Mater.

The Officers of the Alumni Association on behalf of the entire Association, wish to congratulate the graduates. We sincerely hope that your future endeavors will be successful and that your interest in the college will continue through participation in the Alumni Association.

To the undergraduates, may the next year be even more stimulating than the last and may you continue to glean the vast intellectual fields at Staten Island Community College.

To the entire staff of faculty, administrative personnel and student body — an enjoyable summer and many thanks for the assistance and interest you have shown toward the Alumni Association this past year.

Vincent Esposito, President
Erneset Rall, Vice President
Adrienne Clark, Secretary
Patricia Ewanizky, Treasurer

Convocation

The Alumni Association will be presenting its annual Alumni Awards to worthy graduates of the Class of 1962. These awards will be given to those students who in the opinion of the department have personified the SICC student in participation in school activities, service to the school and the department and the maintenance of scholarship.

Citations attesting to the qualifications as set forth by the Alumni Association will be presented along with the cash award of 25 silver dollars.

June Meeting of the Alumni Association

The sixth annual general meeting of the Alumni Association will be held on June 22nd, 1962 at 8:00 P.M. The major purpose of this annual June meeting is the ELECTION

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Wellwarth Asks: Where Is Moloch?

On April 5, Dr. George Wellwarth and Dr. Harvey Natanson debated the topic "Has Belief In God Retarded The Progress Of Civilization?" before the Discussion Club. Dr. Wellwarth took the Affirmative and Dr. Natanson the negative.

By THOMAS BRANIFF

Dr. Wellwarth opened the debate by citing man's fear of death and "incomprehensibility of natural processes" as the main cause of religion. "... when man felt unable to stand on his own two feet, (he) ran to someone shrewd enough to make up an explanation for him ... Hence Voltaire's remark; 'Religion began when the first knave met the first fool.' Dr. Wellwarth stated that fear can be eliminated only by being understood and conquered. Religion, he asserted, casts a barely protective shield over it.

Wasted Efforts

Dr. Wellwarth then proceeded to outline the "results of this subservience" as: (a) **Wasted effort in the creation of ephemeral monuments** which, though beautiful and impressive, were built at the expense of life and "under duress to commemorate evil causes."

(b) **The perversion of human nature through the creation of a perverted moral code.** "Religions have produced moral codes only abstractly — and anyone could have done that. The authors of religious moral codes have always ... (made) it clear that the protection of the religion is the highest moral good."

(c) **Through their administrators, religions have consistently resisted the progress of civilization.** Dr. Wellwarth stated that the men who have tried to bring knowledge and truth have always been opposed by the religious administrators because their ideas were against the current vested interests. "Only after resistance was impossible, and after they had killed right and left what they knew perfectly well to be the truth, have the religious hierarchs ever given in and adjusted."

(d) **The misery, death, destruction, and obscene cruelties committed in the name of religion.** Here Dr. Wellwarth mentioned the Inquisition, Crusades, Heresy Wars, sacrifices to Moloch's belly, Joshua, and Huitzilopochtli, and said that these names lead to the argument of universality i.e.; that religion must be true because it is universal to all men at all times. "True, there have always been religions, but where are they now? Where are the truths of Moloch, Quetzalcoatl ... Isis, Ptah, Baal, Astarte, Daon?" and "What of Tammuz,



Dr. George Wellwarth

Morrighu, Odin, Ogma, Marduk, Nebo, Apsu, Zagaga, Engurra, Nusku, Govannon etc. etc? They were all gods of civilized people ... All were omnipotent, omniscient, and immortal. And all are dead." As regards the present religions Dr. Wellwarth had this to say:

"The Judeo-Christian religions which are so accustomed to think of now, are Johnny-come-latelies when compared to these and, alas, are no improvement."

God is a Symbol

In the final part of his opening speech, Dr. Wellwarth stated that God had become merely a symbol to be invoked for material ends, and that whenever anything morally filthy had been done, it was always done in the name of God and country. But the real objection, he said, was that "... religion is an anaesthetic. It impedes—indeed, totally prevents—the free use

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Open House "Successful"

By DOREEN SIMPSON

On May 4, SICC played host to the community. The occasion was our "Open House." President Willig and the faculty expressed the view that this was the most successful "Open House" in the college's history. Members of the community were able to see and understand the workings of the college thanks to the explanatory exhibits and cordial ushers.

The Language and Arts exhibit, held in room 406, included a trip to Paris via a movie film. In addition, there was a display of French, German and Spanish magazines, books and newspapers.

Dr. Garai Colorful

Dr. Garai added color with his display of a private collection of books dealing with Sociology, Psychology and Human Relations. The book exhibit was supplemented by a film that demonstrated the reasons why a person suffers from a nervous breakdown.

Students in the Chemistry laboratory had a series of experiments in operation during open house. They explained them to curious visitors.

Play Is Novel

Perhaps the most novel exhibit was the student reading of "Arsenic and Old Lace." Mr. Simms' speech class read the play and held the audience in complete attention.

The DOLPHIN and Horizons had a display which depicted the various steps necessary for publication.

Natanson Says Belief In God Aids Progress

On April 5, Dr. George Wellwarth and Dr. Harvey Natanson debated the topic "Has Belief In God Retarded The Progress Of Civilization?" before the Discussion Club. Dr. Wellwarth took the Affirmative and Dr. Natanson the negative.

By THOMAS BECKER

"Progress is made by a tiny minority which drags humanity forward," Dr. Harvey Natanson said before a meeting of the Discussion Club. He stated that man is burdened with inertia and mediocrity and that he prefers the status quo because it is easier. Most men believe in God, Dr. Natanson said, and believers in God have retarded civilization. But not because of their belief in God, he contended, but because of the inertia and mediocrity of the mass of humanity. The retardation of civilization—the Crusades, the inquisitions—are not due to a belief in God in general, but are due to a particular belief in God — the idea that one's religion is the true religion.

Belief Helps

Dr. Natanson continued by saying that belief in God has not only not retarded civilization, but has helped it. Man is guided by grim necessities, he said (a need for food and water). Some of the men who have contributed material progress, not abstractions, were believers in God. Moses said to subdue the Earth. Newton and Einstein believed that God is the Creator of inexorable laws. The noblest work of man is to discover these laws. Dr. Natanson said that Einstein rejected Heisenberg's Principle of Indeterminacy because Einstein felt that God "does not play dice with the universe."

Jesus Had Love

"Man has moral purpose or direction," Dr. Natanson declared. He has justice and compassion. These ideals came from the creative minority who believed in God. Jesus was concerned with this world and man's conduct in it. He had compassion and love. The creative minority gives man the necessary moral goals and direction.

A Distinction

There is a distinction, Professor Natanson said, between the great founders of great religions and the hierarchy. The founder organizes old thoughts — he integrates existing ideas. The hierarchy and clergy do pervert the masses, in part, Dr. Natanson stated. They gain from the status quo. But their lot is difficult, Dr. Natanson continued. The clergy has to live with the masses — try to teach them. Therefore, the saying "if the prophet is here, can the priest be far behind?" is, in part, necessary.



Dr. Harvey Natanson

To say progress is non-existent is to mis-read history, Dr. Natanson said. Because we regress at periods (Hitler's Germany) we seem morally and ethically stunted. Yet there is an evolution to religion and morality as there is in biology. To equate old religions with new ones is wrong. If you fight time you fight evolution. "The Crusades were evil and ugly," Professor Natanson said but they were caused, in part, by an authoritarian view of religion — the idea that one's religion is the only true religion and that it must triumph universally.

Dr. Natanson said there is a difference between belief in God and religion. One does not necessarily follow from the other. Abraham Lincoln was a firm believer in God yet belonged to no formal religion.

ROTC For SICC?

ROTC may become available to SICC students. One of the problems attached to such a course would be how to squeeze in the extra credits when the student has his hands full trying to amass up to 72 credits in two years. A possible solution would be to accept ROTC in lieu of an elective, but there has been no decision yet.

Preliminary plans for the new campus at Sunnyside, S.I., are complete and final approval has been obtained. President Willig hopes that site preparation will begin by late summer.

President Willig said that it is probable that SICC will be a four year school. He added that there has as yet, been no decision by the City fathers. The President said that Staten Island is the only borough without a four-year Public college and that it is only logical that there should be one some time in the future.

MY SUMMER RETREAT

*Fields are sweet and green
where I have been—
Hallowed by loving care.
Where mornings meet
with dewy feet
The birch's stately bough.
Summer "is" blooms there
in scented air
Serene beyond compare.
Sotemñ woods watch there
in breathless prayer
The gently swelling land.
Where red lush soil
and honest toil
Yield an ample harvest.
The afternoon breathes
and 'midst the leaves
Awake the dreams of youth.*

D. M. S.

The John Birch Society

Birchers Distort Logic, Promote Hate

The DOLPHIN, in an effort to bring to its readers a better insight into current trends, enlisted the aid of an anti-Bircher and a pro-Bircher. The following article is critical of the John Birch Society. Two columns to your RIGHT is an article in its defense.

By Alan Landau

The basic premise of the John Birch Society and its leader Robert Welch can be summed up in the following passages from **The Blue Book of the John Birch Society.**

"There are three stages of welfarism, socialism and collectivism in general, but communism is the ultimate state of them all."

Old Trap

We have been led into that old trap which states that the welfare state leads to socialism and will inevitably lead to communism. Of course, one important fact seems to be overlooked, and that is that the countries which have fallen to communism have not been the democratic socialist states, but have been Fascist dictatorships. In fact, many economists and historians have stated that the welfare state was one of the prime reasons why capitalism was saved after the depression.

Mr. Welch now takes us one step beyond this point. "The Roman Empire of the West, for instance, started dying from the cancer of collectivism from the time Diocletian imposed on it his New Deal." And then, "... it is perfectly evident in the cases of the very civilizations that we know the most about, that both the Greek and the Roman civilizations did perish from the cancer of collectivism."

Although there was a certain amount of what Mr. Welch calls

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The John Birch Society

J. B.'s Protect U. S.

By Eileen Tobin

Why did the John Birch Society come about? What are its purposes? And how does it accomplish these purposes? These are basic questions which should be asked by anyone who cares to know about the John Birch Society. The answers that follow tell exactly what the John Birch Society is.

Why did the John Birch Society come about? The John Birch Society was organized because there is an internal and external threat to our individual liberties. If there were no threat there would not be a John Birch Society. If this threat to the individual liberties were not real then why would the Communist parties of both the United States and the Soviet Union be concerned with the John Birch Society. The publications of both these parties reveal an explicit attempt to undermine the John Birch Society. "Pravda," a publication of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, January, 1962, carried such an article. Then "The Workers," publication of the Communist Party of the United States of America, followed this line in six

out of seven of its articles.

Purposes Explained

What are the purposes of the John Birch Society? The John Birch Society has two basic aims: one, to remove the threat of communism and two, to recover for the nation less government and more individual responsibility. Now we come to the question of how is the John Birch Society going to accomplish these aims? They are accomplished by education and the dissemination of truth and by support and encouragement of those who in public life are acting in defense of the Constitution, exposing those who are an intricate part of the Communist conspiracy. This is all the John Birch Society is, nothing more and nothing less.

Since we now understand exactly

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Dean Lectures On Reality of Spirits

By DON DESFOSSE

On May 10, 1962 James L. Fitzpatrick, Academic Dean of SICC, spoke to the Newman Club on the topic, "Is the Reality of Spirit Scientific?"

The Dean began with a reflection on the word "maturity" as the time span for making judgements. If a young child sees something he wants, he will reach for it without much deliberation. An older man will stop to think what would be the effect of his having it. The man makes decisions based on a consideration of his future.

Influenced by Secularism

Dean Fitzpatrick said that our present life is influenced by a modern university system which is secular. A Catholic is brought up in terms of eternity. Secular day to day judgements show a degree of immaturity, he said.

In defining the terms of the topic, Dean Fitzpatrick considered science as secular, that is changing from day to day or period to period. The idea of a Spirit comes to us in two ways—by revelation and by reason, the latter being proved by Aristotle. Examples of Spirit can be found in God, Angels and the Soul. A Spirit has certain qualities which include: essence, intelligence, an eternal form of life, ability to pass through material objects, and no mass or weight.

Fields Studied

Science has approached questions on the secular level in terms of Space, Time Mass and Energy. A typical element studied in science is the field. There are three main types of fields: electrical, magnetic and gravitational. These fields possess the qualities of possibility, no weight or mass, essence, a form of life and can transmit intelligence. Hence their qualities correspond to those of a spirit.

Also we hear that spirits can travel vast distances with by willing to be in another place. In science, the Dean went on, one studies Heisenberg's (Theory of

Probability) regarding the actual position of an electron in an atom at any given time. We can only guess that it is probably in one area at a given time and might be in another area at some other time. So, he says, that what is probability in electrons is choice in spirit, and again the two compare scientifically.

Guiding Spirit Unscientific

Dean Fitzpatrick went on to show other similarities between what we consider functions of a spirit and functions of fields in the Biological growth of an embryo. He said the idea of a field that guides the growth of an embryo is considered scientific, but the idea of a spirit guiding the will of man to make free choices is not. This seems inconsistent when considering the similarities between spirits and fields. However, the Dean told us that it takes a long time for an accepted idea in one department of science to gain the same acceptance in another department of science. For example, the field is considered and studied in one Biological sense and yet, in Physics, these same theories are not accepted. Decisions are still being made from a day to day basis in each section of science. However, the material under study is slowly being analyzed for equal status in other departments of science. The Dean concluded that we are opening our eyes to a broader, better way of looking at matter in the world around us.

The Voice Of The People

By JOSEPH FASCETTA

The battle lines are forming on all sides. Slogans on freshly-printed placards can be seen everywhere. The voice of the people is making itself known. It can be heard by listening to the sounds of the Patriots Forevermore Society, the We Never Had It So Bad Brotherhood, the Protesting Resisters and the Anguished Mothers of America.

The leading voice of the first group can be heard as it stings the air with its demagogic brand of calculated confusion. The "forces of coercion and of deceit and conscious agents of the Communist conspiracy dedicated to a no-win cold war policy" are among his scandalized list. It is a list of specific abstractions designed to impress his super-patriotic clique. One must respect these men. They love their country, their democracy, their television cameras. Knowledge of national coverage tends to increase one's nationalistic fervor. But he will not last past the second commercial. The leader of the second ground must be heard. Listen to his cries for a four day week, a five hour day, fringe benefits. These, he says, are mere stepping stones to the ultimate goal of total inertia. The men in his union can no longer pay for the barest necessities of their despicable lives. The new compact car, the mink coat, the Easter wigs for wives—all are essential ingredients which can not be purchased unless wages are raised. Then the head of the union worries about the state of the economy as he berates the steel industry for attempting to raise

prices. Finally, he leaves the podium, quoting a famous American on his way out. "The Union must be preserved — especially this local."

Wild applause follows until the leader of the Protesting Resisters appears. Everyone present prepares for a diatribe against the restrictive conventions of modern society. One may call him an abolitionist. His program includes the abolition of income tax, defense spending, farm supports, welfare payments, foreign aid and marriage. His parting salvo is as follows. "Do away with government intervention and return the country to the spirit of '76." He and his seedy-looking followers then slip out to the coffee shop bringing their bongos, guitars and marijuana with them. They pass the Anguished Mothers of America who are on their way to the rostrum. These ladies have their month old children with them. It begins to rain, but they will march and cry out against the bomb, hoping for a sane nuclear policy. The children might die of pneumonia while their mothers protest the effects of atmospheric tests on the grandchildren. Before the pro-

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SOUVENIR FROM UNDERGROUND

By Colette Birnbaum

Dedication:

To the Hope for Your Return

It all started at the Dawn of me, at the Sunrise of you!

Actually, it was kind of funny, For you were stout and proud I was nothing . . . but fear, Fear for your verdict of When I would say: "I am here!" Then, I dared approach And without reproach You . . . agreed.

Then

The war came,

At least, I wanted to believe That it was a war with soldiers in arms, sounds of cannons and all! It would have been more pleasant a war separating us, sending me to my grave

You to your germination, For, it would be sad Don't you think to admit That, through your sublimation and my

consistency, we suddenly

became very terribly NASTY!!!! Ludicrously, I kept on hoping That with the bloom of spring You would take back my heart Keeping my illusions! But, pride again procreated words of Hurt, unconsciously, I admit! In order to "survive," you took god as a purge, I took pills as a refuge! You kept on growing blindly But thinking you'd see the light for you have an irreproachable conduct.

I remained silent (how could I not help it!),

But, at each root expanding? on my "bony coffin"

I awoke to salute you respectfully and discretely.

But, one day on a pacified yellow morning

You came to that ugly cemetery You leaned on the grass and read: "Ci-git C.b;B.

Morte d'avoir trop aimee."

And lucky me

You cried!

I was happy, I admit then, to prove it, my bones started shaking,

I even thought, the gods would resurrect me!

But, you left . . . I asked the spirits to let me

come out of th earth so as to kiss the grass

your feet just passed;

I saw lying there, roses, a multitude of roses, and on each

petal: a golden tear.

I carried them with fear and kissed them:

Beautifully, they opened, and in the midst of their splendor

there, was spread out . . . Your HEART!

Now, I understood how much you loved me.

and now, you had no more heart,

however, I could not stop

laughing for all my earthy life, I thought you had

given it away long, long ago, and now that it was

mine, It had no more value, it was too, much too late,

it was now nothing but a waste! What a pity!

I went back "underground," with the tic-tac of your heart

still warm in me, and for the first time I prayed for you

to take it back — this heart so filled, bursting with love

now useless and empty. "Un amour perdu, ne revient jamais plus!"

Perhaps I would have lived it?! . . . I'll never know

Can you tell me?

My Friend Josef

By ZDZISLAW P. WESOLOWSKI

The following short story by Zdzislaw P. Wesolowski took first prize in the Staten Island Belle Lettres contest for 1962.

It seems like only yesterday that Josef, and my younger brother and I played childish games among the ruins of Kozenice in Poland during the last war. Seventeen years have flown quickly, but my memory has not faded of the peaceful days when the bombs ceased to fall from the sky. They were brought by big black birds from east and west. This was the time that we children of the village were permitted to leave the bomb shelter and breathe clean fresh air, and play to our heart's content. We did not fully realize what misery and tragedy surrounded us until the day that we came in direct contact with it. What boys cared at the age of ten?

Since I was the oldest and the strongest, I took upon myself the responsibility of looking after Josef and my brother. We were not much to look at. Three skinny runts with empty stomachs always ready to steal any food we could find. When we became fortunate in securing a loaf of bread, we learned to share our good fortune among us. Josef was a real bag of bones who stumbled over every brick while we ran for safety from a store owner in hot pursuit.

Josef was an orphan. His father was a soldier in the Polish Army and was killed in Warsaw during the siege. I always felt sorry for him because he did not have a father. My brother and I often told him of our father who was alive but a million miles away in a country called America. We spent hours talking about America and we promised to take him back with us after the war. Josef's face would light up like a Christmas candle when we told him that. This was the paradise that we dreamed of. In our misery we spoke of oranges and bananas, and with our imaginations we satisfied our hunger. Like all children of our village, we were subjected to tall stories of the mean Germans who killed babies. This filled our minds with horror, and we were constantly alert for them.

One Saturday morning after we were warned by our mothers to stay out of trouble, Josef and I walked to the village market square to see the local merchants sell their goods. Little did we know that this was to be the most tragic day in our lives.

Josef and I decided to split ranks and work alone, one from each end of the market. This would give us a better chance to beg or steal anything that our little hands could get a hold of. This decision proved to be a fatal one for Josef. A few minutes went by and I lost sight of Josef in the crowd. Then all of a sudden I heard the rumbling sound of the armored cars and trucks. My heart skipped a beat: Germans! The whole market square was surrounded by SS troopers in black shirts. The people became hysterical when they realized what had happened.

My immediate thoughts were filled with fear and anxiety for Josef who was at the other side of the square in the middle of the commotion. The German soldiers began to file out of the trucks, armed to the teeth with machine guns. They started to select about fifty people, men, women and children and forced them to board the trucks. I knew that I was too late to help Josef. If they caught him, what could a boy of eleven do to save his friend from the might of the German Army? I ran for cover in the near-by bushes.

Once again the Germans began selecting at random twelve and they stood them up against the church wall. The women and the relatives of the condemned men started to weep and beg for mercy, but it did not change the mind of the troop commander. The officer in charge directed a firing squad in front of the prisoners, and taking the microphone in his hand he

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Boxing KO'd

By JOSEPH FASCETTA
IMAGINARY INTERVIEW

Questions are asked of a boxing fan, a retired fighter and of a college student.

Boxing fan

Question — Do you think boxing should be abolished?

Answer — We're not back to that again — are we? That's last month's news.

Q—Isn't Paret just as dead this month as last?

A—Yes I guess so. It was still a great fight. Griffith really pulverized him. Too bad he had to die — that takes all the fun out of being champion.

Q—Was it the best fight that you have ever seen?

A—One of the best. What action! I could barely finish my dessert that night. Tremendous closeups, saw everything. The wild look in Griffith's eyes, Paret's bruised and battered face — it was a remarkable television first.

Q—Will it win an "emmy" for its morality?

A—Morality! What's that? Just a word up in the sky somewhere. Apparently you haven't been in this country very long.

Q—Any further comments?

A—I wish they would bring back the slow-motion films of the knock-outs. Maybe they will be back in time for the Patterson-Liston fight.

Retired Fighter

Q—Do you think boxing should be abolished?

A—Heavens no! The Paret-Griffith mishaps was just an accident. There are many more deaths in football.

Q—Then the deaths arising from boxing, and its intent to injure principle, become acceptable be-

cause there are more accidental deaths in another sport.

A—Correct! anyway, Paret didn't die because of boxing.

Q—Who should one blame?

A—It is the fault of the unscrupulous promoter, the greedy manager, the careless boxing commissioner. It's because of the inadequacies of the brain wave tests in determining physical fitness. It was Paret's fault for fighting out of his class in his previous fight—thereby weakening himself.

Q—What about the incompetence of the referee?

A—Oh yes! That's another good excuse.

Q—So Paret's death had nothing to do with boxing at all?

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Wolfe And Sharon Talk At Newman Club

By DON DESFOSSE

The Newman club has rounded off this term with a series of three lectures by prominent people in SICC. On March 29, 1962 Dr. Pierre Wolfe delivered a lecture on the topic, "Are Religion and Science Incompatible?" On April 12, 1962, Mr. Herman Sharon, college librarian, discussed the Heliocentric theory of Copernicus and Galileo as opposed to the Geocentric theory and the trouble over its acceptance at that time. At our last meeting of May 10, James L. Fitzpatrick, Academic Dean of SICC, spoke on the topic: "Is Belief in the Reality of Spirit Scientific?"

Du Chardin Cited

In his lecture on the compatibility of science and religion Dr. Wolfe expounded the theories of Pierre Tielhard du Chardin S.J. In his book, *The Human Phenomenon*, Fr. Du Chardin makes a scientific study equal to any theological one to prove the existence of God as a scientific fact. Dr. Wolfe took the stand that there was no incompatibility between science and religion, but rather, that they complement one another. Dr. Wolfe stated that the Creation, in the Book of Genesis, has the same order of creation as exemplified in the pattern of evolution, and that science and religion are again compatible in the basic human act of love. He reiterated Fr. Du Chardin's stand that there is a constant evolution, not only of matter, but also of spirit. Matter has evolved from atoms, to carbon compounds, to virii, to animals, and finally to man himself, who he claims is evolving spiritually toward the perfection of God Himself. This Jesuit finds that the spirit of God-perfection in love, trust, truth, etc., is actually the object of evolution and not only the cause of it.

Sun Is the Center

Mr. Sharon spoke on the origins of the heliocentric theory — that the sun is the center of our universe — going back to Pythagoras (ca. 590 B.C.) who, he stated, might have been influenced by Asiatic sources. Although the theory appeared from time to time it never gained popular support because the more celebrated philosophers like Aristotle and Ptolemy championed the geocentric, or earth-centered, universe.

Mr. Sharon pointed out that the heliocentric theory was not really developed until Copernicus, himself a canon, wrote on the subject in 1513, and that his book was

favorably received by Pope Clement VII and the Curia. The opposition to Copernicus, Mr. Sharon stated, came from many of the scientists of the day on the one hand, and Martin Luther and Melancthon on the other. He indicated that as far as the Catholic Church was concerned the question had never been decided either way, and cited the writings of Nicholas de Cuza, and St. Thomas Aquinas, showing that the latter had stated that the Ptolemaic, or geocentric, theory, need not necessarily be the true one — since mankind had not fully investigated the other possibilities.

Galileo Denounced

Turning then to the question of Galileo and his much-publicized trial, Mr. Sharon stated that Galileo's troubles arose when he attempted to show that the Scriptures were not inconsistent with the heliocentric theory. Many of the leading scientists and Church leaders, such as Fr. Clavius-Papel Mathematician, applauded his discoveries. However, for a variety of reasons, (one being that Galileo had not arrived at a definitive proof of the theory) Galileo was denounced by the Congregation of

the Inquisition in 1615. He was given a certificate by Cardinal Bellarmine to the effect that no abjuration had been required and no penalty imposed.

Galileo Blessed

A number of years later, Mr. Sharon pointed out, Galileo, disregarding an earlier promise, published his "Dialogues"—The result was disastrous, and the timing could not have been worse. In 1632 he was compelled to abjure the Copernican system completely. He was placed under house arrest and then allowed to return home. He died in 1642, having received a Papel blessing a few days before his death, and was buried in the church of Santa Croce, Florence.

Dr. Everett Resigns

On May 15, 1962, Dr. Gustave G. Rosenberg announced that Dr. John R. Everett, Chancellor of the City University of New York had tendered his resignation to the Board to become effective August 31, 1962. Dr. Rosenberg said: "Dr. Everett's resignation was received with shock and deep regret. He made clear that his reasons were overwhelmingly personal and financial and left him no alternative, which we must therefore understand, and the loss to the City University is exceedingly great and cannot at this moment be assayed."

Dr. Everett stated that he will become Senior Vice-President of Encyclopedia Britannica in Chicago.

Russian To Be Taught

Beginning next term, students at SICC will be able to study Russian. The new course, will be given in the Evening Session. If there is a large enough demand, the course may be given in the day.

Alumni News

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LECTION OF NEW OFFICERS. Letters will be sent to all Alumni giving detailed information concerning the meeting. The new graduates will also receive notice of the meeting and information on the function of the association.

Don't forget — **The June meeting of the Alumni Association at the Plaza Casino. A buffet supper will be served.**

The transfer of a portion of the Alumni Association Reserve Fund to an interest bearing savings account has been approved by the Board of Directors of the Staten Island Community College Association, Inc. The transfer of funds, as requested by the Alumni Association, will provide an additional source of income for the Association.

Rising Population A Serious Problem

By THOMAS A. BRANIFF

A report, issued by the Center of International Economic Growth, (extracts of which appeared in Arthur Krock's column of the Times of May 6th) stated that unless effective counter-measures were taken to stem the rising population, and taken soon, the prospect was not one of a harmonious and prosperous world, but rather, "increasing violence and war."

Psychological Effects Horrible

The problem of a geometrically increasing population is not merely a spatial one. It is the possible psychological effects on humanity that are the real horror. That the problem exists, and is real, can hardly be doubted. In projecting population figures of various countries of the world, based on current rates of reproduction, the U.N., in its publication "Future Growth of World Population," reported that in slightly less than forty years the population of the United States would be in the vicinity of some 300 millions — while China, now about 650 million, would exceed one billion—half the world population in 1928! One need only read any newspaper to realize that China's inhabitants are spilling over its frontiers in search of "Lebensraum."

Mental Decline

As regards one aspect of the psychological impact, Robert Cook in his book, *Human Fertility, the Modern Dilemma*, points out that the least educated third of the population, at the existing rate, will produce greater than sixty percent of our great-grandchildren. The implication here is that if mental capacity is in any way hereditary, then the nation may be going mentally downhill.

Assembly Made Houses

Added to this is the fact that in trying to accommodate rapidly increasing numbers of people, architects and contractors are often forced to produce buildings solely on the basis of maximum volume-minimum area. Rejecting spherical and cylindrical dwellings as either impracticable or too costly, they are left with the choice of "x cubed." Then to minimize costs, these boxes' are turned out on an assembly-line basis. It is not uncommon today to see large suburban communities that bear a striking resemblance to a sheet of graph paper. The resulting loss of identity on the part of his home and community can

not help but have its effect on the mind of a growing, young child. No doubt, large numbers of people could conceivably be accommodated without resorting to violence and war. But we need not look very far to see where this leads. Witness the beehive or ant colony. Here orderly societies are maintained in spite of the very large numbers. However, this is accomplished only by having a highly stratified society and virtually annihilating individuality. It is this trend toward "beehive mentality" that may well be the greatest threat to the mass of humanity.

Complex Problem

The problem is a complex one, and there is no reason to assume that it affords a simple solution. Those who feel that "it will take care of itself" fail to realize that the advances of technology and science, notably medicine, have done much to "take care" of the natural self-correcting mechanisms or checks that operated in the past. Furthermore, once a Malthusian pattern has been established, escape may be almost impossible. Since those very things that serve to maintain order, (rigid class systems etc.) serve only to perpetuate the nightmare.

Man the Solution

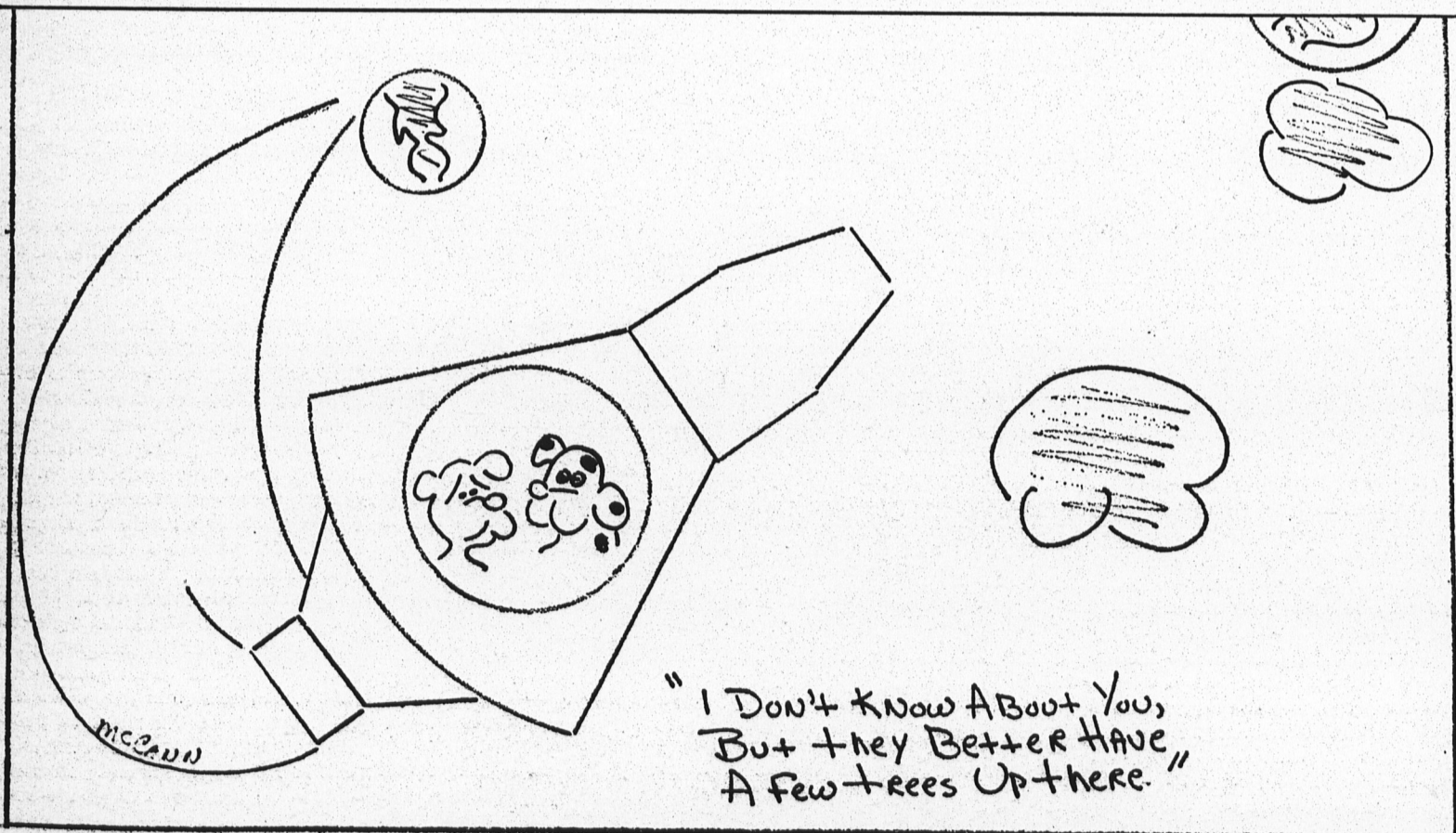
A solution therefore, short of war or mass genocide must, in the final analysis, rest with man himself. By subverting the natural checks to excessive population, unnaturally, man has embarked on a program of death control and then left the equation unbalanced.

Spring Means Sports

Spring is here again and with it comes the great revival of sports into the lives of millions of Americans. The brawny American male flocks to ball fields, the tennis courts, golf course or perhaps his favorite fishing spot. Alas! He is not alone. Right behind him trails the demure American female who, true to her kind, has devised a sport even more challenging than any a poor unsuspecting male could devise. It much resembles fishing in its use of baits, lines, and tackles, but, of course, is of much nobler cause. Despite the high ambitions and aspirations of these gals, my conscience moves me to warn the fellows of the traps that await them (as if they'd mind), and to ask the well-meaning young woman to remember this: When in the course of social events it becomes necessary for a lily-white maiden to sever herself from all superficial flirtations so much abounding in her carefree days, in order to "catch" once and for all, a note-worthy specimen of male superiority to escort her down the aisle, certain complications, notwithstanding, might and usually do, set in.

So heed thee well young maiden about to embark upon the great "hunt" . . . "LOOK BEFORE YOU HOOK!!!"

D.M.S.



Tradition? Yes!

By GENE MCKENNA

Every year thousands of skunks, rabbits, chickens, woodchucks, cats, dogs, are killed on our highways and roads. The main reason for this annual slaughter is that "beasts" do not have the power of speech. Consequently, they are not able to relay information gained by others through experience — they do not have the guidance of tradition. Animals must "learn" everything through trial and error, or through evolutionary adaptations that may take thousands or millions of years.

More specifically, let us assume that Mr. and Mrs. Skunk have survived, purely by chance, the mad caravan of tourists during their annual back-to-nature-movement. Even though they are able to accompany their young, they are still of little help in furthering their safety from the hazards of the road. Mama and Papa Skunk are unable to pour forth such wisdom as, "Herman, cross at the green and not in between." So you see, the situation of immediate adaptation is pretty grim for our underprivileged "relatives."

Humans do possess, fortunately, the ability to exchange information through speech. This great evolutionary advancement enables man to create conditioned reflexes within less than a generation. The significance of this advantage is enormous. We are not only able to adapt to our environment more rapidly and successfully, but we can learn from the mistakes of those who have preceded us by studying their tradition.

Tradition

The unfortunate thing about man is that he abuses this great "gift" and acts like a skunk, if you'll pardon the expression. Consider the larger number of young people who have witnessed the misery and strife of their parents, who got married at nineteen and were bankrupt, both economically and intellectually. Yet, what do our observers do?

They get married at seventeen and add to the horror show. Our present day generations are also aware of the grotesque consequences of world wars. What do we do? Obvi-

ously, we threaten each other with bigger and more grotesque consequences — H-bombs, missiles, psychological warfare, etc. History shows us that the ancient Roman empire met its doom, because it oriented its life around a sensualist philosophy. On this count, man has, again, a perfect score. We continue to set up material/sensual goals in life. The examples of such contradictory behavior are endless.

If man is to realize true progress — the higher moral and spiritual evolution of the mind — he must wake up and avail himself of the invaluable lessons which tradition holds. He must learn not to succumb to his animal passions so easily and not permit his emotions to run his life. He must learn to take his grievances before a board of arbitration and settle them in an intelligent and mature manner. He must learn that there is deeper meaning and purpose in life than spying on Elizabeth Taylor, doing the Twist, saving Plaid Stamps, and reading "Dear Abbey."

The only way this can be accomplished is through education. The prime responsibility for accomplishing this goal rests with teachers and college students. It is their duty to analyze the errors of civilizations through the ages, and then pass this information on to those generations succeeding them. Therefore, we must train ourselves to observe, write and speak effectively and intelligently if man is to achieve true freedom. If we continue to ignore tradition and speech, "us blackbirds" might well be baked in an H-bomb pie.

The American Way

By ROBERT J. RICCA

The flight of John Glenn last February 20th gave the American people the long sought after lift they needed. They had, at last, found a hero on whom they could place lavish laurels — a man who personified every American: with spirit, integrity, an unquenchable thirst for knowledge of the unknown, an adventurer, explorer, and a magnetic personality, lightly seasoned with wit — a man whom they could look upon as one of their own. All America beamed proudly, with expanded chest and light heart, for truly there was not enough that could be done to show the heartfelt gratitude of a people who, up until that moment, had been reposing, with bowed head and heavy heart, in the lowest depths of human spirit. Indeed, John Glenn, known only heretofore as one of the seven astronauts, had suddenly become the man of the hour, the one person who put us back in space — in short, the astronautical laureate in our yet infant space endeavors.

This historic event, which will undoubtedly go down in history with that of another unknown adventurer, Charles Lindbergh, came at a time when Americans in general were beginning to buckle under the pressure of that enigma called the space race. The Soviet Union had had the initiative for so long that we were starting to turn back to take a long, hard, critical look at the American way of conducting its space efforts. It seemed as though our standards had suddenly become archaic — that perhaps the Russian way is the better after all and that we had better make a quick readjustment of our standards before it is too late. The American mind began to contemplate, conjuring up any number of wild fantasies about our "declining" position in the world. The cry went out about how subtle our competitor is in his achievements: accomplishing them first, boasting later, while we, on the other hand, boasted, failed, suffering humiliating defeats in our ef-

orts and in short became the target of tongue in cheek comments from home and abroad. There was a distinct and sustaining lack of faith in the American way of doing things, even though it is not always the most efficient method. One thing is now certain, the gamble which the government took in publicizing our space flights has so far paid back handsome dividends. It has become apparent the tables are now turned and perhaps the Soviets are taking a long, hard, look at their way of doing things. The aftermath of this three orbit flight is not yet fully realized, but it is obvious and will become more so as time goes on, that the propaganda values alone have provided us with enough royalties to keep us on easy street, but only for the short run.

But the average man on the street is not particularly interested in propaganda values. Instead, he wants to know, in dollars and cents,

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"Dolphnic" Set For June 9

The annual all-college picnic will be held at Wolfe's Pond Park, on Saturday, June 9th beginning at 10 A.M. This year's "Dolphnic," will be highlighted by softball games, swimming and a pie eating contest.

How To Get There

Wolfe's Pond Park is a 25 minute ride from the ferry terminal via the No. 103-Tottenville bus. If you're driving take Bay Street as far as Hylan Boulevard, turn right and follow the Boulevard to Wolfe's Pond Park.

There'll be plenty of room and fun for all. Join the rest of the student body and enjoy this final event of the school year!

SICC Hosts High Schoolers

For three years SICC has been sponsoring a series of lectures for gifted high school seniors. The lectures, given by members of the SICC faculty, have been varied and well received. Talks have ranged from avant-garde drama by Dr. George E. Wellwarth, to "1 plus 1 equals 1?" by Professor Spock, all being given at college level. In addition, high school students have witnessed a dramatization of Ionesco's "The Bald Soprano," by SICC's Actor's Group.

The talented seniors, usually Arista members or scholarship winners, come from Fort Hamilton, Curtis, St. Peter's and other schools. They are recommended by their principals to attend the lectures which are given on alternate Tuesdays in room 305. More students apply for attendance to the talks than can be accommodated.

The topic for the 1961-1962 academic year is "Great Ideas in the Sciences and Humanities." The last lecture of the current series will be given by Dr. Benumof, head of the Math-Science department, on May 22. The program, given under the auspices of the Office of the Academic Dean, is restricted to the high school students.

Prof. Wolfe Plans Busy Summer

Professor Pierre Wolfe of the Math-Science department will have a family reunion this summer. After spending some time in his hometown, which he visits yearly, Professor Wolfe will go to Strasbourg, France. He plans to attend the music festival there begun by his father, a musician and concert manager.

Professor Wolfe then will go to Geneva, Switzerland where he plans to spend the remainder of the summer. He will begin writing a new biology textbook which he hopes will be used in the two-year community colleges. Professor Wolfe does not plan to spend too much time travelling and sightseeing since studying at the University at Geneva and writing the text will take up most of his time.

Other faculty members going to Europe this summer are Professor Weiner of the ET department and Dr. Goldwyn of the English department.

"Operation Abolition" Is Not Conclusive

By ALAN LANDAU

After seeing Operation Abolition one is supposed to believe that the students who participated in the riots against the House Committee on Un-American Activities were communists or at least dupes of the international Communist conspiracy. Yet somehow, the only feeling one had after seeing the picture was one of horror. The question was not so much how could Communists influence students, but rather how could such brutality be condoned? What is even more shocking is the fact that there is considerable evidence to indicate that the real brutality was not shown.

Policeman Doesn't Know

A report on the incident in question appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle of May 14, 1960 — "A policeman swiped me with his club. They were dragging a middle aged woman down the hallway and I grabbed the policeman's arm. He gave me a swipe with a club. I don't think he knew I was a woman."

On the same day, George Draper of the San Francisco Chronicle reported that there were two officers holding a struggling student who, says Draper, was no match for the policemen. But, Draper continued, this was not sufficient. "Then from nowhere appeared a third officer. He ran up to the slender boy, firmly held by the other two officers, and clubbed him three times on the head. You could hear the hollow smack of the club striking. The boy went limp and was carried out."

The picture did show policemen pulling several students of both sexes down a long row of marble steps which were slippery from the water sprayed on the students.

Why did the riots begin? There are a multitude of explanations given as to the why's and wherefore's. The film's narration would have us believe that the students jumped the barricades and attacked the policemen.

Only One Tried

Robert J. Meisenbach was the only student actually brought to trial. The charge was the clubbing of officer Schaumleffel. In regard to this incident the San Francisco Examiner of April 20, 1961 stated: "However, on cross examination by Defense Attorney Jack Bermen, officer Schaumleffel admitted that the slugging occurred after police turned fire hoses on the crowd of

Convocation Wed., May 23 at McKee

By RICHARD CAFFREY

The conferring of scholastic, service and athletic awards will take place at the annual Convocation, in McKee High School auditorium on Wednesday afternoon, May 23rd from 3:00 to 5:00. The Convocation will mark the first time that the entire student body has been assembled since November, 1960, when the Chancellor of the City University, Mr. John Rutherford Everett, spoke to the students in that same auditorium.

Classes Suspended

In honor of the occasion, classes will be suspended from 2:00 to 4:00 on that afternoon. The program, which will also include the inauguration of the newly elected officers and Senators of the Student Association, will be highlighted by an address by the President of Staten Island Community College, President Walter L. Willig.

McKee High School auditorium is located at St. Mark's Place and Wall Street. All students are urged to attend this worthwhile ceremony.

students protesting the House-Un-American Activities' Committee's hearings at City Hall." Later testimony seemed to point to the possibility that the student had not even beaten the policeman. But that Schaumleffel had fallen on the slippery marble floor; made slippery by the water which had begun to pour out of the hoses. It was also mentioned in the Examiner that "Each (student) signed a waiver releasing the city or its employees from civil liability that might come from prospective claims of false arrest, injuries, or undue police action."

Students Sing

At one point in the picture several groups of students were shown singing "Oh We Shall Not Be Moved." It was suggested by the narrator that this was a Communist song, and therefore, these students were either Communists or dupes of the Communist conspiracy. It is interesting to note that this song was originally a Negro spiritual.

There can be little doubt that some of the students could not restrain their outraged feelings. But one saw little "proof" in the picture that these students were the dupes of any Communist conspiracy.

Army Needs Penmen

The U. S. Army Exhibit Unit at Cameron Station, Virginia, is seeking college graduates who have majored in journalism. The unit, which sends exhibits throughout the country, is in need of journalists to prepare advance copy for the shows.

Positions are open to college graduates who enlist in the Army for three years. Prior to enlistment, applicants will be interviewed by personnel from Cameron Station.

People's Voice

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cedings go any further, a cry is heard for a medieval joust. "There isn't room for all," someone says. First there is a constructive argument immediately followed by destructive force. The pavement soon quakes with the clamor of democratic action. The streets are filled with an angry herd, doing its violent best to preserve the free-speaking policy of the Constitution. The union members and the patriots are dispersed into the nearest bar where some warm Scotch quickly quenches their indignation. The mothers, having lost their composure, decide to hold a meeting at a bargain basement store. That leaves the Protesting Resisters as the victors. The intensity of their purpose and the odor of their bodies has predetermined them to be winners. They have won the right to passively resist. Now they can sit quietly on the white line in the middle of the street. Chin up fellows! Here comes the paddy wagon.

Birchers

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collectivism during the decline of the Roman Empire one wonders whether this was the prime reason for the fall, or whether it was one of those phenomena which accompanied the fall and was an outgrowth of those things which did eventually cause the collapse of the Empire.

Edgar Johnson, in his "Introduction to the History of the Western Tradition" points out that the empire had been drained by the wars of imperialism, and the upkeep of a large standing army.

"The economic and social reforms instituted by Diocletian and Constantine stemmed in large part from earlier attempts to keep the state solvent in the midst of an economic crisis caused to some extent by the enormous increase in military expenses, . . . the Romans extracted wealth from an economy whose productive capacity they did not increase."

Now to link us with the disease of collectivism and with the communists we are told, by Mr. Welch . . . the communists skillfully use and encourage the disease as a means of weakening us . . . Not only will the welfare state lead us to communism, but the Russians are forcing it upon us so as to destroy us.

Injustice Is OK

There have been and are, we are told, nations which are stoutly fighting the Communist menace—Cuba under Batista, and the Dominican Republic under Trujillo. One can see, of course, that Mr. Welch has given us a list of those nations in which he thinks we should all like to live! One might draw the conclusion, therefore, that injustice is permissible as long as it is not communist injustice and cruelty.

To prove that the Communists are everywhere, Mr. Welch turns our attention to Hawaii and its fight for statehood. "For they (those who fought against statehood) have feared that Hawaii as a state would send two communists or pro communists . . . as representatives."

Hawaii Is Safe

Professor Carr in his book, **The House Committee on Un-American Activities** discusses the committee meetings in Hawaii on the issue of Communist infiltration. Even such a bitter partisan as Representative Velde was reported as saying at the end of the hearings that the inquiry showed Communism to be no more of a problem in Hawaii than in any other part of the United States. In conclusion Mr. Carr states, "Interesting as are the details of Communist intrigues brought to life, they are noteworthy finally for their petty, insignificant character." I would also refer the reader to a statement by Attorney General Robert Kennedy wherein he maintained that the influence of communism in this country is quite small. One does not argue that there are Communists, but must one argue that they are as powerful as Mr. Welch would like us to believe?

Chiang Government Corrupt

"But for the overwhelming forces from the outside which our government then helped to turn loose on him, Chiang would have been able to keep China from the Communists to this day." With the term "which our government helped to turn loose on him" we have been introduced to the traitor theory of history and we are made to bear the full responsibility of the China collapse. In the last few weeks, however, The New York Times reported

Personality of the Month

"Un professeur incomparable et une dame gracieuse" . . . "Eine reizende Frau und eine hingebende Lehrerin." These were the descriptions we received from two of her students when we asked them to characterize Dr. Hilde Jaeckel, Head of the Language and Arts Department and presently teacher of French and German at S.I.C.C. Dr. Jaeckel has also taught Spanish during the six years she has been a member of our faculty.

Teaching Experience

Born in Switzerland, Dr. Jaeckel's extensive background in teaching while in Europe included private tutoring and lecturing on French literature over the radio. After coming to the United States in 1939, Dr. Jaeckel began teaching at the College Preparatory School of York, Pennsylvania and taught subsequently at York Junior College. She spent the summer of 1958 teaching at Wagner College on Staten Island and has also taught newly arrived foreigners at the Y.M.C.A., the Y.W.C.A. and the J.C.C. In addition to her busy teaching schedule at S.I.C.C., she is a member of the Committee on Course and Standing and also the Guidance Committee of the college.

Awarded Ph.D., Professorship

Dr. Jaeckel earned her Ph.D. at the University of Breslau, Germany, in 1932. She was awarded a professorship by the Board of Higher Education of the City of New York in 1961.

Literary Talents

For her doctorate, Dr. Jaeckel authored a dissertation entitled "The Englishman in French Literature." She has also written numerous articles for *The American and German Review*, a German-American magazine and has had numerous book reviews published. She is a member of the Modern Language Association and the Association of Teachers of French.

Aid Foreign Students

A subject which is close to Dr. Jaeckel's heart is the counseling of foreign students. She has had ex-

the release of documents which appear to show that the Chiang government was extremely corrupt (a fact we have long known) and that nothing short of armed intervention or drastic changes in the Chiang government could have, at that time, prevented the fall of China.

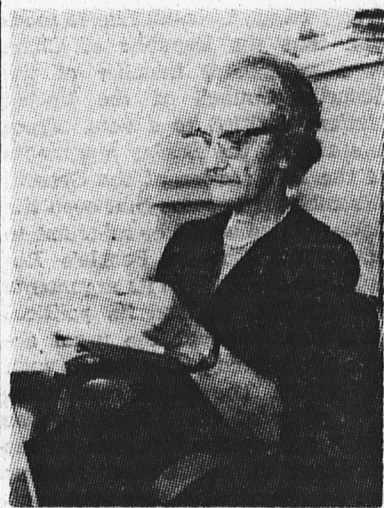
Integrated Troubles

Not only have the Communist been content to cause trouble in foreign lands but they have done so on the home front as well. In a foot note Mr. Welch makes the following comment on school integration. ". . . all the trouble over integration, which is doing inestimable damage to both the black and white races, is communist inspired."

No doubt there has probably been some Communist agitation relating to the problem of integration for there is no doubt that the Communists would jump on the bandwagon of any movement arising out of social and economic discontent of any group of people. But the answer is not to hush up the matter, and say that it is Communist inspired; the answer is to correct the injustice and then what bandwagon would the Communists have to jump upon?

Hate No Cure

We will not fight Communism effectively by hate or organized witch hunts such as we saw in the McCarthy era. The Communist idea will be stifled in this country when we attack those things, such as segregation, which the Communists can and will exploit.



Dr. Hilde Jaeckel
Head, Language and Arts
Department

tensive experience in tutoring and counseling Ukrainians, Frenchmen and Roumanians of all ages regarding American customs and the English language. "It is of the greatest importance, at the beginning of each school year, that we of Staten Island Community College acquaint ourselves with those students who are newly arrived in the United States as well as those who have been here for some time but still feel like foreigners," says Dr. Jaeckel. "These students should receive special attention because of the language differences and other problems incurred in adjusting to different customs." Dr. Jaeckel hopes that such an undertaking will be fostered in the near future in S.I.C.C.

Spare Time Interests

During her leisure hours, Dr. Jaeckel enjoys going to concerts. Baroque music is her favorite. She also attends lectures in The Goethe House, which is considered to be "Germany in America." Ever on the lookout for interesting and informative literature, she spends occasional hours browsing in German and French bookstores.

Dr. Jaeckel has a daughter who lives in New York and works for a publishing house in Manhattan. Both Dr. Jaeckel and her daughter are French food epicureans and enjoy going to French restaurants together. Dr. Jaeckel also has a son, who is presently an English teacher at Robert College in Istanbul, Turkey.

Dr. Jaeckel plans to continue living in New York and to return to Europe "only for visits."

In Any Language

In any language, Dr. Jaeckel is a charming and personable woman, and if we haven't convinced you, ask any of her students to translate the opening descriptions written above. They illustrate why she has been chosen Personality of The Month!

THE AWAKENING

*The darkness engulfed me in fears.
The gloom left the ravage of tears.
Through the grim, gray mist emerged the gilded image.
Slowly, sadly, steadily growing to great carriage.
Sweeping, searching, seeking, sifting with tedious care
For a ray of hope; a drop of faith, and love was there.
The light released me from fears.
The love eased the ravage of tears.*
D. M. S.

Boxing

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A—Correct again — I can't understand how people can criticize the one sport which has been so good to so many unfortunate people.

Q—Are there any disadvantages in boxing?

A—Very few — If you take into consideration the millions of dollars earned by some because of their ability to butcher other human beings, you can see the true worth of the sport.

Q—So money makes boxing worthwhile?

A—It's not only the money. Boxing builds character. There is an overpowering feeling of accomplishment when you know you have the ability to destroy another's consciousness.

Q—What happens if that person dies?

A—Well, then you should feel sorry — until your next fight. One mustn't be too squeamish otherwise one might lose one's killer instinct.

Q—Any further comments?

A—I'm proud to have been associated with the boxing business because it made me what I am today. Could you spare me a dime for a cup of coffee?

College student

Q—Do you think boxing should be abolished?

A—No, but I think they should really do something about it.

Q—Who is "they"?

A—The people in charge — Actually, I can't be bothered because I am more deeply concerned about the truly important issues of today.

Q—Atmospheric tests perhaps?

A—Exactly — Why should I

worry about the present death of some puny individual when I can search my soul for the possible effects of radiation on future generations. I can't change boxing nor the idiots who drool over its brutality.

Q—But those in charge of boxing can change it?

A—Yes, if they can rid it of its gangster control, its fixed fights and its crooked deals. If they would only give the fighters more protection against injury by using headgear.

Q—What would happen to boxing if all those drastic changes took place?

A—I don't know. It just wouldn't be boxing anymore. It wouldn't be the grand old sport my grandfather remembered back in the good old days.

Q—Boxing has its own private nostalgia?

A—Yes, we could never eliminate it entirely. People have a morbid fascination for injury especially when watching it done to another. It helps release repressed feelings. The Romans had their gladiators and lions. We have our own method for containing the belligerent rabble. It's easier than locking them all up in padded cells.

Q—Any further comments?

A—No, I think I have said enough. By the way — are you going to the Patterson-Liston fight? I hear they are going to print special red, white and blue tickets representing the newly-formed standards of the profession. They will symbolize boxing's Honesty, Integrity and its Hemoglobin.

The interview is over. Various opinions have been aired. The initial outrage of the public is soon diminished by their psychotic thirst for blood. Nothing has been accomplished and only one result is foreseeable. The movie, "Requiem For A Heavyweight" will be nominated for an "Oscar" next year.

J. B.'s

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ly what the John Birch Society is, we can begin to evaluate what the Communists have succeeded in doing; that is, to bring into the public eye a false face of the John Birch Society.

F.B.I. and the H.U.A.C.

In the past year the American people, as a whole, have become more aware of the menace of Communism. Communists can no longer effectively attack J. Edgar Hoover, the H.U.A.C., and other government agencies exposing Communism because the American people have become too well informed to accept this propaganda. The Communists reasoned that the American people must be divided for and against another group, a group against whom unfounded suspicions could be stirred. So the Communists chose the John Birch Society as this group. I have already told you of their articles in "Pravda" and "The Worker." These publications set the partyline which gets picked up through their transmission belt and either knowing Communists or Communist dupes spread it even further.

Open Secret

Now let us briefly examine some of the attacks on the John Birch Society. First, let us refute the criticisms that the John Birch Society is a secret society. It can't be that the leadership is unknown: leader, Robert Welch; advisory board, list of 28 men. It

can't be that the aim is unknown—that being the education of the American public to the dangers of Communism and the fostering of individual responsibility. The total membership and the amount of money collected is unknown. Many organizations do not reveal the numbers belonging nor the amount of money on hand. The most well known of these, the N.A.A.C.P., had the Supreme Court uphold its right to do so. However, it is known that the N.A.A.C.P. is not a secret society. Also, a member of the John Birch Society is permitted to reveal that he is a member. If he were a member of a secret society, he would not be allowed to do so.

Supreme Court and Communism

Second, the John Birch Society has been attacked because of its opposition to the Supreme Court. It is fact that the Supreme Court has done more to promote communism and destroy our anti-Communist statues than any other group in history. For example, Stephen Nelson vs. the state of Pennsylvania. This case nullified all state statutes on treason.

Third, The John Birch Society uses Communist methods to fight Communism. This allegation has a basis of truth. The illegal tactics used by the Communists such as murder, blackmail, intimidation, etc. are not used by the John Birch Society. The Communist tactics the John Birch Society do use are organized letter writing campaigns, drawing up petitions and advocating and publishing of books.

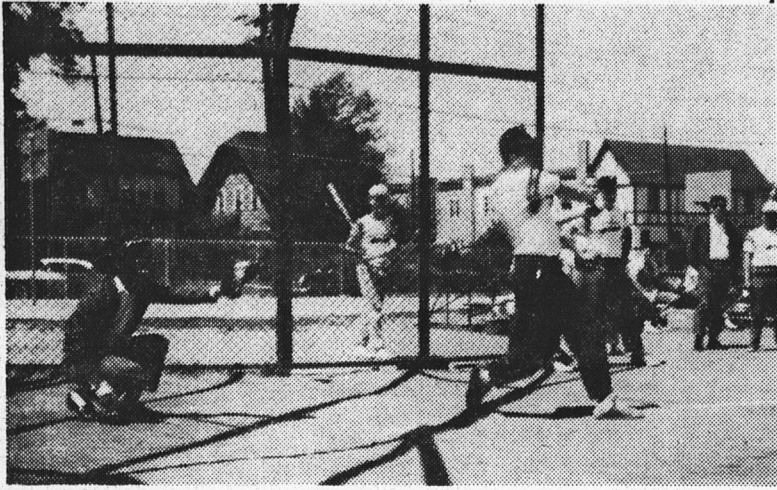
The struggle to save our freedoms and to restore liberties already lost is one of utmost importance. It would be wiser for all Americans to unite in this effort and not expend their energy fighting one another when by so doing they make it easier for the Communists to attain their goal.

Sports News

By Phil Fluhr

Golf Team Undefeated

For the first time in the short six year history of SICC an athletic team has gone undefeated. Under the expert hand of coach Bernie Kuebler the Dolphins have racked up a convincing record of six victories and no losses. The three prime forces in this victory skein were Dennis Buckley, Fred Cornell, and Charlie Fricke who have a combined record of 18 matches won and none lost. Tom Arch-



Intramural softball in full swing. Infield is poised at Walker Park.

er, Bob Bollinger, Roger Garramore, and Larry Smith have also made outstanding contribution to the SICC's undefeated record.

The tennis team, after six matches this year, has a record of 2 wins, 2 losses, and 2 ties. The number one player for the Dolphins this year has been George Fooote whose booming serve and competent net play has enabled him to win 4 matches while losing only one. Number two man this year has been Fontaine Piper who, together with George Fooote, gave the Dolphins an undefeated doubles team.

CISGA

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specialists in the field of student leadership on the two year campus, chaired group workshops such as: What Should The Student Council Be Doing? and Job

Functions of Student Organization Officers.

Purpose of Conference

The purpose of the conference was to form a basis from which those students in attendance could carry back the understanding which they had gained in the field of leadership to their individual campuses. The conference was expertly and excellently planned and was the successful culmination of the regional meetings of C.I.S.G.A., the organization of two year colleges sponsored by the State University.

'Pataphysics

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comforting or drummed in "truths." In "Murphy," one of Beckett's novels, two characters play a game of chess. Every logical chess move is avoided until the players are back where they started. In "Watt," Beckett reduces logical thinking to an absurdity. For example, the main character describes in detail, in disgusting logic, every possible way furniture in a room could be arranged. Watt's thinking

passes the time—it gets rid of it.

Life is Torture

Dr. Wellwarth explained that Beckett's views of life are similar to Conrad's as expressed in the "Heart of Darkness." Life is infinite monotony; infinite torture. Beckett can best be summed up,

Dr. Wellwarth stated, by a quote from one of his works. "Did you ever have an instance of happiness?" one character asks. The answer is "No."

American Way

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whether he is getting the best buy for his money. The answer to that question can now be stated in positive terms by virtue of the not too often felt unanimity with which the American public has greeted the latest space triumph.

Americans will soon be asking themselves about the next time — can our luck hold out indefinitely? It is still too soon to speculate on what will run through the American mind on the next go round. For the time being, we have discovered that a mid-winter sun can be warming to the heart and a great uplift to downed spirits and we intend to bask in the warmth of this latest feat for as long as possible — at least until next time when once again the clouds of doubt may cover that sun for another long rainy season.

Letters to Editor

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Chinese look to Taiwan as the repository of Chinese culture. To these millions, Taiwan speaks with the authority of the "motherland." A switch in their allegiance would result in the creation of a powerful overseas trade bloc and market for the Chinese People's Republic with resulting pressure for general trade and credits to the Peiping regime.

In passing, I should like to mention that the Republic of China is a permanent member of the Security Council of the United Nations entitled to a veto. From a study of the Soviet arguments at the 16th session of the General Assembly, it appears that even the Soviet Union would be reluctant to admit the Chinese People's Republic to the U.N. In its arguments the U.S.S.R. fulfilled its political obligations without the usual active campaigning attendant to such obligations. The stated revolutionary policy of the Peiping regime and its disruptive influence on the workings of the United Nations were emphasized, rather than minimized by the Soviet Union.

The question of "bad" political systems and "good" political systems, as stated in the article reflects the basic problem of the Wilsonian doctrine of "de jure" recognition as opposed to "de facto" recognition. It appears to the writer that direct recognition of the Chinese People's Republic by the U.S., at its present stage of development, would be an error. (This conclusion is not prompted by the arguments of the radical right wing). The present disruptive tactics of the Peiping regime are parallel with the early development of the Soviet Union, immediately after the Revolution. As the

hard facts of economics become more apparent to the Chinese Communists, they will probably soften their active revolutionary spirit, and attempt to reach an 'entente' with the nations of the West. At such a time, recognition would be in order.

J.F.B.

May I Reply To J.F.B.?

Dear Editor:

First, with regard to the issue of racial feeling, J.F.B. is evidently unaware that his letter unwittingly confirms my point. His assertion that the "Oriental has an attitude of racial superiority" supports my suggestion that Asians feel racial antagonism. Nowhere did I suggest that this feeling is one of inferiority on their part. Nor did I state that such Asian feelings are based on our "domestic racial problems" — though the intense interest of Asians in our treatment of Negroes, evidenced by the recent comments of the Attorney General and other travellers, indicates that the matter is of some interest to them. By centuries of maltreatment of dark-skinned people, I meant such things as Portuguese and later Dutch atrocities in the East Indies, Belgian behavior in the Congo, English conquest of India, American participation in the African slave trade, the gunboat diplomacy of the 19th century, the French conquest of Indo-China, our policy in Hawaii at the time of Queen Liliuokalani, the "slicing of the Chinese melon" into spheres of influence, extraterritoriality, our subjugation of the Philippines, and the rest of this dismal chapter.

Accompanied of course by the arguments of racial superiority are those put forward by such Europeans as Bobineau and H.S. Chamberlain, and by such Americans as Rev. Josiah Strong, Captain Mahan, Sen Beveridge, and even the scholars, John Fiske and John Burgess. Not to forget the slogan

of my boyhood days, "The Yellow Peril!" I merely suggested that such policies and such rationalizations had probably induced resentment on the part of their victims. Race feeling is a bad thing of course. But my point was that bad or no mistreatment of another race by the members of another—which we know promotes racial antagonism in those who mete out the punishment—probably has the same effect on those who have been on the receiving end.

With regard to China I am hard put to know just what it is J.F.B. is objecting to in his misquotation of my comments. What have the overseas Chinese got to do with it? In what way does their situation and their undoubted importance negate my view that American policy in the Far East is dedicated to the weakening or crumbling of Red Chinese power?

J.F.B. is entitled to believe of course that the Security Council seat belongs to the "Republic of China" — even though his view is contrary to that expressed by the revered Trygve Lie: "Without being happy that the Communists had won the Civil War in China, I did not feel that approval or disapproval of a regime was in question: it was a matter of recognizing the facts of international life. . . . It was China, not Chiang Kai-shek, that belonged in the U.N." As to J.F.B.'s interesting theory that the Soviets do not really mean what they say when they urge Red Chinese membership in the UN, if true this should cause great joy in Taiwan, for Chiang evidently has more support than he ever dreamed.

Edward Pessen

Moloch

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of man's faculties. Placed as he is, as far as he knows, helpless and alone in an alien and senseless world, Man ought to have the right to decide his own destiny, pick his own path, and face the unpalatable facts of his existence unflinchingly."

After Dr. Natanson delivered his speech, there was a five minute rebuttal period during which Dr. Wellwarth agreed that many contributions to humanity had been made by men who believed in God, but this, he maintained, was just coincidence. Nor did Dr. Wellwarth disagree on the question of the 'inertia of the masses' but stated

Josef

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began addressing the crowd in excellent Polish. I can still hear his strange words in my mind. They have made a permanent impression in my memory forever. He said, "The Polish Underground has once again murdered our soldiers, and to teach you people a lesson these men will die." At his command the SS troops fired their automatic weapons at the Poles, and they fell dead to the ground. This act I could not understand. My young mind searched for an answer. How could a dozen men be alive one moment and lie still in the snow in the pool of their own blood?

Immediately after they finished their day's work, the soldiers got into their trucks and the convoy started to leave the square with their prisoners. In all the confusion I almost forgot about Josef. I began to scan the market area for him, but it was no use. The commotion created during the execution made it impossible to locate him. As the last truck began to leave, I noticed a familiar face. It was Josef! They caught him. I started to run after the truck yelling at the guards to let him go, Josef was crying and he was trying to jump from the truck, but it was no use, the guards were holding him. I could not run anymore. My weak legs had lost their strength. I saw Josef stop struggling. He just stood there resigned to his fate. I could see the tears in his eyes, and he could see that I could not stop crying too. The truck picked up speed and it disappeared in the horizon. It was the last I ever saw of Josef. He never came back.

As time went by and I grew

older, I began to realize why Josef did not return. You see, the reason Josef did not return is that Josef, my best friend was a Jew.

that it was the intellectual leaders of the religions who had always ordered the people to be inert and thus had retarded the progress of civilization. He cited the trial of Galileo, stating that, "Galileo recanted, not because of the inertia of the people, but because the leaders of the religion, knowing full well that Galileo was innocent, feared that their position would be made less tenable if the truth were known." Dr. Wellwarth then made the point that progress could well be speeded up without religion.

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