

AUSA Convention In Washington

by William R. Moller, Jr.

On 15 November, Cadet Captain Roger G. Nicholls, Jr. and Cadet Lieutenant William R. Moller, Jr. journeyed from PMC to Washington, D. C. where they represented the Lt. Don E. Olmstead Memorial Company, Association of the United States Army, Pennsylvania Military College, at the Annual Meeting of the AUSA from 16 to 18 November.

Upon their arrival in Washington, they made their way to Fort Myer, where they were billeted with the Honor and Tomb Guards of the 3rd Infantry, "The Old Guard". The following day, they went to the Convention, held at the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington.

ROTC Bill Discussed

Outside the hotel, they toured an extensive Army Missile exhibit which included the Nike-Ajax, Pershing, and Lacrosse Missiles. Next, a Special Forces exhibit held their attention until it was time for the first open meeting. The cadets saw the familiar face of General Creighton W. Abrams, Vice-Chief of Staff, USA, who was the main speaker.

Following General Abrams' address, Cadets Nicholls and Moller lunched with the General and the Honorable Stephen W. Ailes, the Secretary of the Army. During the luncheon, such subjects such as the new ROTC Bill and suggestions as to increasing the effectiveness of the Summer Camp FTX concept were discussed. Lt. Colonel Frank R. Pagnotta, the Military Aide to Secretary Ailes, arranged for the cadets to visit the Pentagon after lunch.

Once in the Pentagon, the cadets were addressed by Brig. General R. J. Seitz, Acting Director, Officer Personnel Directorate, OPO; Colonel (Continued on Page 3)

Cultural Affairs

In recent weeks, the PMC cultural calendar has presented a lecture on literature, a violin recital and an art exhibit. In the future, the PMC community can expect another exhibit, this time of War Art by Roger Ullrich in MacMorland Center, President's Day on January 7. On Liberal Arts Day, January 21, "The Thieves Carnival" by Jean Anouilh will be presented by the Pennsylvania Players of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dean Arnold, who addressed the students, faculty and friends on the topic of "Trends of Contemporary Literature," made particular note of the effect of existentialism on many American writers working today and those of the recent past.

Groups Modern Writers

He grouped the writers since World War II into four major categories according to subject matter and then noted the influence of existentialism, as outlined by Camus and others, on many of the men writing today.

In conclusion Dean Arnold made two projections of the future by grouping the young writers of the present

Don't Forget !!

Christmas Vacation begins 1 P.M. Friday December 18 and ends at 10 P.M. Sunday, January 3.

into the British "angry young men" category and the "beat" generation. Before closing he made a plea that drama and the theatre be restored to its place in the literary spectrum and accused the American theatre-goer of frivolity for accepting only light musical comedies with any real acclaim.

Violin Recital

On Thursday evening, December 10, an audience of classical-music (Continued on Page 6)

Governor Denounces "Exclusionary" Policy of G.O.P. National Committee



Governor William W. Scranton faces college editors in recent news conference held at the State Capital.

Commission's Work In Chester "Outstanding," He Says

HARRISBURG—At a recent news conference for the Pennsylvania college press, Governor William W. Scranton denied a Newsweek report that Illinois Republican Charles Percy called him at the governors' conference in Denver to request that Scranton softpedal attempts to oust Dean Burch as head of the Republican National Committee. The governor said that in his communications with Percy, that ex-gubernatorial hopeful had concurred that the rehabilitation of the Republican party demanded Burch's removal.

In replying to a question whether he would seek Republican presidential nomination in 1968, Scranton declared that he had "not given any thought to that," but rather that he felt it was essential at this time for Republicans to concentrate on the elections of 1966.

In contrast to some Republicans who have attempted, with a strange sort of Orwellian logic, to portray the Republican defeat as a Goldwater victory, Scranton termed the defeat "crushing and humiliating," and stated that it had been a "traumatic experience" for the Republican party.

To Press for Reapportionment

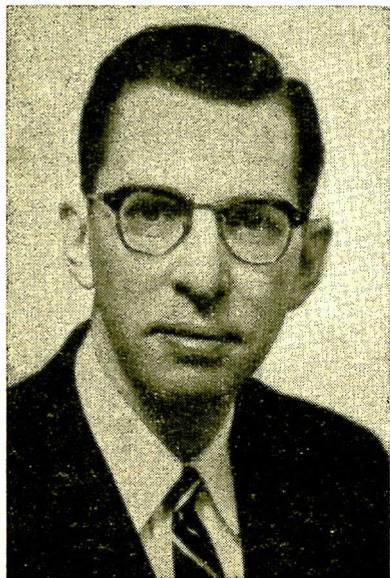
He denounced what he called "the exclusionary policy of the National Committee, begun in San Francisco," and said that the Committee must reorganize and that it must reflect an acceptable philosophy with regard (Continued on Page 4)

SCUSA XVI

by Andrew O. Manzini

The annual Student Conference on United States Affairs was held at the United States Military Academy on December 2-5. Every major University in the United States and Canada was represented. This writer represented PMC.

The Conference was in the form of a panel discussion between experts in the field of economics and international relations, among them the Secretary of Agriculture. This was followed by two daily round table discussions among students, held in the meeting rooms of West Point's magnificent new library. Round tables were divided as follows: Africa South (Continued on Page 2)



To the Student Body:

This is the season of joy and good fellowship, when gifts and greetings are exchanged among friends, a time when our thoughts turn to those more needy than ourselves. For some, Christmas may seem to be a folk festival replete with legendary characters and symbols; to others a period of crass commercialism, but to all of us it is an opportunity to renew our faith in mankind. It becomes a time when we reassess our values and rechart our future relations to others and to our Maker.

May each of us as we approach this

Christmas Season make the coming of goodness which Christmas symbolizes a basis for sharing our friendship and our successes with all mankind in a way that will reflect the true meaning of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

On behalf of the faculty, the trustees, and the entire PMC family, Mrs. Moll joins me in wishing each and everyone of the PMC student body the happiest of holiday seasons.

Clarence P. Tull

A Glimpse Into the Past

by Karl Koch

The Corps has made frequent trips off campus and in doing so, has made a reputation for PMC. Here is an account of an interesting event that took place on one of these trips, as recorded by Mr. Henry Potts, who was a cadet while PMC was located in West Chester. It occurred at a welcome home celebration for the 97th Regiment from southern battle fields.

"We marched into West Chester, to help in the welcoming home. After the exercises were over the cadet officers took us by Miss Evans' young ladies school, and Miss Evans, hearing martial music, supposed the veterans were about to pass the institution and instructed the girls to wave their handkerchiefs. But when we sprightly young cadets turned the corner by the school the staid Miss Evans became a changed woman. After the manner of a motherly hen shooing its chicks from some impending danger, she swooped forward and screamed to her charges to go in at once, but the girls stood their ground and fluttered their handkerchiefs until we had passed by at a marching salute."

Corps Helps at Disaster

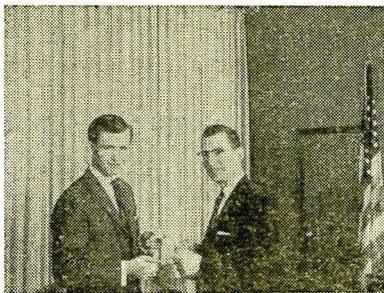
Another trip off campus was quite unexpected. On 10 April, 1917, 133 munitions workers were killed, and scores injured in an explosion that wrecked the shrapnel-loading plant of an ammunition concern in Eddystone. The Corps of Cadets, under the command of Captain Lewis Morey, U.S. detail, were rushed to the scene of the disaster. Their discipline calmed the frantic crowd that would not give way to the regular guards of the plant. Five minutes after their arrival, a gray line had forced back the thousands pressing at the gates, and made efficient rescue possible. They did their job in a calm efficient way. Their discipline brought order out of chaos.

Cavalry Troop

It was mentioned in a previous article that PMC was noted for its cavalry troop, Troop "D", and its championship polo teams. In order to help revive that certain esprit that Troop "D" gave the Corps, a number of cadets and interested personnel of the college have been donating their time to the project of reactivating Troop "D".

The troop will be privately supported, thus eliminating the problem of college support. It is hoped that response will be sufficient to permit the troop to participate in the coming Spring Festival.

If Troop "D" is to be successful, it needs the backing of the Corps. For the moment it does not need money, but suggestions and active backing would help. What is the attitude of the Corps toward reactivating Troop "D"? Please address all opinions to Box 1185 in the student center.



Pat Brennan, Student Council Secretary, sells the first ticket for the Spring Festival to President Moll.

PERSHING RIFLES

A new season is about to begin for Co. Q-5. After successfully completing the fall schedule, which consisted of exhibitions on Military Weekend, and other football games including Atlantic City, Q-5 is ready to settle down to the serious business of winning another National Championship.

A tentative schedule has been planned, and if all goes well it should prove to be an interesting year. Q-5 is expected to attend the following meets; Villanova, Pittsburgh, the national championship at Chicago, and the possibility of Cincinnati and St. Petersburg.

Candidates in Hand

The future seems to be in capable hands. Dave Duthie D.I. and Chuck Nistico 1st/Sgt. have been doing a tremendous job with the "Candidates." The candidates, twenty-five in number, represent the pick of the crop which numbered in the eighties. Congratulations are in order for these men for a job well done. Also to be congratulated are Tom Keller and Ed Farrell for the fine job they did on the P.R. dance.

In finishing, Q-5 would like to express their deepest appreciation to the Corps of Cadets for the warm reception you gave us as we performed in Atlantic City. It is quite a thrill to perform before such an appreciative audience. From Q-5 to all of you, MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Fraternity News

ALPHA SIGMA PHI

The national secretary of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Mr. Ralph Burns, visited Gamma Xi Chapter on Monday, November 30th. Mr. Burns had lunch with the officers of the Pennsylvania Military College Chapter. He visited the home of the local chapter, on 14th Street, next to the Biology Building; he was favorably impressed with the house and the activities of our organization.

Three Socials Held

During the afternoon, Mr. Robert H. Janke, our Interfraternity Counselor, talked with Mr. Burns in the red lounge at the MacMorland Center. Members of Gamma Xi also stopped in at intervals to talk with the national secretary. In the evening, the chapter officers and faculty advisor, Professor Walter J. Dennison, had a dinner meeting with the guests at the Towne House in Media, Pa.

The PMC chapter has had three socials recently; the last one was held at the house on Saturday evening, December 5th. Mike Hernandez and his cadet band rendered the pep music for the dance. It was a successful social with approximately two hundred persons attending.

Members at Boardwalk Bowl

The chapter ended the intramural fraternity football contest in second place, with a 14-2 victory over Theta Chi Fraternity.

The members attended the annual PMC-Kings Point football game at Atlantic City, New Jersey, and established residence for the weekend at the Mount Royal Motel. A party was given after the game. It was good to greet Keith Anderson, former chapter president and many other alumni members at the social.

Members are now engaged in decorating the house for the Christmas Season. The fraternity plans to have a Christmas Party in the auditorium of the Compass Nautical Museum before classes end for the holiday season.

TKE

Although Pennsylvania Military College did not realize victory in the Atlantic City Bowl game, Theta Lambda's Joe Carter was voted the distinguished honor of "Most Outstanding Player." Joe gained a total of 395 yards rushing, and without doubt played a fantastic game. Bob Grousch, Clark Wonderland, Richie Swartzman, Larry Geter, John Grant, Leo Pelleriti, Bill Calhoun, Bill Baum, Frank Pelligrini and Chuck Grove are TKE Brothers who also aided PMC in attaining the "almost victory". Congratulations are extended to them all for a very fine season.

Christmas Visit Planned

Extensive plans are being undertaken at this time in order that TKE can bring Christmas to the less fortunate. An orphanage or rest home will be visited by the brothers of Theta Lambda in an attempt to extend the Christmas Spirit to those residing there. At the same time, we will be promoting the good name of our College. This we feel to be our Christmas duty, and are all looking forward to the planned festivities.

Ring Dance Enjoyed

The Junior Brothers enjoyed a wonderful Ring Dance and party afterward last weekend.

TKE is looking forward to the intramural basketball games with both Alpha Sigma Phi and Theta Chi, and wishes them the best of luck in the coming events.

S.A.M.E. News

The PMC Student Post of the S.A.M.E. is having a very active year under the able direction of Maj. Charles F. Donahue, USA Corps of Engineers.

On Saturday morning 21 November 1964, the members of the society visited the dredge USS Comber on the Delaware River. The Captain of the ship escorted the party thru the dredge explaining the uses of the equipment on board. On this trip the members got a look at the practical aspect of engineering.

The Society has a trip scheduled for mid-December to Aberdeen Proving Ground, in Aberdeen, Maryland and is planning a weekend trip to Washington in the Spring.

Any persons interested in joining may see Alex N. Umrichin in Room 210 New Dorm 5.

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of the Sahara, Middle East, Far East, Latin America.

Students attempted to formulate a sensible policy for the United States to pursue in regard to underdeveloped nations. The final recommendations of these panels have been forwarded to the State Department. In comparing PMC to other institutions, this writer discovered that the Political Science program of our College is among the best in the nation. A considerable number of the courses offered at PMC are graduate level, and our International Relations program is actually two years ahead of Harvard's.

The organization of SCUSA XVI was excellent and a minimum amount of time was lost. Students were given the opportunity to visit the historical sites of West Point, including the world-famous museum.

To Give The Perfect Gift

by Alan Poland

The cold December air makes one shiver and one's eyes smart from seeing so many icy lights blinking on and off as they outline this year's SPECIAL BUYS. It's Christmas, the best time of the year. Joy reigns in the carols sung and smiles are without pain. Above the crowds of pushing shoppers in the many shops and department stores hangs the motivation for their activity: The spirit of giving.

'Giving' is the motto of the season and throughout the world the tradition of giving gifts is practiced.

So it is, especially during the Christmas season, that man rushes about racking his brain for the 'perfect gift' to give someone. Since the consideration of gifts is a main issue at this time of year, wouldn't it be an opportune time for each of us to appraise the personal gifts that we have and are capable of giving?

We all possess gifts of one kind or another. Perhaps they could be called talents, skills, abilities, or even the mere strength of our bodies. Do we fully realize what our gifts are and what we can do with them? Do we put our gifts to their best use?

At Christmas we are willing to search in every store for that 'perfect gift.' If we find that gift, we are willing to pay top dollar for it; and when we give it to that 'someone,' we are satisfied. In like manner, can't we search ourselves for the gifts that we already have and that cost so little to give? The man who made the pin, or wrote the book, or cut the record—even the woman who wrapped the package—used their personal gifts so that we might have a 'perfect gift' to give to someone.

The important thing about our gifts is the fact that we can give them to everybody whether our gift is playing football well, writing an article for the campus newspaper, drawing a poster, leading a discussion group, or just helping someone who is sad to smile; it is a gift worth giving. And if we give our time and talent, then we are truly giving the 'perfect gift.'

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Lebanon Valley Pins PMC Basketball Team Drops Two

The winter sports program at PMC got off on a sour note. In their first match of the season, the PMC Wrestling team was over-powered by Lebanon Valley. An afternoon crowd of about 175 fans saw LV build up a 25-0 lead with four straight pins and a forfeit. Then Walt Reichert gave the partisan crowd something to yell about when he pinned his man with six seconds remaining in the first period.

In the next match, John "Rabbit" Jackson won a rugged decision over Wertsch of Lebanon Valley, 5-0. The final match of the meet was the unlimited. Bill "Hoss" Calhoun, absent from the mats for a season with a leg injury, pinned his opponent with 1:03 remaining in the third period. It was Calhoun's second pin of his career, the other was scored in his sophomore year against Elizabethtown. The final score of the match was LV 25 PMC 13.

123 lb. Kaufman (LV) pinned Desko (PMC) 4:26 (2nd).

130 lb. Willman (LV) pinned Garrison (PMC) 7:06 (3rd).

137 lb. Rutter (LV) pinned Murphy (PMC) 1:41 (1st).

147 lb. Hawk (LV) pinned Thurstin (PMC) 2:26 (1st).

157 lb. Mahler (LV) forfeit.

167 lb. Reichert (PMC) pinned Thompson (LV) 2:54 (1st).

177 lb. Jackson (PMC) decisioned Wertsch (LV) 5-0.

Hvwt. Calhoun (PMC) pinned Bulard (LV) 7:14 (3rd).

Frosh Set Back Twice

The PMC Freshman basketball team got off to a jittery start against the Elizabethtown Frosh. E-Town dominated the play and won a 75-56 decision. Top scorers for PMC were Browne with 20 points and Meszarus with 19.

Against Johns Hopkins, the game was a little tighter and a lot more exciting. The score was knotted 30-30 at halftime. JH pulled into a commanding lead in the second half only to see their lead diminish quickly. Late in the game the score changed hands several times with both teams unable to move into a commanding lead. At the finish, the JH Frosh won out 66-65, a real heartbreaker for the Cadets. Top scorer for the PMC Frosh was 6'3" George Schicora who netted 24 points. John Browne, a 6'1" guard tallied 20 points. Gary Rainey contributed 15 points and Chuck Nobel 5.

Going Formal?

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PMC's Varsity basketball team played their first two games in two days, and lost them both. One they weren't expected to win, the other they were.

In their first game of the season, the Cadets travelled to Elizabethtown. The first half was surprisingly close with PMC hanging right in there. Alas, came the second half and E-Town turned a tight game into a romp. The final score was 76-53, but the wide margin by which E-Town won does not tell the story of the game which was well-fought by the Cadets.

The following night PMC took on Johns Hopkins. JH took an early first period lead (18-12). Both teams were ice-cold for the first two minutes of play, then JH opened up a 10 point lead and the game looked like it might turn into a rout. However, key baskets by Bud Downey, Fred McGuinney, and Bob Konzlemann brought PMC to within 4 points of Hopkins at halftime. In the second period of play PMC outscored their opponents 12-10.

At the start of the second half Downey and Jerry Stretch began to find the range, and PMC tied the score. JH working on a fast break, opened up a 39-33 lead. They proceeded to capitalize on PMC miscues and with 7:26 remaining to play led by a 48-39 score.

PMC then came alive and began a spirited rally. Switching to a man-to-man defense, the Cadets began to pull even. The last three minutes were riotous, and with 35 seconds left the Cadets were down by three points. Konzlemann scored with one second to play, but it was not enough as JH came out on top, 54-53.

High scorer for PMC was Bud Downey with 16 points. Bob Konzlemann and Bob McGuinney each had ten, and Jerry Stretch nine. Konzlemann, much improved from last year in rebounding, was top man for both teams in that field registering 15. Marv Shippis, extremely aggressive under the baskets pulled down nine. PMC made 33% of their baskets while JH tallied 29%. From the foul line PMC was 5 for 10, and JH 14 for 17.

PMC Runners Compete In Campus Classic

On December 5th, several members of the PMC cross-country team competed in the 42nd Annual Camden Street Run. The race, sponsored by the Camden YMCA attracted top runners from all over the Middle Atlantic States. The race was a handicap, in which the better runners would start at different times after the gun was sounded. The course was a flat and fast 4.7 miles through the streets of Camden.

Coming away with the second place time prize was the coach of the PMC Harriers, Skip Dougherty. Finishing seventh was Frosh star Frank Mulford. Dave Driscoll finished a scant second in front of Marty Reid for twelfth and thirteenth places. Also finishing up in the top 25 were two other Frosh runners, Pat Quinn and Bill Craemer. A total of 55 runners took part in the event. Mike Stalkus, another PMC runner who was slated to compete, was unable to attend because of military commitments at Aberdeen, Md.



Mr. Glen C. Brewin, Class of '38 presents Joe Carter with the Outstanding All-Around Player Trophy. Carter won the award for his superb playing in the PMC-USMMA football game.

Weekend Sports

At least one can say that PMC is consistent in the Winter Sports circuit. To date, there hasn't been a victory in either basketball (0-3), wrestling (0-1), or swimming (0-1).

This past weekend, the basketball team made it three in a row, losing to Haverford, 63-44. The only bright light of the game was Fred McGuinney who continued to burn the nets. Haverford outscored the Cadets from the floor, 23 goals to 18, and from the foul line, 17-8. This week the team travels to Quantico, Virginia for the pre-Christmas Quantico Tournament.

Haverford also dealt the PMC swimming team a crippling blow this past weekend. The Cadets, whose roster of swimmers can be tabulated on one hand and three toes, went down to a watery defeat, 63-31. The real trouble with the team is a lack of depth, which forces the swimmers to compete in three or more events. However, Harry Lutz put a damper on their rout by winning the 200 Butterfly. Bill Baum was the only other individual for PMC to take a first place and that in the diving event. In addition to his first place. Lutz also finished second in the 200 breast stroke. Captain Tom Whitesell took two seconds, one in the 200 Individual Medley, and the other in the 200 backstroke. The 400 Freestyle Relay team of Curt Velsor, Bob Shaw, Mike Stalkus, and Dave Driscoll were awarded a first place when the Haverford team was disqualified.

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Robert F. Evans, Chief ROTC Division, ORC; Lt. Colonel C. O. Wilson Procurement Division, ODCSPER; and Major B. T. Meadows, Office of the Executive for Career Planning, OPD. All phases of an Army Officer Career were discussed at this time.

The cadets returned to the hotel for an AUSA Dinner. The dinner was followed by a series of "Hospitality" parties. The following days were occupied by more meetings, another dinner and two films, one on recent developments in Army Aviation, and the other on the increasing role of Special Forces in Viet Nam.

During their limited free time. Cadets Nicholls and Moller toured several points of interest in Washington. Among these, the cadets had the opportunity to tour the Capitol. The National Archives, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The cadets returned to PMC on 18 November tired, but better informed as to the role of a truly modern Army.

Battery Robinett Salvos!!

Marking the "first big step," Cadet Captain William A. Whittaker, Commanding, has announced Battery Robinett's successful completion of its subscription drive for \$500. The \$500 goal was set last year by the PMC Alumni Association which agreed to match this amount, thus enabling Battery Robinett to purchase a Civil War artillery piece. "Contributions were derived from a variety of sources," Whittaker said, "but especially gratifying was the response of PMC's Classes of '67 and '68. Their remarkable interest in this project must mark a desire of the new PMC man to associate himself firmly with the soldierly qualities exemplified by Lt. Henry C. Robinett."

Suitable Weapon Must be Found

Captain Wallace R. Philbrook, advisor to Battery Robinett, is following a number of leads to obtain for Battery Robinett a suitable memorial weapon. The original idea of obtaining a 20-powder Parrott gun, a replica of the type served by Robinett at Corinth has been tempered by consideration of the size and weight of such a piece. Captain Philbrook made the comment, "We want a weapon which can fit into Convention Hall."

Funds Still Needed

Whittaker reminds all interested that Battery Robinett still needs funds to complete its project. An important part of this project is the uniforming of the gun's crew in the uniform of the period in which the piece was used.

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Vandalism at PMC

In a recent interview with THE DOME, Mr. Art Garner, director of MacMorland Center, has described innumerable cases of destruction and vandalism in the new building. While the student center has not been open for one full semester, reports of broken and damaged equipment and facilities have been so numerous that the maintenance force has been unable to keep up with repairs, much less complete the minor additions to the physical plant which were not operational last September.

Mr. Garner admits that there still remains many cases of stuck doors, inoperable windows and the like which are a result of the original construction, but he states that these shortcomings cannot be corrected while the carpenters are forced to repair broken doors which have been forced, wash-room appliances which have been maliciously destroyed and furniture which has been used improperly. Garner cited one case of a chalk dispenser which was installed in the billiard room and which was totally destroyed within one week. Such equipment is known to have lasted for as much as five years in slum-area pool halls.

Why has this happened? Do the students of PMC write on the walls and table-tops in their homes? Do they rest their feet on upholstered chairs? We think not. Possibly students feel they have paid for this facility and they may do with it as they see fit. Such an attitude toward school buildings and equipment is not restricted to the Center. Like examples can be found in classrooms, dormitories and even the library.

MacMorland Center is designed for the off hours of students where they may relax or play as they wish, but ripping doorhandles out of steel doors is not playing. Students have been seen proudly ushering family and friends throughout the new structure explaining that it is a recreation and activities center for the student body. If pride like this exists, from whence comes the completely opposite attitude?

Mr. Garner has said that in his experience, he has found students willing to cooperate with, and care for student unions to the point that they, the students, are instrumental in making the union a better place than it might have been previously. Is PMC so different that this attitude cannot exist here?

Let us all take some time to seriously ponder this problem and let us, as individuals, return from Christmas holidays with a group attitude of caring for this new building which is almost solely devoted to our uses. Mr. Garner hopes that by the first of the year everything will be in working order, and that 1965 can be started with a clean slate.

Unless such a change occurs, the question he raised which sounds so ridiculous, may soon become a reality. That question: "How long will it be before it (MacMorland Center) looks like the old canteen?"

Ridiculous — And Majestic

Christmas is the celebration of a Man, and by extension, of all mankind. It is a time to consider that the measure of compassion and love within each of us, is the measure of our identification with that single Man. It is a time to consider that a life without dignity and personal integrity is lived in vain, and to the extent that we live our lives in vain, so much so was that single life lived in vain. And to the extent that any man lives in vain, so do we all. For we are all our brother's keeper.

A few days ago an English professor, paraphrasing Carlyle, defined the human condition. He said: "Even though you're sitting on top of the world, you're still sitting on your own behind. There's just something ridiculous about man." He was right, of course. We see these contradictions everywhere about us. At the Nobel Award presentations we saw a woman described as the greatest female scientist since Marie Curie conducting herself with an attitude of humility so profound it created an aura about her. And we see men, accused of murder in Mississippi, bearing themselves with great pride.

But having noted the absurdity of human existence, we have not said all there is to say. We have not said that there is about man a majesty greater than that of eagles, and we must, for it is so. We have only to listen to Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony," to stand before Michaelangelo's "David," to read Shakespeare's *Hamlet*; we have only to watch a man explaining a leaf to a child, to know that the essence of man is a mystical distillate of all the wonders we may conceive any heaven to hold.

Christmas and the commencement of a new year is an especially propitious time to consider these things. At this time, hopefully, we are all a bit more disposed to reflection, and introspection, more disposed to tolerance and to a consideration of ourselves in relation to our separate gods and to all men.

Here at PMC many creeds contend, and it is well that this is so. We differ, and if we will, we can grow because of our differences. We hold different social codes, different cultural values, different political ideals, different religious beliefs. This can be our strength if we will have it be, our weakness if we allow it to be. In this respect PMC is a cosmos representative of a larger universe. If we can grow here as a minor segment of our generation, we can, in the larger sense, grow in the world as a complete generation.

There is no single road to truth. And the only ultimate truth is that there are no ultimate truths. Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions." No one mansion is more magnificent, or more firmly founded than another. Each is equal and sufficient to the needs of the tenant who has earned the right to occupancy. And that right is gained by an honest struggle to find one's own codes, one's own values, one's own ideals, one's own beliefs, and one's own truths. Each man is born with the right to seek these things. And no man has the right to deny another's search.

To the extent that pride allows us to count ourselves above others, we are ridiculous. To the extent that humility convinces us that we are "involved in mankind," we can be majestic. We need not create immortal works of art; we need only be equal to the spirit that compels these masterpieces — to identify ourselves with all that is best in man; and to live, insofar as we are able, individual lives that are masterpieces. To the extent that we succeed, we justify ourselves and we justify our gods' faith, whatever we may individually conceive the nature of that faith to be, in us.

Why Tolerate Dissension?

By Bruce I. Kristol

It is quite banal to say, "Well, if you believe in something firmly enough, then you should have the 'courage of your convictions' to stand up for them." This seems reasonable; however, when it comes to having an opinion on some subject, be it trivial or be it grave, it is difficult to voice it amidst loud clamor against such an opinion. A person's confidence in himself is directly related to the way he views his status within a certain group.

To quote one hypothesis of Dr. Keith A. Lovald, of Temple University, "Conformity to norms of the group will vary according to one's perception of his status within the group." Since the person knows his opinion is a single dissenting one, he senses some form of social disapproval of it. But if he is being openly criticized and insulted while he is trying to present his opinion, then it is exceedingly difficult for such a person, who wants to be "accepted" by his contemporaries, which is quite natural, to voice such a dissenting opinion. This is what occurred during the meeting which the Class of 1966 had on December 3.

Democratic Ideals

It is here that I see a close relationship of "Democratic Values" of the Class of '66 to some results of the poll which the Political Science Honor Society conducted with the Class of '68. Concerning the application of "Freedom of Speech and Opinion," it is quite apparent to me that my classmates are in the same category as the neophyte freshmen. Although I am sure that a majority of my classmates believe in the principles of democracy, they find it quite disconcerting to hear an opinion which conflicts with theirs.

This hardly seems to be the fruition of what our forefathers and our Alumni fought for in two world wars — democratic ideals. Surely college should be the testing grounds for citizenship and leadership.

Democracy at PMC

But what do I see? I see men who are preparing to lead our country yelling to the dissenter, "idiot," "shut up," and "sit down." Future leaders hurling insults as if such were standard practice in a democracy.

Too many of us are eager to condemn. Much of the hate and bigotry today is caused by those who are condemning. Democracy is based on free inquiry, and free inquiry breeds dissension. But it is this dissension that eventually strengthens the basic ideals of the majority. This is what has kept our democracy strong and cohesive.

GOVERNOR SCRANTON

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to civil rights and problems of minority groups in general, in order to develop broad-based support.

Ranging across a broad spectrum of topics, the Governor indicated that he intended to press for reapportionment of congressional districts in the next legislative session, seeking a legislative mandate for reapportionment instead of stalling until judicial compulsion is brought to bear on the state.

Questioned about the elimination of the sales tax on textbooks for college students, Governor Scranton said that he is "sympathetic" to such a move, and that he stressed his sympathy for the move in his campaign for Governor. He explained, however, that an investigation of the plan brought out the fact that such a tax reduction would require a constitutional revision.

"Extraordinarily Outstanding"

The Governor was asked to comment on Mayor James H. Gorbey's response to the Governor's Commission's report and recommendations dealing with the civil rights dispute in Chester. It was pointed out that the Mayor's response seemed to indicate that the Commission's investigation had been somewhat less than thorough and their recommendations ill-considered in view of the fact that at least three of the recommendations

Mess Hall To Get Hat Racks

Over the Christmas vacation the chairs in the mess hall will be equipped with much needed hat racks. The ingenious heavy wire racks will be fastened beneath each seat, providing space for Service Caps.

are proscribed by the Third Class City Code which Chester's government must adhere to, and which can only be altered by the Legislature.

The Governor, after first stating that he had not read Gorbey's statement (it was published five days before) and did not wish to comment on it until he had the opportunity to study it, went on to say that his Commission had done an "extraordinarily outstanding job" in Chester and suggested that any close examination of the commission's report would bear this out.

Governor Scranton was questioned about state aid to the Greater Chester Movement. He said that Chester was already receiving state aid, noting the formation of the Council of Human Services as an example. "Never in the history of the state," Scranton then said, "has so much been done to help solve the problems of one community as has been done in Chester."

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"No Time for Sgts"

By David Driscoll

When the play *No Time For Sergeants* was presented on Broadway it was acclaimed a smash. The movie was a bigger hit. It has been presented in many different ways and in many different settings, and the thespians of the Junior Class have added yet another version.

The story revolves around a country bumpkin, played by Frank Platt, who was drafted (?) into an "Institution". What followed this introduction was a tongue-in-cheek satire which always seems to be the main theme of Junior Class Plays.

The best scene in the first act was the attempt to get Will (Frank Platt) drunk. The tables are turned on the two instigators, Lt. Bubbard (Bill Symolon) and Irvin Goldbrick (Paul Donovan). Adding to the general mirth of the scene were the ad-libs from the other members of the cast on stage. Paul Roselle as the curvaceous cigarette girl circulated freely around the stage, peddling his/her

wares. The end of the act culminated in a barroom brawl that would have made John Huston raise an eyebrow.

The second act turned into a wild affair. Frank Platt, at the drop of a cue, turned muffed lines into humorous ad-libs. Frank Pelligrini as Lt. Billbrook dominated the tank scene with comic facial gestures in his portrayal of a sleepy tank commander.

After this scene the pace seemed to slacken a little, but was revived toward the end in a manner that brought back memories of the play *Hell-za-Poppin'*. Every now and then a baggy pants pseudo-cadet would stroll across the front of the stage with a plant. Each time he crossed the plant was larger. In the final

scene in the woods the main characters spoke or ad-libbed their lines while in the background the Cigarette Girl was pursued across the stage by Lt. Billbrook. All these antics kept the play from seeming too long and drawn out.

At the end of the play Frank Platt, who turned in a fine performance as Will, put my mind at ease (as well as the audience's) when he informed us all that Tony did get a contract. What delighted me more than anything was that he turned it down. It was a fitting end to an enjoyable evening. The entire cast is to be congratulated, and special congratulations go out to Gary Garnick and Andy Patton who did a fine re-write on the play.

ENGLISH CLUB

Tickets are now on sale for the English Club's Foreign Film Festival to be held in the Alumni Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. on February 24, March 17, and April 26. The tickets may be purchased at the information desk in MacMorland Center or from any member of the English Club. The cost per ticket — \$1.50 — includes admission to all three films and a lecture on the art of Ingmar Bergman.

The Club again encourages interested students to submit manuscripts to be considered for publication in a PMC literary magazine. The magazine will be published in the spring and it will exhibit the creative writing ability of students and faculty.

This Fall

In an earlier issue of THE DOME we took a tongue-in-cheek look at the more amusing patterns our world had described as it wobbled through the universe and the past summer. It is time now that we level our somewhat jaundiced gaze at the events of this fall.

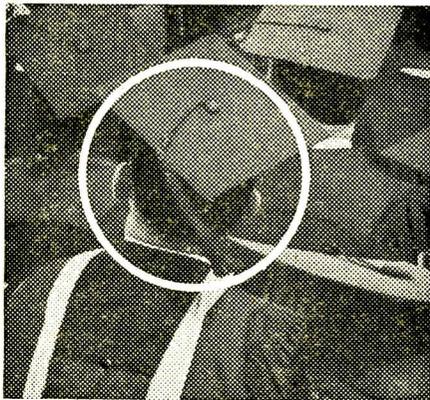
At a trade fair recently held in Pittsburgh five American freedom fighters did their bit to "save the Republic" by cutting a Russian flag down from a flagpole. Later one of the group called a newspaper editor to reassure the world. He said, "Don't worry. We're a patriotic organization." What else? Wasn't it Samuel Johnson who said, "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel"?

Negro comedian Dick Gregory is running a campaign to send 20,000 turkeys to Mississippi for the holidays. It's a foreign aid type of thing, so the people there can have a Christmas just like we have in the United States.

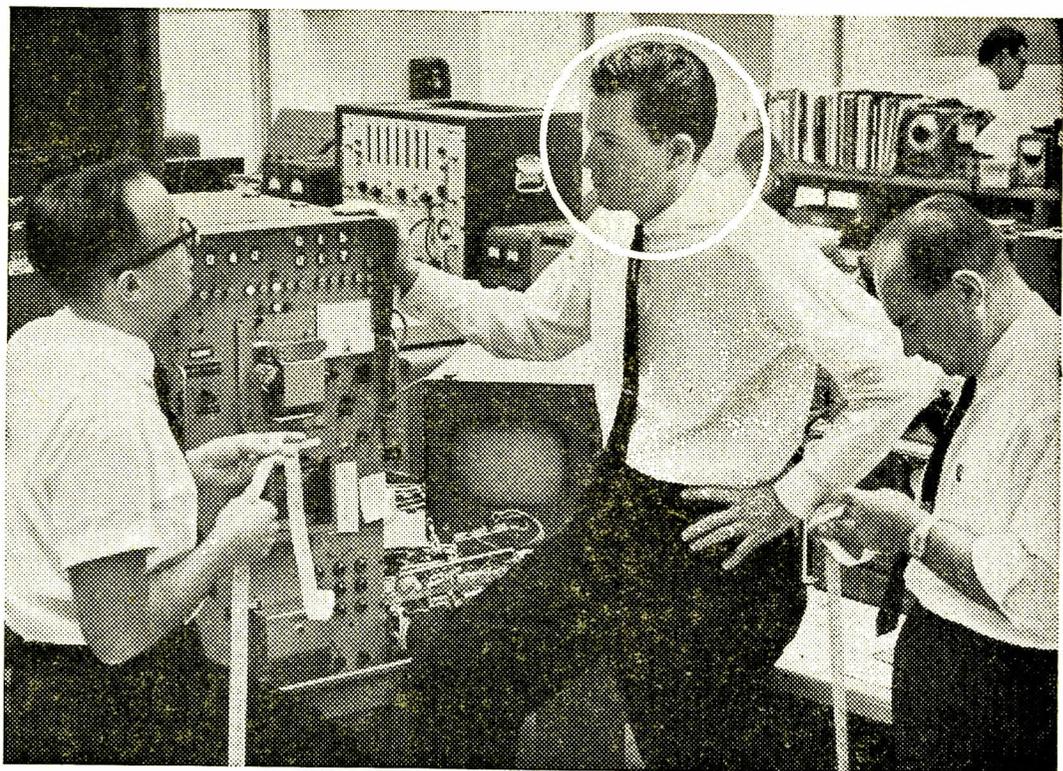
Out in Abington Township, Harry Sutter is still holding onto Leo, the lion with rickets, in defiance of his irate neighbors. Harry says he'll go to the Supreme Court to keep his lion, but we can't help feel that in the end "the good people" will win out, and Leo will have to go. We know just how those "good people" feel, though — it really gets under our skin to see somebody happy.

Released on parole from a Federal penitentiary, ex-teamster boss Dave Beck made a couple of interesting statements. Asked about present teamster head Jimmy Hoffa, Beck said Hoffa is "... a top-notch fella." Asked then about his companions back in the pen, Beck said they were all "... top-notch fellas."

A Republican group in the mid-west is beginning a campaign to elect Ronald Reagan (What's so funny? He's old enough.) President in '68. Ronny, that sly old dog, hasn't declined their support. Maybe he knows something we don't know. After all, look at George Murphy. Anyway, the pool of talent Reagan could draw on for his cabinet is immense, and his possible choices could be interesting: Sect'y of Treasury — Zsa Zsa Gabor, Sect'y of Health, Education and Welfare — Frank Sinatra, Sect'y of Agriculture — Gabby Hayes.



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lovers gathered in the Alumni Auditorium to hear Mrs. Dorothy Bales, noted concert violinist, deliver a recital. Assisting Mrs. Bales was Anthony Newman, pianist and prize winning organist and composer.

After a brief introduction by Professor Francisco Navarro, the program opened with Vivaldi's Sonata in D Major. The Adagio Fugue (allegro) movement of Bach's Sonata No. 1 in G Major followed. The

strong Vivaldian influence on Bach could easily be observed in this zesty violin solo.

For her third selection, Mrs. Bales played Sonata in A Major by Franck, a strong, majestic piece. Mr. Newman deserved the round of applause he received for his superb accompaniment in this number.

Gypsy Music Concludes

Working along somewhat different lines, Mrs. Bales proceeded with several "Songs from Spain" by Nin. First in this selection was "Mountain Song", a sensitive composition reminiscent

of the quiet emotion of Old Spain. Next was "Invocation", a song composed by Nin for performance during Holy Week. From the piano, mingling with the beautiful flowing melody of the violin, could be heard the dignified sound of church bells. The combination was gracefully handled and seemed to cast a reverent spell over the audience. However, the solemn mood was soon broken by Mrs. Bales' skillful rendition of "Andalusia," a rousing flamenco-flavored number.

The vibrant, romantic strains of

gypsy violin concluded the concert as Mrs. Bales played Rumanian folk dances from Bartok.

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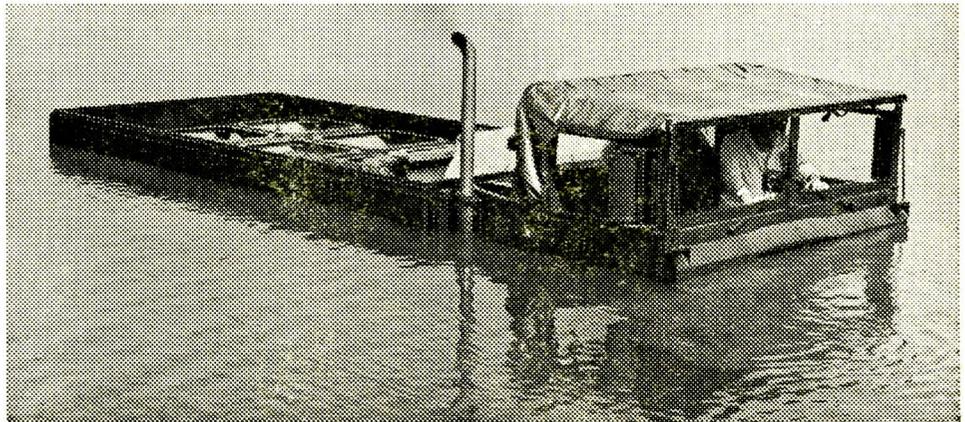
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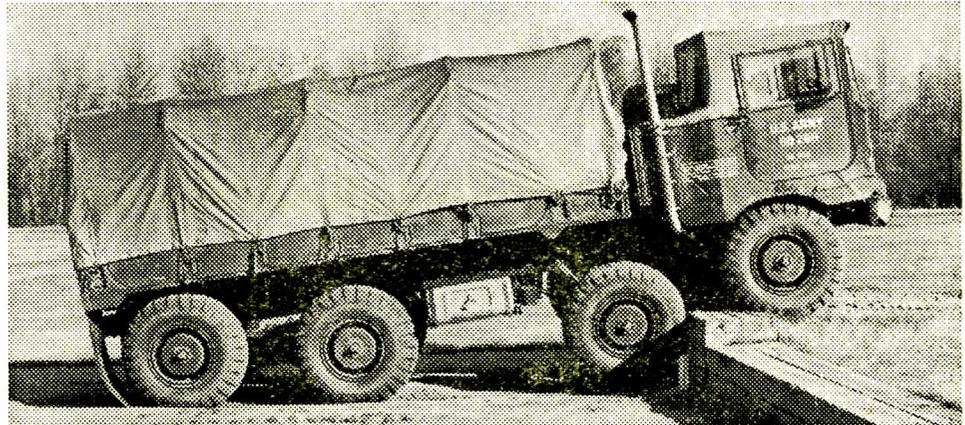
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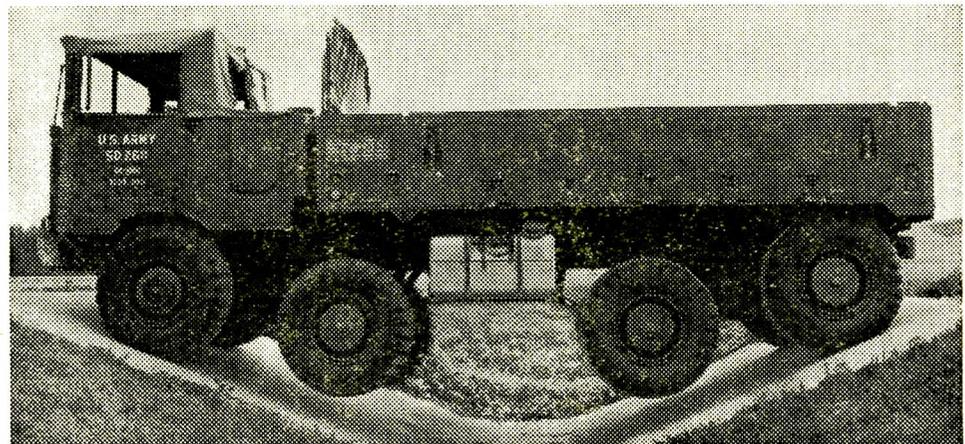
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