

Alumni News

Old Grad Mainstay Of Alumni Office

It is our sincere pleasure to report that Mr. Howard F. Battin, class of 1922, is back in the Alumni Office this year. From the middle of October until the end of April, Mr. Battin



MR. HOWARD F. BATTIN

donates a valuable three days a week working in the Alumni Office locating lost grads, correcting addresses, and building up the morale of the staff. This quiet, easy-going gentleman is happy to work for the college because

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Superior Army Service Award Inaugurated in Ceremony Here

By Brian Kates

The Superior Army Service Award has been created by PMC to honor the member of each class of commissioned cadets whose performance in Army service school has been superior according to pre-established criteria. First to receive this award was First Lieutenant Harry R. Habbersett, PMC 1961. Lieutenant Habbersett stood fifteenth out of a class of 201 at the Infantry School in Fort Benning, Georgia.

The award, a .38 caliber Astra Automatic pistol made possible through donation to the college by Mr. Alexander Montgomery, was presented by President Moll at Mess I formation of the Corps of Cadets on February 13. In presenting the pistol, President Moll remarked that such outstanding post graduate achievements not only marked the distinction of the recipient, but also enhanced the reputation of a grateful Alma Mater.

Similar Awards to be Presented

Three other former cadets are to receive similar awards as soon as suitable arrangements can be made. They are: First Lieutenant John B. Rutledge, PMC '60, who stood second in his class at the Southeast Signal School, Fort Gordon, Ga.; First Lieutenant Jon O. Gruber, PMC '62, who stood sixth in a class of fifty-eight at



Dr. Moll presents Astra Automatic to Lt. Habbersett.

the Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Va.; and Second Lieutenant James E. Brunke, PMC '63, who stood third out of 128 at the Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Set Pace for Future Generations

Lieutenants Gruber and Rutledge are now serving active duty in Germany and Lt. Brunke is stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va. Although he completed active duty last year, Lt. Habbersett maintains military connections

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AIR MEDAL GOES TO KENNEDY

In a ceremony on Friday, 19 February, 1965, Capt. Ralph P. Kennedy, recent addition to the M. S. Staff was presented the following citation by Lt. Gen W. W. Dick.

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT THE AIR MEDAL

Is Presented To

CAPTAIN RALPH P. KENNEDY
United States Army

For distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial flight in support of combat ground forces of the Republic of Vietnam during the period:

JANUARY '64 to DECEMBER '64

During this time he actively participated in more than twenty-five aerial missions over hostile territory in support of counterinsurgency operations. During all of these missions he displayed the highest order of air discipline and acted in accordance with the best traditions of the service. By his determination to accomplish his mission in spite of the hazards inherent in repeated aerial flights over hostile territory and by his outstanding degree of professionalism and devotion to duty, he brought credit to himself, his organization, and the military service.

Colonel Menard Says SEA is Non-negotiable Sees Laotian Solution Inadequate

In a recent discussion on U. S. involvement in Southeast Asia, Colonel Noel A. Menard, Assistant Commandant at PMC, said he does not feel that recent events in South Viet-Nam have significantly altered our policy in that country. "I do think people are a bit more aware of our policy there — but I don't think the policy itself has altered. We have increased our strength, of course — but only as a matter of supporting a firm policy.

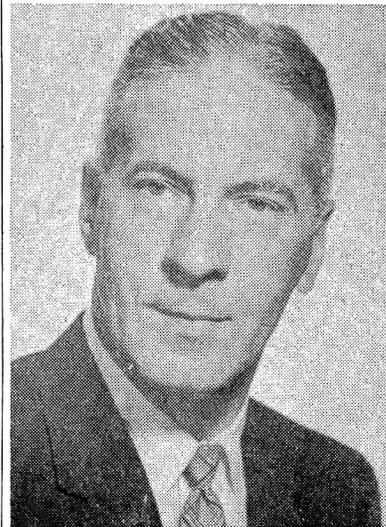
"In line with this, I was quite proud to see us using a few bombs in North Viet-Nam," said the Colonel, a former commander in psychological warfare, Special Forces Commander on Okinawa, and staff member of USARPAC in Honolulu.

France Unqualified

Asked whether negotiation in Viet-Nam was feasible, the Colonel said, "I think it would be an awful mistake. We negotiated ourselves out of Laos and we lost when we did that. It seems to me it will be the same if we negotiate in Viet-Nam."

Questioned about the possible role of France in the event of negotiations, Menard indicated he would not like to see France in any sort of arbital position for two reasons. "First," he said, "because they've recognized Red China. And second — well, it just doesn't seem reasonable to me to bring them in to straighten out a situation they couldn't handle themselves when they were faced with the problem."

As to his judgment on Hanoi's willingness to risk war with the U. S., the Colonel said he did not think North Viet-Nam would launch an attack on the south as the North Koreans had done to their southern neighbors. "But," he said, "I think it de-



COL. NOEL A. MENARD

pends on whether the Chinese want to commit troops, and if they do, it will be another Korea."

Thai "Liberation Front"

"From Hanoi's viewpoint, I think if they studied the situation in Korea, they would want to prevent China's having an excuse to come in there.

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Swarthmore Hosts Annual Foreign Affairs Congress

CBS' Shoenbrun Prodigious of Criticism

By Carl R. Lobel

The Third Annual Intercollegiate Conference on Foreign Affairs was held at Swarthmore College, February 12-14. The subject of the conference was "America, The New Europe, and the Atlantic Alliance." Students from many colleges attended this well-conducted conference, and were addressed by a number of noted historians, political scientists, commentators, and diplomats.

The opening address on Friday night, Feb. 12, was made by David Shoenbrun, the international news analyst for CBS and author of the book *As France Goes*. He is presently working on a biography of the President of France, Charles de Gaulle. Mr. Shoenbrun had some interesting comments to make on world leaders and current world affairs. He is possessed of a sharp wit and uses it frequently in referring to current world problems. In speaking of Charles de Gaulle, he said, "De Gaulle is a contemporary of Joan of Arc."

Cultural Affairs

PMC was fortunate last weekend to have been visited by Lt. Gen. William W. Dick, Jr., Chief of Research and Development of the Department of the Army. In a relatively short stay at the college, the General found time to review an honor guard, dedicate the recently acquired cannon of Battery Robinett, attend a Cadet Officers' Dining-in-Ceremony, deliver an address to the entire college family on the topic of "Research and Development Today — the Army," attend a reception, and, prior to his departure on Saturday morning, inspect cadet rooms and visit the Science and Engineering building.

Goya Originals

Elsewhere on the Cultural calendar, there is an exhibit of etchings from

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Mr. Shoenbrun's talk centered around the evolution of the Common Market and the maneuvering of the French "emperor" for leadership in Europe.

Short on Solutions

According to Mr. Shoenbrun, two of the great men of the 20th century who were instrumental in the evolution of the Common Market have failed to receive the recognition they deserve.

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Fraternity News

Alpha Sigma Phi

On Friday evening, February 5th, 1965, Gamma Xi Chapter initiated, and welcomed as brothers of the fraternity fourteen students. The fraternity accepted these brothers with sincere wishes for a pleasant college career and true comradeship at PMC. The new members were invited to a dinner by the Chapter. Past-president Keith Anderson was present, as well as other alumni members.

On February 6th and 20th, fraternity socials were held and enjoyed by all. The Social Committee announces a house mixer to be held on Saturday, February 27th.

Six brothers of Gamma Xi Chapter are on the academic honors list and the point average for the fraternity at the end of the first semester was 2.30.

T.K.E.

As rush season for the 1966 spring semester opened, numerous activities had been conducted and planned by the brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon. The open house with the addition of a mixer on Friday night was a tremendous success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. A spaghetti dinner was held last night being open to all brothers and prospective pledges. On the 26th, Friday, another mixer will unfold at the house of Theta Lambda. To those not yet actively participating in this week's rush functions, the brothers of TKE would like to extend their hands in open invitation to you; come down and talk with us, join in all the festivities, and become a part of us.

Plans are now in full swing for the new house next year. Contracts for building are being investigated and gone over with a lawyer. Full action should commence this spring.

Last semester saw the induction of 13 new brothers into the brotherhood of Tau Kappa Epsilon. This brings the Theta Lambda strength to 70. Formal initiation was conducted before final exams, with the National Historian, George N. Kollintzas, overseeing the events of the day.

Theta Chi

The big event on our calendar this semester is the regional convention which will be held at Rider College in Trenton on the 12th, 13th and 14th of March. As in the past, the brothers of Epsilon Gamma chapter will be going in full strength in anticipation of bringing home some more trophies. Last year at Gettysburg the brothers won the best attendance trophy.

The brothers should be credited for their fine academic showing. As of now the house average has not been completed, but it appears as if it will exceed 2.3, considerably higher than last year's.

Another big thing is our house relocation project. Because of the PMC expansion program, we will have to vacate our house by September of this year. We have just received the tentative plans from the architect. The brothers all were pleased with the plans and feel the new house should be a credit to the campus.

Art Enthusiasts?

Any persons interested in art classes should contact Mrs. Flood by inter-office mail, c/o Dr. Sophocles. An indication of the time desired should also be made.

"We Can Win in Viet-Nam"

Ex-Advisor to Viet Forces Sees Pessimism Unfounded

In the following interview Captain Robert P. Kennedy, recently returned from South Viet-Nam, discusses his experience, and his impressions of that country.

Captain Kennedy was commissioned in 1955 after graduating from Pennsylvania State University. He completed Airborne and Ranger Training in May 1956 after which he was assigned to the 7th Cavalry Regiment in Otsee, Japan. In November, 1957, he became Headquarters Commandant at Camp Kure, Japan.

Returning to the U. S. in March, 1959, Captain Kennedy was assigned as instructor to the Ranger Department at Fort Benning, Georgia, and attended several schools and courses for officers, as well as commanding a company in the 1st Battle Group of the 38th Infantry.

After counter-insurgency training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Captain Kennedy was assigned to South Viet-Nam where he arrived on 8 January, 1964. In Viet-Nam he served as S-3 advisor to Hau Nghia Province. He returned to the U.S. on 23 December, 1964.

What was the nature of your relationship with your Vietnamese counterpart?

"We were very close. Of course, we worked together and I would see him everyday. Eventually I moved into his office, but this was after a period of about seven months. These relationships—well, any relationship took time, of course, to develop. But it was a very warm thing. Very worthwhile."

What is the greatest single difficulty in dealing with the Vietnamese forces?

"Well, the language barrier is fundamental, naturally. But beyond that I would say just 'understanding.' In our Army we do things immediately, once we reach a decision. In Viet-Nam, you make a recommendation and then there is a time lag between the decision and action. At first it is frustrating not to see things happening immediately. Some advisors succumb to this frustration, get a defeatist attitude and thereby destroy their effectiveness. The Vietnamese notice it right away and they have a tendency to clam up, or withdraw, from the advisor."

It is an article of faith among a number of journalists and politicians that the Vietnamese soldier is a coward. Is this so?

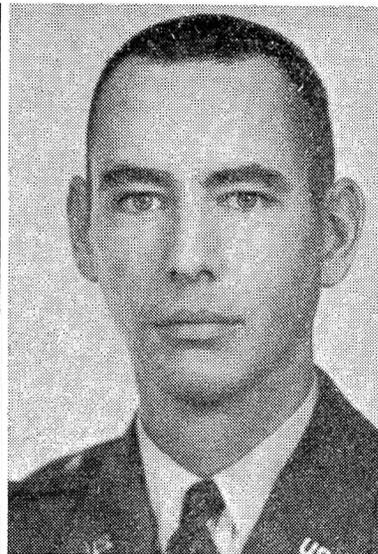
"Most definitely not! In fact, the extreme opposite is often the case. They seem to have a total disregard for their own safety. Individual leaders will completely ignore hostile fire to lead their men, and their men follow."

"I have great faith in the Vietnamese fighting man. To those who say he is a coward—well, there may be individual cases of this; however, there are individual acts of cowardice in our own Army. One act of cowardice doesn't make them all cowards. They are capable soldiers, and they will get the job done."

What is the effect, in the provinces, of the political instability in Saigon?

"Discussions between advisors and counterparts rarely touched on this. We are not there to delve into these problems."

"I would say they always seemed to support the government in power, but the recurrent crises frequently put the commanders in a bad situation. You know, it's difficult to know who to support in the midst of a coup, and



CAPTAIN ROBERT P. KENNEDY

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if you make the wrong choice, you're in trouble."

Do the Vietnamese "care"?

"Well, the soldiers care. Very much. They would like nothing better than to see this thing culminated, with them on the winning side. I really couldn't comment on the civilians."

What is the scope of the insurgency operation?

"Good question. The American public has the opinion that this is a strictly military operation. It isn't. It is political, social, economic, cultural, psychological . . . we make great use of psychological warfare. One of the primary tasks is simply to win the people."

"We would have civil affairs personnel—medics and such moving along with us in our operation, taking care of the people, showing them that the government is genuinely concerned about them. Every effort is made to rehabilitate captured VC and VC sympathizers. Here USOM (United States Overseas Mission) works hand in hand with the government to aid the people."

"So, you see, it is not simply, perhaps not even primarily, a military problem. It has many facets."

Would it be possible to make a judgment as to the greatest single difficulty in dealing with the VC?

"I'd say the fact that they are so well-indoctrinated with Communist propaganda—not to belabor the obvious. This makes it difficult to make them believe that we mean them well. Take Chieu Hoi—(Operation Open Arms)—it's an operation to convince the VC to come over to the government. The government will then take care of them—get them back on their feet after they come over. Well, the Communists tell them they will be killed by the government if they surrender. It's pretty effective."

Did you have any experience with POWs in your unit?

"Yes, we got quite a few. Of course, many are captured as suspects—they may not be VC. Or they may simply support them for one reason or another . . . you know, when somebody's holding a gun to your head, it's a pretty strong reason to give your support."

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he feels that he received a good education at PMC, and by donating his time and effort is enabling other young men to enjoy the benefits of a PMC education.

The history of Mr. Battin's service to his school and the Alumni Association includes highlights such as his Chairmanship of the Nominating Committee of the Board of Managers of the Alumni Association and Class Agent for the Annual Alumni Fund.

Mr. Battin, who resides in nearby Wallingford is a retired executive of the Sun Oil Company. He joined the company on June 19, 1924 after completing his military duty. Mr. Battin was the Assistant Manager of Corporate Accounting in charge of Accounts Payable, and remained at Sun Oil until his retirement on September 15, 1961, completing 37 years of faithful service.

Mr. Battin, a hunting and fishing enthusiast, enjoys spending his spare time and summer months relaxing in his cottage on the Elk River in Maryland.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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He was referring to former President Harry S. Truman, and the French minister, Jean Monnet, architect of the Common Market.

Mr. Shoenbrun was very critical of American policy in South Viet-Nam. He said, "I don't say our policy in South Viet-Nam is wrong; but when we finally evolve a policy in South Viet Nam, it will be wrong." Questioned by students as to what he would recommend to remedy the situation, he became very vague, but finally answered that the U.S. should not be acting unilaterally.

De Gaulle Defended

The second talk on Friday night was given by Dr. Lujo Torcic, the Chairman of the Austrian Delegation to the United Nations. Dr. Torcic gave an excellent appraisal of the role of Austria in the economic affairs of Europe, and the future of the Common Market.

Dr. Torcic, in answer to Mr. Shoenbrun and other critics of de Gaulle, said that while de Gaulle is guilty of committing numerous sins in his dealings with other countries, he has given pride back to the French, and self-confidence to Europe.

Seminars Conducted

Dr. Torcic spoke hopefully of the future possibility of a politically unified Europe. He spoke in terms of a confederation of states, rather than a united states of Europe.

On Saturday morning and afternoon panels and seminars were held. The students were divided into groups and each group had a specialized area to study. The different areas were Common Defense, Economic Policy, Political Cooperation, and Nationalism and Supranationalism. Each area had three noted authorities assigned to it, and group discussions were conducted by a faculty moderator.

Andre Manzini, Chairman of the International Relations Club, and Carl Lobel represented PMC at the discussion on Nationalism and Supranationalism. A lively discussion developed, conducted largely between the three members of the panel, and ranging from definitions of nationalism to the attributes of a supranational European organization.

Saigon " . . . her Grace and Charm and Dignity are Fading . . . "

In a conventional war a city can be obliterated in minutes. It is like destroying a life—one shot and it's done. In an unconventional war—a guerrilla war—a city dies by degrees. As one would torment a life: a burn here, a cut there, a pinch here, a jolt from a magneto there, a kick somewhere else. Death comes slowly, a little at a time, and you can watch it every step of the way.

Destruction is never enjoyable to watch, regardless of the object—be it a landmark, a painting, a tradition or a life. But when destruction comes, if it comes swiftly, the pain can be swiftly borne and swiftly subdued. When destruction comes a little at a time, the pain is an endless night of agony. This is the agony of the city of Saigon.

Land of Paradox

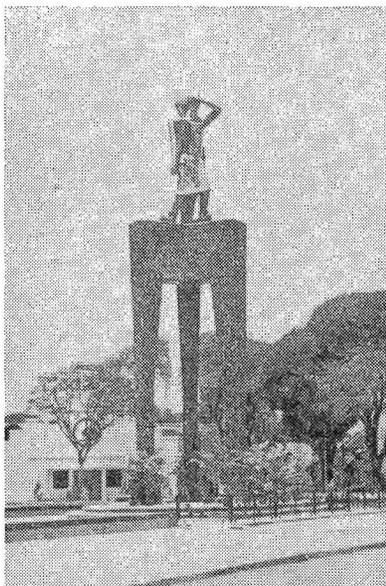
Two centuries ago Saigon was a cluster of thatched huts on the banks



Sidewalk Cafes: Banned

of the Saigon River. Her inhabitants were fishermen. In time she grew into a gracious, cosmopolitan city combining the best of two worlds; the East and the West.

She is a city of wide, tree-lined



Trung Sisters Mall: Wrecked

boulevards and continental hotels where one goes to dinner in a mechanized rickshaw and eats that dinner with chopsticks. The paradox is striking and delightful. It has earned Saigon the appellation: "Paris of the Orient"—sometimes modified: "Pearl of the Orient." But little by

little her grace and charm and dignity are fading to be replaced by the grimace of her constant sorrow.

Palace Bombed

There are many ways to measure the blood that flows from Saigon's wounds, and one is by the destruction of landmarks one has known and loved. Victims, directly, of Viet Cong activity or, indirectly, of the civil strife engendered by the tension as well as the opportunities resulting from the Viet Cong insurgency, they pass one by one, leaving behind a scar, or an open sore.



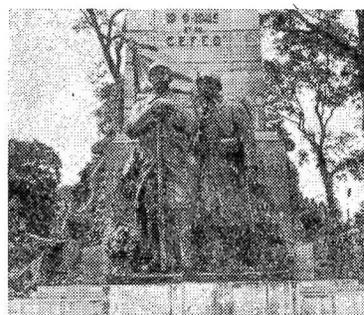
Brink BOQ: Bombed

color to file a half dozen stories. But the sidewalk cafes made excellent targets for terrorists. They were laughably easy to hit. And so, on the morning of July 20, 1962, the Prefecture of Saigon ordered the tables in off the sidewalks, and suddenly a piece of Saigon was dead. The sidewalk cafes had expired.

Hysteria Prevails

On November 1, 1963, a coalition of traitors, opportunists and patriots removed Ngo Dinh Diem from power. In the hysterical aftermath of this move, students and ordinary citizens gave vent to their feelings at the end of the discipline and, admittedly, at the end of the repression of which the Ngos were a symbol. Anything remotely related to the Ngos was a valid target for destruction.

There was a mall on the Saigon waterfront, which Madame Ngo Dinh Nhu was instrumental in having constructed. One would go there in the



War Memorial: Wrecked

name "Independence Palace."

A stately balance of splendor and taste, the handsomely-conceived structure became a symbol of national independence for the fledgling republic. But President Ngo, his brother and his brother's family lived there and in time some considered the palace not a symbol of national independence, but rather as a symbol of Ngo Dinh Diem.

On the morning of February 27, 1962, four fighter-bombers left Bien Hoa on a legitimate mission. However, two of the pilots had a mission of their own: They'd resolved to "save the country." So they doubled back over Saigon and bombed the palace and when it was all over one of the pilots was bound for Cambodia, one was shot down in the Saigon River, and all the Ngos were alive. Independence Palace was wrecked.

Easy Targets

One of the trademarks of Saigon for long years had been the sidewalk cafe. They were as essential to Saigon as the boardwalk is to Atlantic City. One of life's greatest pleasures was to sit at *Le Paris*, *Tu Do* or *L'Imperial*, drink beer and watch the women ("Bird-watching," it was called). A

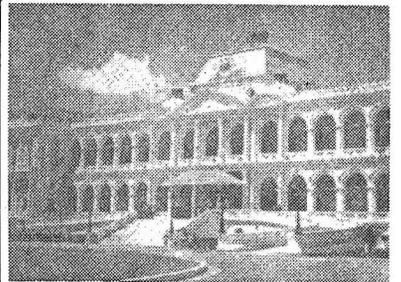
evenings and find people strolling with their children. It was a happy place. One met students there and made rewarding friendships. One relaxed there and played with the children and forgot, temporarily, the Viet Cong.

There were trees and benches and a pond with fish in it and a large statue of the Trung Sisters, national heroines who once drove the Chinese out of Viet-Nam.

Then came the overthrow of the government and the hysteria. Someone remembered the Ngos had built the mall. Someone said the statues were really modeled after Madame Ngo Dinh Nhu. The statues were plainly abstractions, clearly modeled after nobody in particular. But the mob tore them down anyway. They rolled the heads of the statues through the streets. They forget the quiet evenings and the children and the benches and the trees and the pond. The mall was destroyed.

Unhappy with de Gaulle

There was a neat little square where two streets met in the quiet Gia Long section of Saigon. On the



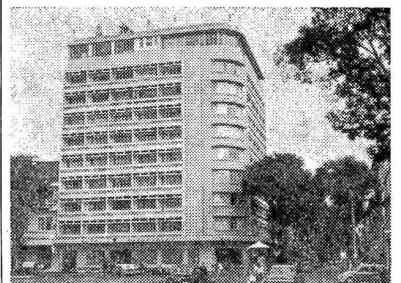
Independence Palace: Bombed

square was a monument to Vietnamese and French war dead. The monument depicted East and West, Vietnamese and French, side by side—the one no longer subjugated by the other—both equal now; equal in courage before a common enemy; equally dead at the hands of that enemy.

Not long after the overthrow and murder of Ngo Dinh Diem, President de Gaulle suggested that Viet-Nam be neutralized. To show their regard for the Frenchman's suggestion, irate students tore up the statue of the Vietnamese and French soldiers. There is no record that this act caused de Gaulle to alter his proposal. The destruction was all very useless—but nobody thought of it at the time.

Caravelle a Haven

The Caravelle Hotel is the finest hotel in Saigon. When heads of state come to Saigon they stay at the Caravelle. When the French singer Dalida comes to Saigon she sings at the Caravelle. From the roof one can look out over the city, across the river, beyond the little villages so far that



Caravelle Hotel: Bombed

on a clear day one can see the third bend in the Saigon River as it snakes its way to the South China Sea.

The Caravelle is a sort of island in Viet-Nam. It's where one goes when one is weary and wants to go home and cannot. It is too posh, too cushy for a country at war. But it is a haven and one cannot be critical of a haven in Viet-Nam. In the late summer of 1965 terrorists succeeded in getting a bomb into the Caravelle. They blew out the fifth floor.

Merry Christmas, Brink

The Brink looks like a massive building. It isn't really. It's deceiving because it is L-shaped and from the front you can't see that there is nothing behind it. It is named for an American, in fact, and it was an American BOQ.

The VC tried to blow the Brink at least once before, back in 1961. But they didn't make it. On Christmas Eve, 1964, they made it. They blew it so well that estimates indicate what remains will have to be torn down.

There are more examples. There are many wounds, many scars, many blemishes on the beauty of Saigon. She will not be destroyed wholly by the war; she has suffered war before. But each one has changed her. Each one has deepened the lines in her face and taken away some part of her that was fine and clean and lovely. She is becoming a place to which, if one ever cared much for her, one should never return.



From the Commandant

On 13 February, a number of appointments were made in the Corps of Cadets. These are of unusual interest since included were two categories of cadet officers and non-commissioned officers which did not exist before.

The first of these is the Scholastic Officer and Scholastic Sergeant. At Brigade, Battalion, and Company levels, there is now a Scholastic Officer of suitable rank; and at Brigade level, there is a Scholastic Sergeant.

As the term indicates, the basic duty of these cadets is to work towards the improvement of cadet academic performance — this being a very fundamental aim of the military program. Included in their duties will be procedures for keeping close tabs on how the cadets in their units are doing academically, and insuring (before it is too late) that cadets in academic difficulty receive proper counseling and assistance. Starting on 1 March, a "self-help" type cadet coaching system will go into effect, with the object of assisting such cadets.

The other new category of cadet officer and non-commissioned officer is the Provost Marshall, and his Assistant and Sergeant, all at Brigade level. As the title indicates, the main responsibility of these cadets is to assist in the maintenance of discipline in the Corps.

I am confident that both of the foregoing categories of appointments will prove beneficial to the Corps. An additional and significant benefit is that the creation of 13 additional cadet officer spaces (including one for an assistant mess officer) gives more First Classmen an opportunity to discharge significant Corps responsibilities—a very desirable thing when their imminent careers after graduation are considered. Specifically the percentage of First Classmen who hold cadet officer rank has risen from 38% to 48%.

To all of the new appointees in the Corps, including those promoted to fill vacancies which existed, I extend my sincere congratulations, and my confidence that they will make real contributions to the Corps.

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Not the Year of the Dragon



Memorial to Sir Winston

On Thursday evening, February 11, PMC's Religious Emphasis Program was culminated with a Festival of Religious Music in memory of Sir Winston Churchill.

Three particular items were responsible for creating a highly rewarding and gratifying evening. One was the chanting of "Habeyt Mishawmayeen Urey" by Cantor Jonas Garfinkel of Congregation Ohev Shalom. His rendering of this chant was utterly electrifying. At the completion of this chant one felt strangely exhausted, as though every sense had been compelled to exert itself.

One can only assume that the Presbyterian Hospital Nurses Choir gave its usual fine performance, for one became totally involved with the conductor of the choir, Mr. Clothier—or more specifically, with his hands. One has seen nothing so graceful, so eloquent, or so like a distinct art form unto itself since Ormandy went back to using a baton.

Finally, one wishes to thank Professor Herbert Roehler for providing a beautiful and inspiring experience. His reading of excerpts from the speeches of Sir Winston Churchill was simply and superlatively correct. It did justice to the subject and was a fitting tribute to a great man.

On The Dress Code

We have recently been experiencing one of those spurts of enthusiasm of which life at PMC is prodigal—this time concerning the clothing code. It would seem that how a man chooses to dress is his personal affair—if he wishes to be sloppy, that's his own problem. It seems ironic that we should worry about compelling a student to wear a tie when we cannot compel him, for example, to refrain from destroying property.

Nevertheless, if PMC will arrogate to itself the right to legislate modes of dress, than it would do well to enforce that legislation. One element of the administration seems too embarrassed to press the issue, another element attempts to enforce it but does so in such a manner as to cause resentment and negative reaction. The remainder of the administration simply ignores the whole situation.

It ought to be noted that the dress of students at PMC must certainly be far above the national average, and it would seem that any problems in this field exist less in fact than in imagination.

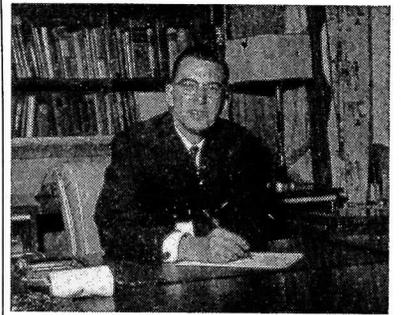
But if it is deemed necessary to create an issue and levy laws on that issue, then the laws ought to be enforced.

Parking Problem Thwarted?

Recently PMC has taken steps to enforce parking regulations which were established earlier this year. The details of the new plan are common knowledge and available everywhere, but the reasons for such action are not as well known.

The administration has pointed out that many colleges do not permit undergraduates to bring private cars on their campuses. Others charge high registration and parking fees to discourage and in some way control on-campus parking. Still more charge phenomenal fines for infractions of parking regulations.

We applaud the administration for attempting to control this problem at PMC. However we feel that more action is necessary. If the college is prepared to establish a rigid code with such strict terms, we ask that it be fully enforced to include not only the student body, but also the faculty and staff. While they should receive preferential treatment in the allocation of parking spaces, they should also be required to adhere to these assignments.



From the President

Because of the acute parking situation on campus, a parking plan was devised so that all persons with cars on campus would have an area assigned. Our guards have endeavored to enforce the regulations and have posted warning tickets on cars parked in an unassigned area. In many instances these warnings have been disregarded causing much inconvenience to those respecting the parking rules.

Illegal Parking

Beginning February 18, anyone parking his car in an area not assigned to him will be fined \$2.50, which will have to be paid within three (3) days from date of receipt. If the fine is not paid within three (3) days, the student will be barred from class until the fine is paid. The second such offense in any semester will cause the car to be ruled off campus for the year.

Also, any car parked in an area which prevents access to buildings by suppliers or is considered a fire hazard will be towed from the premises, and the student will be subject to paying the towing charge and any other charges incurred by making such action necessary. The owner of any car which has to be towed away will lose all car privileges for the year and will not be permitted to attend classes until all charges are satisfied.

Fines and charges will be paid at the Business Office in Old Main.

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REDUCED FARES

The Pennsylvania Railroad has announced that effective December 15, 1964, the tariff rule authorizing sale of furlough tickets to "Naval" ROTC students has been amended to include "Senior" ROTC personnel of all branches of the service.

This announcement covers all college students who meet the requirements, which, according to Captain Caddigan, are only to appear in the proper uniform and that there is no need of orders or leave papers.

DMS AWARDS

On Saturday, 13 February 1965, Cadets Whittaker, Burch and Deile were presented with Distinguished Military Student awards. Last week, during the visit to campus of Lt. General Dick, the same honor was bestowed upon cadets Taus, Wenlock and Miele.

DINING-IN CEREMONY

In conjunction with General Dick's visit to the PMC campus, a formal Cadet Officers' Dining-in ceremony was held at the Media Towne House. The General informally addressed the group before returning to the campus for his speech to the students, faculty and staff in the Alumni Auditorium.

ROBINETT DEDICATION

The busy visitor, as Chief of Research and Development for the Army, also participated in the dedication ceremony of the recently acquired cannon by Battery Robinett. After inspecting a cadet honor guard in front of Old Main, General Dick moved to the "Gun" position where cadet Whittaker, as Battery Commander, explained the purpose of the ceremony. Cadet Dennis then read a brief biography of the Civil War hero who graduated from Delaware Military Academy, PMC's ancestor, and finally Cadet Whittaker read the dedication plaque which, after inspection by General Dick, was affixed to the piece. The ceremony ended with an Artillery salute to Lt. Robinett which was fired by the General.

FLIGHT CLUB TRIP

On the weekend of 25-27 March, the PMC Flight Club under the direction of Captain Caddigan will fly from Philadelphia International Airport to Fort Rucker, Alabama for an orientation visit of the Army Aviation School. These cadets have spent much of their free time flying at the Wilmington Airport, and this trip is intended to be a preview of their experiences in Army aviation in the future.

SIGNAL CLUB

The PMC Signal Club, which was organized last fall to provide preliminary training for Military Science ROTC students in Army signal and communication operations, is planning two field trips this spring to implement their regular schedule of meetings. Journeys to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, to observe the signal station and training facilities, and also to the Bell Telephone Laboratories in New Jersey to study new civilian and military concepts in communication are planned for the near future.

NOTICE

All seniors must file petitions for graduation with the registrar's office before March 15th. Petition forms are available at the office of the registrar.

COLONEL MENARD

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They'll want to keep China out. In Korea, the North Koreans literally lost their identity and the Chinese ran the show up there."

Menard indicated that he felt Peking's recent call for a war of "national liberation" in Thailand could be written off as part of the "war of nerves" at present. "And," he continued, "I'm not convinced the Chinese can handle that many 'Liberation Fronts.'"

However, in the event a "Front" operation should begin in Thailand, the Colonel said, "I don't think they (the Thais) are able to handle anything like what has happened in Viet-Nam any more successfully than the Vietnamese have been able to handle it."

Khanh Handicapped

The Colonel, who has traveled extensively in Indo-China — including North Viet-Nam — remarked of Thailand, "You know, through the years of my going down there, I had the impression they were playing up their vulnerability a little too much — I would imagine to insure our aid coming in."

Asked his impression of General Khanh, Menard said he does not feel the *de facto* Vietnamese government head is particularly effective. "However," he pointed out, "Khanh is probably as effective as he can be under the circumstances. The commanders in Viet-Nam remind me of some of the Korean commanders, mistakably perhaps."

"They are personally ambitious; they are all subject to being undercut or ousted, they get involved in warring cliques. How effective can a man be when he knows others are saying, 'Well, we'll get him next month?'"

Sihanouk Apprehensive

With regard to other Southeast Asian leaders, the Colonel referred to Sukarno as a man much concerned with personal aggrandizement. "Sukarno has his finger on every damned dime that comes into that country," he said.

Discussing Cambodia's Sihanouk, he said, "I think ultimately Sihanouk knows he is better off on the American side of the fence. If we could get some solution in Viet-Nam, the Cambodian situation would settle itself rather quickly."

"But for now — well, it may make good sense to a guy like Sihanouk to suspect us. After all, look at Laos. Sihanouk must wonder, 'Suppose I play ball with the U. S. and they negotiate me down the river?' It might be a real, honest fear with him."

"Where do we stop?"

Recently critics have suggested that the U. S. get out of Viet-Nam, or out of Southeast Asia, which is essentially the same. Asked if he thought our withdrawal from Southeast Asia would be of any consequence Colonel Menard said, "Well, in the first place it would make a whale of a lot of difference to Australia. To the Philippines, possibly."

"And in the second place, where do we stop? If Southeast Asia is lost, where the hell in that part of the world do we go? We would become increasingly more isolated. Now I don't think we want to hang on to Southeast Asia because we want to run the world. I don't think we are that kind of people. I think we want to deal freely with the rest of the world, and not be constantly pressed by the kind of people who want to bury us."

"Magnificent Country"

"Besides that, though — well, you know, it's lovely over there. I've taken

Scottish Dances To Benefit GCM

This Saturday in MacMorland Center, the Scottish Historic and Research Society of Delaware Valley will present a program of Scottish Dances at 8 P.M. to benefit the Greater Chester Movement Recreation Fund.

The program will consist of entertainment and dancing featuring the Royal Scottish Country Dancers of Swarthmore, the Ulster Pipe Band of Philadelphia and the bagpipers of the Society. Music for dancing will be provided by the PMC Militaires.

Donation will be \$2.00 per person with a special student rate of \$1.75. Tickets for the program are available at the information desk in MacMorland Center.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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the collection of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hartman of Drexel Hill on display in MacMorland Center. This exhibit which includes originals by Goya and Rivera, will continue through March 18.

Hughes To Speak

Tomorrow, New Jersey Governor Richard Hughes will speak in Alumni Auditorium on a topic which is yet undetermined. Arriving on campus at 12:30, the Garden State Chief Executive will review an honor guard formed of New Jersey residents. Immediately following the 1:00 speech, a reception will be held in the Red Lounge of MacMorland Center.

Science Fair

The sixth annual Delaware County Science Fair will be held in Hyatt Armory from March 11 through 13. The program, which is sponsored by the Delaware County Science Teachers Association, the Manufacturers Association of Delaware County and PMC will include exhibits in animal biology; plant biology; chemistry and biochemistry; electricity, magnetism and light; mechanics, heat and sound; mathematics and computers; and earth and space sciences.

Drexel Prexy

On March 9, Dr. William W. Haggerty, President of Drexel Institute of Technology is scheduled to speak in Alumni Auditorium at 8:00 P.M.

PISTOLS PRESENTED

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through his assignment to Company C, Second Battalion, 113 Inf. Pennsylvania Army National Guard stationed in Media.

Commenting on the accomplishments of these officers, President Moll said, "These marks may be the harbingers of their future successes, but certainly they set a good and positive pace for future generations of PMC cadets who are commissioned in the Army."

trains from Haiphong to Hanoi and taxis from Saigon to Angkor Wat over on the Thai border. It's magnificent country. Now, I might never have an opportunity to go back again, but it just annoys me that I couldn't go even if I had the opportunity. So it's partly a subjective thing, I suppose. Southeast Asia is important to me in that way, also.

"I don't really know why I like that part of the world, but I do. I'd like to get into something where I could work over there somewhere." The Colonel said if he were thirty years younger he would devote his entire career to Southeast Asia.

"WE CAN WIN"

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"But the PWs are a good source of information. They break very easily."

Why?

"Fear. Not knowing what will happen to them. They've been indoctrinated to expect the worst."

We frequently hear it said the weapons and other equipment being given to our forces in VN are inadequate or out-dated. Is this true?

"They are out-dated as far as our Army is concerned, but they are sufficient to the task. It really gets under my skin to see these letters by personnel who evidently have an axe to grind. The equipment is more than adequate, in view of the circumstances in which it is being used.

"For example, one of the basic weapons is the M-2 carbine. It's an adaptable weapon, good fire power, and the Vietnamese can handle it. They don't need anything heavier — in the jungle you don't need range anyway — you need fire power."

There is divided opinion, here in the U. S., on our role in Viet-Nam, specifically with regard to whether we should even be involved there. Does this lack of solidarity have any effect on our forces in Viet-Nam?

"No. I don't think it has any real effect. We know we are over there to do a job. The job is clearly defined. It seems to me our policy there is clearly defined."

You feel then that our forces are adequately prepared for service in Viet-Nam?

"Yes, indeed. I never ran across a man who didn't sincerely want to help the Vietnamese, to begin with. As for training, you know, guerilla tactics are not new to Americans. They are rooted in our history as far back as the Revolutionary War, and as recently as the Korean conflict. There were guerillas behind our lines in Korea, who we defeated quite decisively."

As nearly as possible, what would you judge the Vietnamese attitude toward Americans to be?

"Well, I can only speak for where I was, but I felt that they appreciated what we are trying to do for them. They take our advice for what it's worth. They know we are there to help them, and they do all they can to help us."

Can we win in Viet-Nam?

"Yes, we can win in Viet-Nam. And it will take time. That is most important. To understand that this thing won't be won overnight."

Was there any single most profound experience you recall from your tour?

"Not any single experience, really. The whole tour was an education. I frankly enjoyed it. It was probably the quickest year of my life. I learned much, both personally and professionally. And I gained a greater appreciation of our purpose and our ideals from seeing exactly what we are fighting for — or against, as the case may be."

What is your opinion of the country itself?

"It's beautiful. A beautiful country. I guess it's roughly comparable to Southern Florida. It has extremes — mountains, plains, it's lush and green. There are banana trees, palm trees — just lovely country in so many ways. It's too bad it has to be wracked by war."

Would you go back?

"Well, what can I say? I have a wife and family and I like being with them. So you can't very well be objective, about a thing like this. I'll say this — if I were single, yes, I'd go back. If I were single, I'd have stayed."

Absolutely Athletics

Rifle Team Hits Drexel

Since the last issue, the PMC Varsity Rifle Team has continued its winning streak. On 8 February, the team traveled to Drexel and proceeded to fire their highest score in two years. The final outcome of the match was 1420-1243. This victory extended the string to 12 wins and no losses.

On 10 February, the team visited their arch-rivals, Valley Forge Military Academy. The riflemen came through with a score of 1396-1383.

On 15 February, the riflemen came home to fire a non-league match against the University of Delaware. Bill Bohan was high scorer for this match with an outstanding 290/300. The team score was 1410-1399.

On 1 March, the riflemen complete their season at Penn Navy. If the team should come out victorious, it will be their second year as the only undefeated, untied varsity team on PMC campus.

Basketball

There have been some shining lights on the PMC basketball squad in the last few games. Not one victory was gained, but in each game, certain individuals have begun to perform well, making the outlook for next year very, very bright.

Against Eastern Baptist, PMC led early in the game, but once Baptist took the lead they were ahead to stay. The top performer for PMC was 6'5" "Kangaroo" Konzleemann who scored 12 baskets and shot 6 for 9 from the foul line for 30 points, a personal high and the top single performance by any player on the squad this year. Ursinus had a hard time against PMC for thirty minutes before finally putting the game on ice, 69-

55. The heartbreaker for the Cadets was Haverford. Earlier in the season the Fords had won by 19 points. At their second meeting in Hyatt Army, PMC out-scored Haverford from the floor, but not from the foul line, and this made the difference as the Fords came from behind to beat the Cadets, 64-61.

Wrestling

Wrestling this year at PMC had its ups and downs. There seems, however, to be an increasing interest in this sport at PMC. In their second win of the season, it took victories in the last three matches by John Jackson, John Benner, and Joe Carter to defeat Haverford College, 17-15.

Swimming

Swimming Coach Skip Dougherty finally got his fondest wish, a dunking in the pool after PMC's first victory of the season over Philadelphia Tex-

tile, 50-45.

In the last three meets, however, PMC went down to defeat at the hands of Temple, Wilkes, and Drexel. Due to ineligibility, and suspensions, the team was reduced to 8 swimmers, but fine swimming performances were not lacking.

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Correction

In the last issue of the DOME (Vol. 19, No. 8), I stated in my article "A Sporting Problem," that PMC spends roughly \$300,000 per year on athletics. This numerical statement was a typographical error. PMC spends roughly \$30,000 per year. Another statement which seemed to be not very clear in its wording was that the college obtains 20 men on full-scholarships for football each year. This was meant to be an example to illustrate my argument, and does not pertain literally. — DAVID DRISCOLL

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