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Truth the greater  
the Libel."

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## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

### Baltimore Symphony To Present Concert Under Direction of Peter Herman Adler Dr. Melzi to Speak in Tribute to Dante

The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Peter Herman Adler will appear in concert at MacMorland Center 8 p.m. Friday, November 19 at the invitation of the Office of Cultural Affairs.

The concert will begin with the *Carnival Overture for Grand Orchestra* by the 19th century romantic Czech composer Antonin Dvorak. Dvorak is most notably known for his symphony in E minor, Op. 95, *From the New World*.

Dvorak's symphony recounts the impressions of America he experienced as a visitor. He emulated the folk music of the American Negro and there is a pleasant mixture of Czech and American elements in his music.

Dvorak's work will be followed by the *Symphonic Concertante for Oboe and Bassoon* of Joseph Haydn, the classical 18th century composer, who was one of the greatest contributors to the symphony as it is known today.

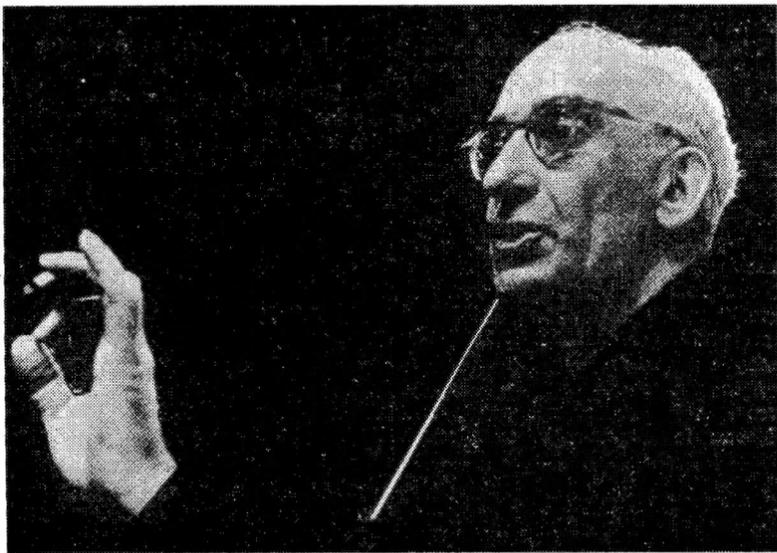
The final work of the evening will be the *Symphony in D Minor* of the French composer, César Franck. The most widely performed of Franck's works, it abounds with rich harmonies and "heaven-storming" musical proclamations, and is in the best tradition of the late romantic movement.

The program planned by Mr. Adler is certainly not a tedious one for the listener; but, rather, is lively, communicative, and emotion-evoking from beginning to end.

The distinguished Czech-born director of the Baltimore Symphony, Peter Herman Adler, made his American debut in 1940, conducting the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. He became the permanent conductor of the Baltimore Symphony in 1959.

Beginning violin studies at the age of five, Mr. Adler gave his first recital five years later. While still a student at the Prague Conservatory he became Music Director of the Opera in his home town, Jablonec. Later he held a similar position in Brono, Czechoslovakia's second largest city. He also conducted the Prague Philharmonic, as well as operas and symphonic concerts in the leading musical

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Peter Herman Adler conducting Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

### Pershing Rifle Formal Dance To Close Military Weekend

Military Weekend, a long standing tradition at PMC, begins at 4 p.m. Friday, 19 Nov., with the arrival on campus of Lt. General W. H. S. Wright, Chief of the Office of Reserve Components, Department of the Army. Upon his arrival, the general will review an honor guard consisting of the Brigade Staff, Headquarters Company, and Charlie Company, last year's honor company.

After a tour of the campus, he and 24 other guests representing eight four-year military colleges, will be escorted to the Towne House in Media for a "Dining-In Ceremony," a full-dress dinner open to all First Class Cadets and to PMC faculty members with Reserve commissions. The dining-in ceremony has its origin in the old British Army, and was revived in this country by the Marines and, later, the Special Forces. A highly formal affair, the dining-in ceremony is opened with the customary drawing of the sabre by the Brigade Executive Officer.

#### Presentation of DMS

A toast to the President of the United States is then proposed, followed by the reading of the military history of the college and a toast to

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### FORMAL DANCES

The Office of Student Personnel wishes to remind all students, both cadet and civilian, that they are cordially invited to the **Military Ball (November 20th)**, the **Junior Class Ring Dance (December 11th)**, and all other formal dances listed in the Student Handbook.

Requests for dance invitations must be submitted to the College Post Office at least two weeks prior to a formal dance. However, requests for invitations from civilian students for the dance on the 20th of November will be accepted any time until November 18th.

## Dr. Gross Cites Support For U.S. Policy In Asia

Dr. Franz B. Gross, professor of Political Science and Chairman of the Liberal Arts Division of PMC, spoke recently on various aspects of the situation in Viet Nam.

Dr. Gross said "It is always better to have students interested in current political affairs than to have apathy. However, freedom of expression asks for responsibility and moderation which young enthusiastic supporters of some points do not always accept."

#### Geneva Pact Cited

Dr. Gross said that by the Geneva Agreement of 1954, the North Vietnamese communists agreed to withdraw their guerrillas from the south in return for the withdrawal of the French.

But the guerillas were not withdrawn; they merely put a temporary halt to their operations. When the fighting began again, North Viet-Nam called for elections, but elections cannot be held under conditions of civil war.

Then, Dr. Gross continued, "using the guerilla techniques of Mao Tse-tung," the Viet Cong was able to terrorize the local population and their leaders. The VC was also able to break to a large degree the control of the central government over rural areas of South Viet-Nam.

"Control is slowly being restored with the help of American troops called in by the government of South Viet-Nam for assistance," said Dr. Gross.

#### Ho Chi Minh

One particular problem, Dr. Gross pointed out, is that Ho Chi-minh, a symbol of nationalism, is the communist leader. For this reason, the South Vietnamese government has extreme difficulty in creating loyalty and support for its efforts.

Asked if the United States should intervene in a situation where it is suspected that the people of a country want communism, Dr. Gross said, "United States policy has always favored free elections anywhere in the world, based on the confidence that in a free and unfettered election the moderate democratic element will be able to defeat any totalitarian group."

He said this was shown in Italy in 1947 when those who expected the communists to win the elections were proven wrong.

#### Is Fulbright Scholar

This summer Dr. Gross went to India as a Fulbright Scholar. He also



Dr. Gross, recently returned from southern Asia, speaks on Viet-Nam.

visited Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Japan.

Dr. Gross said that in nearly all the countries of southern Asia and the Far East the intellectual leadership supports the United States effort to end the advance of a communist-dominated regime.

While most are critical of the way the United States goes about achieving its objectives, Dr. Gross noted that they offer no real alternative to a firm stand.

He said that uninformed public opinion in these countries frequently regards United States efforts as neo-colonialist, but that most of the intellectuals recognize the interdependence of United States efforts and their own security.

#### GI's Expect Support

Dr. Gross recalled meeting American servicemen from Viet-Nam on leave in Hong Kong. He said that quite unlike the World War II soldier on leave who was determined to make the most of his free time, these men are pleasant, well-behaved, and "a real credit to their country."

"And they feel," said Dr. Gross, "that they are defending the United States and therefore expect the support of American public opinion."

## Students Prepare Positive Answer To Viet Conflict

By Art Dougherty  
Associate Editor

PMC is answering peacenik protests against U. S. involvement in Viet-Nam with Operation Tender Tiger.

Tender Tiger is the brainstorm of Noel Koch and he, Pat Brennan and Bill Symolon are the whirlwinds behind the first student-sponsored money-making campaign to hit PMC's campus in recent years.

The Operation is, according to Koch, "An opportunity to provide substantive evidence to the Vietnamese people that we are concerned with their welfare . . . that we see them as something more than pawns in an international chess game. . . . that we are aware of the nature of the war being fought in their country and that we are aware of the misery which that war produces."

The idea was born to Koch several years ago when he was in Viet-Nam and became concerned with the "heart-breaking circumstances that this sort of war, possibly even more than a conventional war, imposes on the people."

The idea began to take positive shape

last month when he attended a Washington, D. C. symposium on the war. The symposium was conducted by the Ad Hoc Committee for Freedom in South Viet-Nam.

He wrote a letter to the White House for advice. He wrote letters to Viet-Nam

When these letters are answered, the Steering Committee for Operation Tender Tiger will develop a set program. "I envision something along the lines of adopting an orphanage or a village," Koch said. "In the meantime, we are concerned with placing the idea before the rest of the students, and establishing the machinery for fund-raising."

#### A Dynamic Force

He first presented the idea to THE DOME staff. "They bought it," he said.

He next presented the idea to Student Council. "Student Council received it very well," Koch said. "I asked Pat Brennan, the president of Student Council, and Bill Symolon, the Brigade Commander to join with me in this effort,

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### Assembly Attendance To Be Monitored

A new method of taking the civilian student roll for student assemblies will be initiated this month at the assembly scheduled for Thursday, November 18. The assembly for all civilian students will be held at 1:00 P.M., in the Dining Hall of MacMorland Center. Each civilian student will pick up an assembly IBM card from the activities desk in MacMorland Center and turn this card in at the assembly. These cards will be available starting Monday, 15, November, up to the time of the assembly. The assembly is mandatory for all students, including all seniors.

The cadet assembly will be held at 8:00 a.m. on 18 November. The Commandant's Office is planning to take its roll call by a cadet formation.



## Remember

*"We speak, and what we do speaks far more strongly than what we say. What we are sounds much more significant than what we say we are."*

— John F. Kennedy



A short time ago a man burned himself to death outside the Pentagon to protest the U. S. effort in Viet-Nam. And more recently, two outstanding surgeons, one a major-general, removed a live grenade from the back of a Vietnamese farmer. Working from behind sand-bags, the surgeons might have lost only their hands had the grenade exploded.

Though self-barbecuing is a colorful stunt, it seems that its only salutary effect is a decrease in the so-called "pacifist" census. It can't stop the war. It won't affect policy. It shames no one, if that is part of the intention. One feels slightly embarrassed for the roast's family; that is all.

The surgeons who risked their professional lives to save a Vietnamese peasant's life reflects the compassion and understanding combined with courage and will that can someday remove our forces from Viet-Nam by making their presence there no longer necessary.

In the same spirit we can take steps to end the war in Viet-Nam, not by self-immolation, not by draft-card burning, not by refusing to wash our necks, nor by picketing, nor by acting swishy to beat the draft. We can do it through compassion and understanding coupled with the courage and the will to bear the burden and pay the price of a just and positive peace in Viet-Nam.

The single best way to support our men in Viet-Nam, to delimit communism in South Viet-Nam, and to end the war in Viet-Nam, is to help win and maintain the allegiance of the Vietnamese people. The effort is a long range one, the commitment a continuing one; it will not end when the bayonets are sheathed. It will end when the conditions that breed Asian communism are eliminated.

When a peasant is hungry he isn't concerned with democracy. He wants to eat. When his children live in ignorance or die in filth, he isn't concerned with political freedom; he wants his children to live and to be educated. When he lives under the constant threat of death, he doesn't care about political doctrine; he will turn to the side that will protect and care for him.

The roots of PMC are nourished in the springs of war. Its history is the history of a military school. Despite its civilian component it is still commonly thought of as a military school and, as such, it is thought by foolish people to be a school where young men learn, among other things, the art of war. This is, of course, a misconception. For at PMC young men learn the art of peace. The philosophy that supports this truth is a realistic one that takes into account the fact that weakness is a temptation to tyranny, and strength a prerequisite to peace.

In his inaugural address, John F. Kennedy said: "In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger." Our generation is one that has been granted that role. To perform it, we must understand it, and Kennedy indicated that the nature of that role would be "... a long twilight struggle, year in and year out, 'rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulations' — a struggle against the common enemies of man: tyranny, poverty, disease, and war itself."

We confront these "common enemies" in Viet-Nam today. We can fight tyranny there with bombs and bayonets, but these will not prevail against "poverty, disease, and war itself."

Poverty must yield to prosperity, disease must yield to health, and war must yield to love and a concern for the essential dignity of man; in these elements of the struggle we can serve with distinction right here at PMC, and we will. Operation Tender Tiger can serve to indicate that we understand our responsibilities in the "long twilight struggle" and that we are prepared to meet them.

## Oooooops!!

It came to our attention this past week-end that there are splinters on the bleachers in the stadium. (Ahem!) These splinters are distributed very democratically, being as abundant in the President's box as everywhere else.

We took this matter up with our sportswriter, Dave Driscoll, but he, being a rather insensitive fellow (a sort of human "dead-end"), swore he'd never noticed the condition. One stoic said: "They're part of the game, like ants at picnics."

Hoping to find a solution to the problem we approached a number of others. One guy suggested bringing sandpaper. Another maintained that *lederhosen* was wanted, and indicated that these leather breeches could be ordered through Professor Roehler.

Student Council president Pat Brennan said the answer was simply a matter of sitting down "very carefully" (which smacks a bit of the old joke about how porcupines make love) "and then DON'T MOVE." This is obviously impossible at games as exciting as the PMC-F&M game was, and Brennan was seen frequently to ignore his own advice.

One glum fellow was sitting on his hands and staring meaningfully at the nice smooth player's benches. "If Piela and Yarnall only knew how lucky they are to have a place like that to sit," he muttered, "I'll bet they'd spend a lot more time sitting on it." Three guys grabbed him and washed his mouth out with soap.

Nobody seemed to have a really workable solution to the problem, and towards the end of the game everybody spent most of their time on their feet anyway. When the final whistle blew, everyone was too happy to worry about splinters, and we forgot about them, also. That is, until we sat down in the car to drive home, and the sticky problem recurred with renewed force. But we're recovering nicely, and perhaps it's as the man said: "They're part of the game, like ants at picnics."

## PMC Government Backs Humanitarian Student Program

By Patrick Brennan

Student Council President

An idea was born last Monday night, one that could soon develop into a challenge for the Student Council, the Student Body, and the Faculty and Administration of PMC.

The weekly Student Council had waded through its routine business, and the floor was opened for new ideas. Noel Koch, Editor-in-chief of THE DOME, initiated the challenge.

Noting that PMC students, on the whole, favor the government's position on Vietnam, Mr. Koch suggested that we do something positive to show our feelings. There are many ways to demonstrate our stand, he said. Some possibilities available are the adoption of a village, or financing an orphanage, or a number of orphans. There are plans arranged which allow organizations to do this. The organizations responsible for these plans have been contacted, and when we receive all the information a definite program will be decided upon.

Why bother with something like this? There are many reasons both righteous and selfish. We should help because people are starving and suffering the ravages of war, because help to the Vietnamese villagers may influence them to aid our men even more, because it will show our G.I.'s that not all college students are dirty little people who carry signs and burn draft cards, and because it will show the spirit of PMC.

### Tender Tiger

Bill Symolon, Brigade Commander, and I have volunteered to help Mr. Koch head the drive which will be called Operation Tender Tiger. I hope the spirit shown by Student Council towards Mr. Koch's idea will be indicative of the reaction shown by the students. Council is unanimously behind the idea and various plans are now being considered.

The spirit spread also to our advisor, Prof. Louis A. Madonna, who insisted we include the faculty in our fund raising plans. We will naturally include everyone who is a part of PMC.

Operation Tender Tiger will be somewhat of a first at PMC. It is a

drive initiated by the students and backed by the entire school, both students and faculty. Here is where the challenge enters. There may be skeptics on campus, those who are sure that "it will never work." Don't be one, don't listen to those who are, convert those who claim to be.

### Things Are Cooking

I am confident that Operation Tender Tiger will be successful. I certainly expect every student to give something. It would not only be a shot in the arm to those we help, but also to PMC to see one hundred percent participation in a student sponsored campus activity. If you want to do more than the average, to work besides contributing, then send your name and box number to Operation Tender Tiger in care of THE DOME. Day civilians without mailboxes include your home phone in lieu of a box number.

Every drive has a motto. If I were to select one for Operation Tender Tiger I would quote Ed Fuller's comment during the Student Council debate on the matter. "Hot food instead of hot air," would describe what we are trying to do.

## Letter to the Editor

### To the Editor:

While I thought it quite sensible of you to propose that a professional panel discussion of the Viet-Nam question would be more profitable than a student debate, I was disturbed by two aspects of your editorial "Debate Could Be Damaging" and the accompanying cartoon in the Oct. 21 issue of THE DOME.

Were I capable of being shocked by what editors do, I would have been shocked at the heading over the cartoon, putting "a taint on all who gave them (the Viet-Nam demonstrators) the liberty they possess." The unmistakable inference here is that the Founding Fathers and all others who have initiated, nurtured and preserved American liberty are "tainted" (that is touched with putrefaction) because



## From the Commandant

I'm no football coach but I am a pretty accomplished spectator.

And so I feel qualified to say what I'm going to say.

This is more than a two-platoon football arrangement around here.

It really is a *two team* system, and for my money the success of our football season depends on two teams.

One team is on the field. The other team is in the stands, all dressed up in cadet gray.

And I think its like the horse and carriage — you can't have one without the other.

Furthermore, I can prove it! Look how the team in the stands helped the team on the field beat the tar out of Muhlenberg on Homecoming Day.

And turning it around, look how the team on the field made the team in the stands feel 9 feet tall on that Homecoming Day!

My point is—*knowing* that it takes two teams, why must one team go one way and the other team the other way, on these important Saturday afternoons? Why must our two teams separate when each needs the other so very much?

I think pep rallies have their place in all this. But no pep rally is ever going to take the place of having the team on the field, surrounded by strangers, see the Corps huddled into a little square in the stands — a kind of home away from home.

I don't feel that I have to go out looking for work — I'm finding plenty without looking. But if you men can fill some buses, I'll be glad to work out the logistics to get the cadet spectator team in a favorable support position at the right time, the right place, and in the right frame of mind.

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## Search & Kill

by D. Bruce Koch  
Dome Staff Correspondent

I was in Subic Bay, P. I., for a three-week jungle-survival training course. We were there three days when we were loaded onto the USS Iwo Jima, an LPH (Landing Platform, Helicopter), and headed for an unknown destination. It turned out to be the Chu Lai area of South Viet-Nam, where reports indicated the presence of a hard-core reinforced Viet Cong regiment massed around the Marine airstrip at Chu Lai, and poised to strike the strip on 18 Aug. The US Marines decided to strike at the VC on 17 Aug.

### The Tightness, The Apprehension

While our battalion prepared to land there were reports that 18 marines had already been killed, and 3 tanks destroyed. We stood on the hangar deck loading our magazines and receiving grenades. Nobody said much; this was our second invasion, and this time, as previously, there was the tightness, the apprehension, the desire to shout or dance or something to release tension.

Then we were racing down the flight deck toward the helicopters. I grabbed my usual seat by the door so as to be the first man out. It's safer. By the time the last men are leaving the chopper the VCs have had time to zero on the door.

We flew in over a fire-fight, and landed in a small field. There was nothing coming at us yet, and we set up a 360° defense perimeter, then waited for the rest of the company. They landed just behind us. On the perimeter, I found myself at one time lying on my belly in a very small clearing with my head against an odd looking stone. The first aggressors found me there. Little red ants, with apparently voracious appetites. I was engaged in action with them when the platoon sergeant showed up to check our position. We said we had seen nothing yet; then he asked me, "Who's your friend?" I didn't know what he was talking about. "I don't know," I said. "I thought he came in with you."

The sergeant looked disgusted. "You're lying on a fresh grave," he told me. "That stone pillow you're using is a tomb stone." I said I was sorry about that. I really was, too. I'm not superstitious, but I got off that grave in a hurry.

### Then It Erupted

When the company arrived we moved out on a search-and-kill mission. We crossed flat farm land and passed through thickets of high, fibrous stalks with thorns that left our arms bloody. Off to the right we could see an air strike under way. Jet fighters were pouring napalm onto a little hill. The hill was backed against the peninsula where we were to force the VC into a pocket. Our line swung toward the hill. Now there was only a rice paddy between us and the hill and the jets returned and began strafing again. Then the Hueys came over and hit the hill with rockets. Before us there was a four-foot drop and the flooded rice paddy to cross. A few of us reached the dike at the far side of the paddy and opened up on the hill before us. Most of the company were in the middle of the paddy behind us. The hill was quiet until we opened up. Then it erupted with small arms and mortar fire. I heard a muffled explosion and at the same time there was a hot blast at my right side. I knew what had happened, but

# The War In Viet-Nam

*War is a paradox. It is violence in pursuit of peace. It demands that men kill, but requires that they not hate, lest they become less than men. It is at once an intensely personal experience, and a highly impersonal phenomenon.*

*In order to portray this latter aspect of war, we asked two veterans of the Vietnamese war to choose the personal experience that most affected them and write about it. With their articles we present a Directive of the United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, which is indicative of the impersonal nature of war.*

I couldn't believe it. I put my hand back on my side and it was warm. When I took my hand away it was covered with blood, and then I believed it.

### Training Pays Off

Now the VCs were throwing everything they had. It was difficult to realize that there could be any life on that hill after the pounding it had taken, but we were getting plenty of evidence. The mortar round that hit us had dropped into the mud of the paddy before it exploded and the mud took enough of the impact to slow it down a bit. If it were not for the mud, most of the company would have been lost in a short time. The platoon commander made a fatal mistake. For some reason he was still wearing his gold bars, and they were shining bravely in the sun. Somebody shot him in the head. A corpsman ran over to him, dropped to his knees, and took a round in the stomach before he ever touched the dead lieutenant. There were the usual sounds of command, and the shouts for corpsman, but otherwise the confusion was minimal. All our stinking miserable training was paying off.

### The Night Erupts

A buddy from Norristown came and cut my gear off me, and put my bandage on. Then a lieutenant from another platoon dropped beside me and checked my side. He said, "Don't worry, Koch, I'll get you out of here." He grabbed my feet, but I didn't want to be carried. I said I'd get out all right, and he wished me luck and left me there. Now it was getting dark. I gathered up the gear I could carry and with the guy from Norristown leading the way I ran like hell. We got on a dike to catch our breath and check my bandage, and got pinned down there with machine gun fire. We couldn't see where it was coming from. We cooled it until the firing stopped, then we ran again. This time we made it to the company CP. There were four wounded there, all worse than myself. One of them had taken a piece of shrapnel in the eye. I think he lost the eye, but I never found out for certain. By the time a chopper got in to evacuate us, the number of wounded increased to eight. Now I had time to think about the shrapnel in my side, and it pained badly. I was happy to see the chopper. We lifted out over the battle zone, and there were little fires all over the country side. Here and there explosions bit into the dark.

We landed back on the flight deck we'd left six hours before. We got on a flight elevator which took us below to the hospital. The swabbies gawked as we were taken in. We spent that night in the hospital. The next morning, dressed in pajamas, fatigue pants and a pair of boots I'd grabbed, I was put on a chopper headed for Chu Lai. We landed on the strip there, edged up behind a C-130, and transferred to that. From there we went to Danang. By now my wound was festering and the shrapnel working its way out. I was operated on then, and given the scrap metal for a souvenir.

Then I was to be evacuated to Clark AFB in the Philippines, but somebody forgot to put my name on the manifest, which meant I would

have to spend another night at Danang. It was commonly acknowledged that the VC were waiting for the hospital there to fill up so they could hit it. I'd had enough of loud noises for awhile and asked to be sent back to

a statement that they have been forwarded with the remains.

### c. Evacuation:

The Pouch, Human Remains, should be used, if possible, to evacuate de-



Chu Lai. In a frenzy of military confusion I found myself back at Chu Lai, out to the Iwo Jima again, then to the hospital in Subic Bay, P. I., and finally aboard a 707 bound for home. I lost my jagged little souvenir in the Philippines, but I got a set of arch supports I'd requested back at Camp Pendleton, California. I guess things balanced out somewhere along the line.

## Human Remains

USMACV Directive #31 reads in part:

### a. Search and Collection:

When required, a thorough and systematic search shall be made to locate, and recover all remains. All identifying media, including, but not limited to, clothing, equipment, and personal effects found on or with the remains, will be kept with the remains at all times to insure against their loss.

### c. Identification:

(1) If remains are identified; complete DD Form 565, in triplicate, for signature by person or persons actually certifying the identification, indicating the nature of association with the deceased and a statement of the physical characteristics used in identification.

(2) If positive identification is not established, complete DD Form 565 with appropriate remark "believed to be \_\_\_\_\_" with reason therefor, or "unknown." Include all supporting information including complete description of location and a list of all identification media, to include

ceased to Saigon. Pouch should be shipped in transfer case if available.

(1) A tag, indicating name, rank, and service number of deceased, must be attached to the Pouch, if available, or secured to deceased's clothing.

(2) Pouch, Human Remains, is obtained through supply channels.

## About Nguyen Tho

by Charles Ernest III  
Dome Staff Correspondent

Nguyen Tho was my interpreter. Well, he was not really all mine; actually he belonged to the team. Captain Lukow, the team leader, had asked him to be the medical interpreter and that made him mine. I was a medic.

I had been stationed in South Viet-Nam from February 1962 until August of that same year. I was one of two medics on Special Forces Team A-421, from the First Special Forces Group on Okinawa.

The team had been sent to Ha Tien, Kien Giang province in South Viet-Nam to set up a camp-training area for the Vietnamese.

When we arrived at the small airfield outside of Ha Tien, Tho was waiting for us. He stood there, in the prop-blast of the C-123A that brought us, and he was grinning from ear to ear.

He was a big boy, some 270 pounds big, 19 years old and an accomplished linguist.

He spoke five languages: French, Spanish, English, Vietnamese and Mandarin Chinese. His father, as I found out later, owned a large truck-

ing firm in Saigon. His grandfather was a Major, and owner of much of Ha Tien. There was no reason for him to be there waiting for us, unless one takes into account his belief in the anti-communist war raging in his country.

### Safe House

From the airfield, Tho took us to our "safe house" . . . a term used for any building that was considered "safe" for occupancy while a team was in town.

After helping us stow our gear, he took us to meet the District Chief, and his grandfather. Both assisted us in choosing a site for our camp-training area.

Also on that day, Captain Lukow assigned Tho to me.

This was not unusual, since some of the best contacts an S. F. team could make with the civilians were through the medics, and so there was a real necessity to have a reliable interpreter.

Tho and I, in the following months, made many medical patrols to the outlying hamlets, while the other medics worked at building a dispensary in the camp-training area.

One afternoon, in mid-June, when Tho and I were returning from a medical patrol, a frantic peasant rushed down the trail towards us.

Tho, reacting swiftly, brought his Thompson to his shoulder and would have cut the man down had I not stopped him. The peasant was not a Viet Cong. I had met him and his pregnant wife in Ha Tien only a few weeks before.

### Too Late

The distraught husband told us that his wife had been in labor for six hours. Still, the baby had not come.

We arrived at his house and I examined the woman. It was obvious why the child had not come. The baby was resting sideways in the mother, rather than on its head, in the normal position.

I did not have the training for a caesarian section, which was called for. Instead, I had assisted in only a few normal births.

However, there were some "high forceps" at camp, which could be used to turn the child around, thereby bringing about a normal birth.

I had seen these demonstrated and although I was afraid to use them, I much preferred them to trying to open the woman's belly to get at the child.

I sent Tho back to camp for the forceps. Then, we waited. We waited for three hours, more than enough time for Tho to return to camp, get the forceps, and return to the hut.

After three hours, we no longer had to wait.

The mother died. When I opened her to try to remove the infant before he also died, I was too late.

Confused and sick, I left the hut.



I returned to camp at about 6:30 that evening, only to discover that Tho had never returned to camp. I set out immediately with the Captain to find him.

### VC Punishment

Five hundred meters from camp and just off the trail, we found Tho swinging from a tree by his thumbs. His eyes, ears and tongue had been cut out and stuffed into his mouth.

Such was the punishment meted out by the Viet Cong to all captured Vietnamese interpreters working with Americans.

We buried him the next morning at daybreak. On the simple wooden plaque that was his headstone was carved "Nguyen Tho, 19, linguist, who did what he knew best to help his nation."

**Student Council Notes**

by Ed Fuller

Administration's dismay with the sort of girls who attend mixers may lead to a new admission policy for future dances. Speaking at a recent Council meeting, Council President Pat Brennan said that the administration was seeking to regulate attendance by admitting only girls with college ID cards, student dates, or invited high-school girls.

Dean Johnson sent his thanks to Student Council for its help at registration. Council is presently cooperating with the business office in developing new and faster registration procedures.

Council President Brennan and Vice-President Brower recently attended Governor Scranton's Prayer Breakfast in Harrisburg.

Opposition from some campus leaders has caused the girl cheerleader program to be discontinued.

In response to student requests, Council has agreed to petition the administration to place vending machines in Kirkbride Hall. The cigarette machines have been returned to campus, also.

In response to a recent suggestion from Noel Koch, DOME Editor-in-Chief, a Council report indicated that the faculty is working on an honors program leading to cum laude, summa cum laude, and magna cum laude degrees.

A request was made by Council for closer liaison between itself and the Cadet Council and Civilian Board. Treasurer Paul Stein outlined the progress of the Dormitory Council Court.

Council Advisor Professor Madonna asked about the site for the Copper Beech Ball. The Civilian Board is tentatively seeking the Benjamin Franklin Hotel.



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**BETHLEHEM****STEEL****TV10 Commentator Visits Campus**by Paul Proscino  
Dome Staff Writer

Donald Barnhouse, TV 10 News Commentator, spoke during PMC's Father's Day weekend recently. Mr. Barnhouse spoke on myths, individuality, and Viet Nam.

Mr. Barnhouse is a native of Philadelphia. He graduated from Penn Charter School at the age of 12 and from Harvard University at 18. His background includes seven years of study in Europe and the Near East. He speaks five languages. His unusual background has prepared him well for his nightly commentary on TV 10.

**Myth Exploded**

Mr. Barnhouse has done graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania and Princeton in physics, theol-

**DiTaranto's Work Brings NSF Grant****Engineering Research Project of Special Interest to Military**by Mel Blumberg  
Dome Staff Writer

PMC has been awarded a \$36,000 grant for scientific research by the National Science Foundation to support the work of Professor R. A. DiTaranto of the Engineering Division.

The grant, for a two-year period, is the result of a successful proposal submitted by Dr. DiTaranto to investigate the "Vibrations of Laminated Thin-Walled Cylinders." Prior basic work in this field has been done by Professor DiTaranto for the U. S. Navy Marine Engineering Laboratory at Annapolis, Maryland, in connection with their Ships Silencing Program.

**Military Concerned**

The principal investigator, Professor DiTaranto, will be aided by a junior investigator and will use the PMC IBM 1620 computer.

The military is particularly interested in the application of laminated beams, which combine the advantages of noise absorption with good structural integrity.

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The laminated beams consist of plastic material sandwiched between sheets of metal and subjected to enormous pressure and heat. The finished product has layers which slightly resemble plywood. The metal sheets lend strength to the beam, and the plastic material is the energy-absorbing medium.

Professor DiTaranto, in the first of the newly-arranged Engineering Activities Seminars, which took place at PMC on November 5, described his pioneer work in this field to a group of distinguished scholars, industrial representatives and students.

The Engineering Activities Seminars, which are open to faculty and students, will be given on a periodic basis, and will allow other acknowledged experts to discuss the more recent advances in the fields of Engineering and Science.

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**Barnhouse Interprets Many Challenges**

ogy and philosophy. He is currently working towards a Masters Degree in political science at Bryn Mawr College.

Mr. Barnhouse began his speech by exploding the myth that all Americans should think alike: we would have freedom of speech but nothing to say. He said our country needs the vigor and diversity of "inequalities" freedom."

**Peace and World War**

Mr. Barnhouse then compared our country with the Communist and young nations, saying that if America has confidence in its ideals, it shall not fear open debate, as other nations do. He said that young men, like young nations, should question.

This led him to speak of a second myth: that an idea can be good in theory, but not in practice. To the scientist this is nonsense, said Mr. Barnhouse, for a theory explains what is seen to be. To men of faith this is nonsense too, he said, for God would not give bad advice. That good theory and good practice go together seems evident. That poor theory has gone unchallenged was made evident by Mr. Barnhouse as well. Mr. Barnhouse gave as examples of unchal-

lenged poor theories the history of Communism in Russia and the two results of man's peace-movements—WW I and WW II.

**Must Prepare for WWIV**

Citing the peace-movement's motto as "Too many have died," Mr. Barnhouse suggested that we ought rather to question, "How shall we stop this killer?" (Mr. Barnhouse supports our strong stand in Viet Nam.)

Mr. Barnhouse believes that today's students must prepare for World War IV. The long expected and feared WW III will be the "averted war." World War IV, he claims, will be a battle not between the traditional East and West, but between the North and the South, the rich and the poor. Mr. Barnhouse says that we can fight WW IV, or we can fight its causes. He urged students to use their education and their vigor to attack the problems of today and tomorrow.

**Hildebrandt Exhibits Art**by Mark Jacobini  
Dome Staff Writer

For the past two weeks, there has been on display in the foyer of MacMorland Center an exhibit of paintings by William Hildebrandt. There is also an accompanying display by Mme. Augusta Feld, in the Red Lounge.

**Varied Technique**

Philadelphia-born Hildebrandt, a supervisor of the Division of Art Education of Philadelphia Public Schools, has won many awards for his work, and he is listed in "Who's Who in American Art." He has worked as a book designer and a technical illustrator, being successful in both fields. In the current show, his variation of technique should be noted by the many different methods he uses, such as oil, collage and pencil. His works express the many facets of his personality and the urban temperament to which he belongs. Mr. Hildebrandt has done quite a few other pieces, most of them now in private collections.

**General Themes**

Mme. Augusta Feld is another area painter, living in Broomall, Pa. Her paintings have been displayed in local exhibits, including the Pennsylvania Gallery of Fine Arts, and the Woodmere Art Gallery. The Koltnov Gallery in New York has also presented an exhibition of paintings by Mme. Feld. The paintings that PMC borrowed from her consist mostly of oils, using general themes such as landscapes and still life. For the most part, her work is in the permanent collection at the Woodmere Art Gallery in Woodmere, Pa., and also in various private collections.

The current exhibition will continue until November 22, when PMC will present the works of Eugenia Rhoads in MacMorland Center.

**We Goofed**

On October 16, 1965 the meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, Middle Atlantic Conference, featured four outstanding speakers. The last issue of THE DOME, by an unfortunate oversight, covered only one half of the program.

The article referred only to the lectures given by Professor A. Valbuena-Briones and Professor Robert Goodale. Omitted were Professor Felix Gilbert of the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton, and Professor Sears Jayne of the English Department, Queens College. Prof. Gilbert lectured on "The Venetian Constitution and Florentine Political Thought in the Renaissance," and Prof. Jayne lectured on the "The Sound of Spenser's Poetry."

**SOC Presents La Traviata As Season Opener**by John Cimino  
Dome Staff Writer

For the second consecutive year, the Suburban Opera Company opened their season at PMC with the presentation of La Traviata. Generally the performance was well-executed and successful.

La Traviata is the tragic story of a young man, Alfredo Germant, who falls in love with an older courtesan, Violetta Valery, and their rapport is met by the disapproval of Alfredo's father Giorgio Germant. Although Alfredo remains implacable in his love for Violetta, he leaves her when he learns that she has been using funds from the sale of her property to support their clandestine existence. When they are re-united in Act IV, Violetta, who is severely stricken with tuberculosis, finally dies in the arms of her lover.

**De Alba Adds Color**

Although still a bit harsh in her upper register, Miss Elena De Alba, who also sang soprano in last year's performance, has shown a marked improvement in her singing. Miss De Alba is a superb actress and a delightfully charming figure. She adds much to the color of the production.

One of the finer points of the opera was the ease and lyrical quality with which Valerio Maccioni sang the role of Alfredo Germant. All of his familiar arias were delivered with grace and fluidity.

Of the three major roles, Nicholas Maxymuk's portrayal of Giorgio Germant was the most disappointing. The baritone seemed to be having difficulty in warming up, but his duet scene with Miss De Alba in Act II was well timed.

**Brilliant Maestro**

Chris Macatsoris rendered an excellent performance as maestro, and the orchestration was enjoyable from the overture to the final act. The young conductor has a bright future and it may not be long until he receives some higher recognition.

Some measure of praise must be extended to the chorus whose fine execution helped to advance the action of the production.

Anna Marie Cisale, who was scheduled to sing the role of soprano was not able to perform because of illness.

The Company's next performance will be *Rigoletto* on November 28, at the Alumni Auditorium.

**CIVILIANS !!**

You're going to the PMC-King's Point Game, November 27, in Atlantic City, right? Right! O.K. Now how about transportation? If you've got it, fine. If you haven't, pick up a Transportation Form from Mr. Art Garner in MacMorland Center immediately. Fill it out and turn it in before 12:00 noon, on Monday, November 15.

The transportation is free and you have to be on campus at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 27, to catch the bus. And you can come home on the bus either after the game, or after the Atlantic City Military Ball (which you are invited to—\$1.50 per couple; get tickets before November 22. If you want the Military Ball Committee to get you a date, see Cadet John Snowden on or before November 12, and he'll requisition a girl or something for you.)

If you want to go down on the bus and come home the next day (on your own hook!) you can do that, too. Just make sure you move now—time's running out!

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## Tender Tiger Campaign Begins

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and they offered their complete support. "The student body is ready for this effort," he said. "It is a dynamic force bursting with vitality, and it is led by men like Brennan and Symolon; there's Tim Joyce, Jimmy Vaules, Chick Goebel, George Graner, Ross Zelesnick, Rudy Acs, just to name a few. "The whole Student Council is a tightly-functioning group of very good men with very good leadership, and I think this is all a rather unique phenomenon. In recent years," Koch said, "it seems that the student body has often been fractionalized, and its leaders frequently at cross-purposes. "This has changed, and whatever the reason, it seems safe to say that we now have leaders who are committed to an understanding that a man's very integrity involves in part his willingness to seek out and accept the responsibilities that our generation faces today, not only on the campus, but in the world.

### Show We Care

"And if this is correct," Koch continued, "and I think it is, then the success of an effort like Operation Tender Tiger is assured at the outset." Operation Tender Tiger signifies the United States; the U. S. commands "the most savage military force ever assembled for the purpose of peace in the world. But this savage force and the country it represents must also have and demonstrate an element of love . . . a caring for the people, in this case the Vietnamese people," he said. "For if we win the war, and lose the people, then we prove the Biblical admonishment that says we profit nothing if we gain the world and lose our own souls. There's a perfect parallel," he said. Koch has already contacted the Alumni Association and the Parents Association. He has been promised support.

### Goal — \$5,000

He read a letter from the secretary of the Alumni Association, Mr. Art Littman, which said, in part, "Our struggle in Viet-Nam is destined to be long and bitter. Many PMC Alumni are now and in the future will be in active combat there. It would seem logical and very proper for students, faculty, and alumni of our college to support the efforts of the free world in Viet-Nam by some tangible method. "The Alumni Association is involved now with two projects in this area, and will gladly support the student-sponsored Operation Tender Tiger." Koch quoted Parent's Association president, Mr. David Lees, as saying, "I wholeheartedly agree that a broad-based effort by the college, initiated by the students, to provide concrete evidence of our support for the struggle of the Vietnamese people, is a worthwhile effort, and is in keeping with the over-all purposes of the college.

"I intend to take this up with the Parent's Association Board, and I feel confident that Operation Tender Tiger can expect the support of the Parent's Association." Tender Tiger's minimum goal is presently set at \$5,000. The student campaign will be a surprise campaign, to be announced in the coming weeks. A dance will be scheduled, and posters will announce the campaign proceedings, precedings, and proceeds.

"Speaking of tigers," Koch said, "there is a Chinese proverb that says: 'Never rouse a sleeping tiger.' "In some ways the student body of PMC is a sleeping tiger, and I think we're going to rouse it. We're going to kick hell out of that tiger."

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## Musical Smorgasbord Set

### The Highwaymen In Concert Feature Of Junior Weekend

The PMC Entertainment Committee will present a musical variety show Monday, Nov. 15 at 8:15 p.m. in the Alumni Auditorium. The show will feature amateur and professional musicians. The entertainment provided will comprise the various means of musical expression popular today. Folk, jazz, rock and roll and popular music will be presented on the same program. This presentation was promulgated

## Baltimore Symphony Melzi on Dante

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centers of Germany and Austria. Mr. Adler founded the NBC Opera Company and has received great critical acclaim for his conducting of the New York City Opera Company.

In recognition of the growing influence of Dante Alighieri, PMC is joining hundreds of colleges and societies in celebration of the septi-centennial anniversary of the Italian writer's birth. A complete program has been scheduled for between 2 and 4 p.m. in the Alumni Auditorium on Sunday, November 14.

One of the highlights of the program will be a talk by Dr. R. C. Melzi on Dante's *The Sacred Poem*. Dr. Melzi is a specialist on Dante and has published a number of articles on the subject. *The Sacred Poem* is the work in which Dante gives a description of his *Divine Comedy*, his major work. In this way, Dr. Melzi will pick up the various strands of the *Comedia* and show how they are woven into the complete fabric by pointing out the significance of the work as a whole.

The Suburban Opera Company will augment the celebration by giving several selections of Italian music. In addition, refreshments will be served. The program is to be co-sponsored by PMC and the American Institute for Italian Culture. The fact that PMC is one of the many colleges (including Cornell and Harvard) participating in this nationwide celebration, illustrates the importance that this great "philosopher-poet" is coming to have. After 700 years, Dante is "just coming into his own." His work has attracted the attention of such outstanding men as T. S. Eliot, Germany's Auerbach, and Harvard's Earnest Hatch Wilson. PMC's small part in this great event promises to be a most interesting one.

Another subject of interest to the college community scheduled for the near future by the Office of Cultural Affairs is a presentation by the St. Joseph's College School of Drama of Shakespeare's "King Lear" on Wednesday, December 1, at 8 p.m. also in the Alumni Auditorium.

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### Highwaymen in Concert

The Junior Class will present *The Highwaymen In Concert* as part of its Junior Weekend beginning December 10.

The Highwaymen's repertoire ranges from romantic ballads to topical songs.

Rudy Acs, junior class president, and Mike Belt, junior, watched the highwaymen perform at Glassboro State Teachers College recently.

They said that the Highwaymen were very enthusiastically received.

Tickets for the concert are on sale at the main desk in MacMorland Center and also can be bought from Juniors, Mike Sullivan, Joe Kelly, Andy Hem and Jerry Maher. Tickets are \$2.00 per person.

## Letter to the Editor

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It is, I feel, much more in the American tradition — and perhaps one of the things we are fighting for in Viet-Nam — for the proponents of a position to be willing to take on all comers, carefully concealing their contempt for the "untenability" of many of the positions opposed to them.

You marshalled enough arguments against a student debate on the Viet-Nam issue without having to employ one that moves toward suffocation of the spirit of open discussion so fundamental to human liberty.

Allow me to add that I appreciate and admire the courage with which the editors of THE DOME insist upon and exercise their freedom to discuss anything.

Sincerely,  
Howard Wiley

(Regarding the cartoon caption, please be reassured. We bungled. Ed.)

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## Military Ball

### Mess, Ball, Queen Highlight Weekend

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the alumni of PMC. At the dinner, General Wright will deliver an address on the advantages of the Army as a career. The ceremonies are closed with the traditional words, "This Formal Mess is Closed."

On Saturday morning at 9:30 in the Alumni Auditorium, General Wright will present an hour talk on current trends in the ROTC, after which he will receive a Corps review in his honor. At that time, ten First Classmen will be presented Distinguished Military Student awards. At 1:10, the Corps will march on against Swarthmore, on the Swarthmore gridiron. Halftime entertainment will be provided by Company Q-5, Pershing rifles, national champion drillers under the command of Cadet Capt. Fred Hepler.

### Queen to be Chosen

Completing the activities of the weekend is the annual Military Ball sponsored by Company Q-5. Music will be furnished by the Musicmen, a 16-piece orchestra directed by Will Pilkington. The PMC Ranger Platoon will present an "Infantry Pageant,"

tracing the development of the U.S. fighting man from the Continental soldier to the GI in Viet-Nam.

Decorations will be supervised by Battery Robinette, and will incorporate, in addition to Pershing Rifle trophies, the battery's Civil War field piece. A "Queen of the Ball," selected by the Brothers of Company Q-5, will be crowned.

Throughout Military Weekend the Signal Club will maintain a display in the Alumni Auditorium dedicated to "the Soldier — Key to Landpower." Slides will be shown with the display and a color movie, specially prepared by the Army, will show some of the equipment of today's modern mobile Army.

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**Yarnell And Piela Key To F & M Win****Cadets Humble F&M, 17-7, as Defense Shines**

The Sunday newspapers said "freak pass" and "fumbles help," but the weary Cadet football team knows that it wasn't just these things that brought them their second win in six starts.

Although the offense gets all the credit for the points scored, the defense rates a round of applause also. In the last six games, the defense has allowed only two TD's scored on them in the second half. They have shut out four teams, F&M, Muhlenberg, Moravian, and Drexel during the last two periods of the game. The statistics also show that PMC's big offensive thrusts seem to come in the second half as they have outscored their opponents 50-16.

**Yarnall a Top QB**

Bill Yarnall played a tremendous heads-up ball game at the quarterback slot. The first score of the game, the one that gave the papers their headline and another capacity crowd at PMC fits, was the kind of play that makes Yarnall one of the top quarterbacks in the MAC Southern Division. Bill did a lot more running with the ball himself against F&M than he has done in previous games. At one point he personally accounted for two straight PMC first downs, as he ran with the ball on a QB keeper. Ends Bob Grosch and Tim "Specs" Joyce combined to gain 105 yards for the Cadets in the air, while backs Joe Piela and Dick Cartwright rolled up the yardage on the ground. Cartwright intercepted an F&M pass in the

closing minutes of the game and contributed one of the longest runbacks of the game.

What really iced it for the Red Knights was Bob McGuiney's field goal, which was set up by his brother's (Fred) recovery of an F&M fumble. Just previous to the field goal, Yarnall had scored on his own from the two yard line as he swept the left end and went over for the score which broke a 7-7 halftime tie.

**Pasztor Leads Frosh In 3-2 Soccer Win**

The PMC Freshman soccer team opened its schedule with a come-from-behind victory over an aggressive Drexel JV team.

Leading the Frosh with fine per-

formances were Goalie Ted Baker with 18 saves, and Duke Pasztor who scored twice for the Cadets, the second being the winning goal in the last period of play.

Drexel jumped off to a quick 2-0 lead in the first period. However, an aggressive Cadet unit quickly tied the score in the second period. Pasztor scored the first goal in an unorthodox manner. He was tripped upon his approach to the Drexel goal, but managed to get away a quick boot from six feet out while lying on the ground, and surprisingly, it went into the net. Dieter Berndt followed up PMC's first tally with another from 30 feet out to knot the score at 2-2, setting the stage for Pasztor's winning shot in the last quarter.

**Irons Runs Records Down**

Dave Irons survived a false start by a trigger-happy official on Tuesday to lead the PMC Harriers to a 21-35 romp over Albright College. Irons toured the 5.3 mile Chester Park course in 27:04, breaking the records he set last year by eighteen seconds.

Copping second place for the Cadets was Mike Kormanicki with Charlie McCoy and Bill Creamer finishing in fourth and fifth places. Fifth man for the Cadets was a surprise as the aging Mike Stalkus, sans one shoe, cruised to the finish line with his best time of the season, and ninth place, to sew up the win for PMC.

**Irons Does It Again, Harriers Take Two**

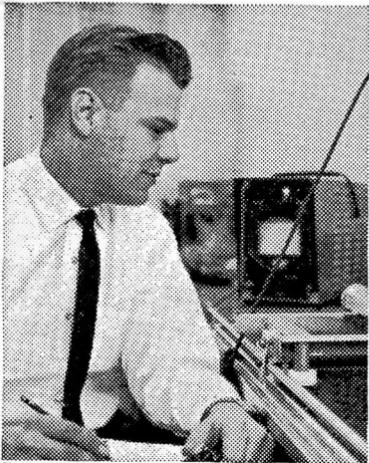
PMC continued its dominance of other teams on its home course in Chester Park, as the thinclads swept past Washington College, 22-33, and

Delaware Valley, 21-34. The Cadets have been undefeated on their 5.3 mile courses for the past three seasons.

Leader of the pack was Dave Irons, who finished a good 400 yards ahead of his nearest competitor. Dave Driscoll, who had been out for a week with an ankle injury returned to the lineup and placed third overall. The meet was scored as a double duel with PMC competing separately with Washington and DelVal. Against both teams Irons was first. Driscoll placed second and third, while Charlie McCoy, coming into his old style in the past two meets, took a fifth in both. Rounding off the top five for the Cadets were Bill Creamer who placed sixth in both scoring columns and Mike Kormanicki who finished right behind Craemer. In the third corner of the triangle, DelVal edged Washington, 27-30.

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