

ANATOMY OF A JOHN BIRCH MEETING



Surnamed 'Extremists' Enter Ripe, But Inert Buffalo Locale

Recently in a Buffalo newspaper it was asserted that the John Birch Society had not invaded the Niagara Frontier. Spurred on by this observation, a member of the Society contacted the ASCENT and invited members of the paper to observe a meeting of a newly formed chapter of the Society in the Buffalo area. Because of the highly controversial nature of this organization the paper was asked not to reveal the names of the persons involved.

Printed here is an account of the meeting's proceedings.

The Wurlitzer Park Chapter of the John Birch Society, newest of the chapters in the Buffalo area, met January 12 in the

suburban home of the chapter leader. Representing the ASCENT were Editor Nicole d'Entremont, Mary Burg, Julie Bondanza and Maureen Connelly.

Following an invocation by a Roman Catholic priest, an observer at the meeting, the members stood to pledge allegiance to the flag. The ASCENT reporters were invited to ask any questions that might arise during the course of the meeting.

"We are alarmists because these are alarming times. We have been accused of only criticizing and not commending. They say we have a negative approach but the Blue Book (official handbook of the Society) is not a negative approach nor are

the monthly bulletins. We must now fight the public impression of the John Birch Society," remarked the chapter leader.

In order to project a more favorable image and to enlarge the chapter membership the group discussed the pending formation of a Current Events Club in the Wurlitzer Park area for the purpose of discussing contemporary issues. "This club is to be for all factions."

Membership Campaign

Through this organization they hope to attract Conservative members who might be interested in joining the John Birch Society. An attempt had already

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S. G. A. Workshop Discusses "Student Involvement Theme"

"Student involvement in community affairs" will be the theme of the annual Student Association Workshop to be held on campus, February 18 and 19. Approximately 80 Rosary Hill students, including SGA members and class and club leaders, will meet and discuss aspects of the transition from collegiate leadership to active community participation.

Sister M. Paula, dean of students, and Kathleen M. Koessler, Student Association president, will welcome the participants. In the keynote address, Richard Siggelkow, dean of students at the University of Buffalo, will trigger the discussions with his ideas concerning this year's theme.

Barbara Nicotera, '62, chairman of working papers for the workshop, stated: "Student involvement in community affairs is important for students while they are still in student capacity. The objective of the workshop lies in orientating the student to the responsibility to involve herself, not only in parish work and community affairs, but also in a scope encompassing national and international social-political aims."

Social Worker Speaks

The opening day's agenda includes a workshop concerning the effective use of Parliamentary Procedure and an evaluation of campus programs in the light of student preparation for community leadership. Miss Margaret Lenahan, '55, now active in social work in Niagara Falls, N. Y., and a former Student Council president, will speak at the Saturday evening dinner.

Sunday morning activities will open with Mass followed by a brunch. The concluding assembly will summarize the resolutions made during the workshop discussions.

Ann Reagan and her co-chairman, Noreen Kiggins, '62, have expressed confidence that this year's workshop will bring results even more fruitful than in previous years. Many important changes in the SA Constitution, including the addition of class representatives to the Student Council, resulted from the workshop of two years ago. Last year's workshop had to be cancelled because of lack of facilities.

Committee Heads

Committee heads for the workshop include: Mary Ann Schaeffer, '63, program; Barbara Nicotera, '62, working papers; Maureen Connolly, '63, resolutions; Pamela Ryan, '62, invitations; Kathleen Byron, '64, food arrangements, and Mary Jo Langenstein, '64, printing.

Miss Enright Scores Highest On Graduate Record Exams

Miss Rosemary Margaret Enright, 1962, has achieved what has been recognized as the highest overall score earned by a member of the Class of 1962 in Graduate Record Examinations.

Miss Enright's scores were as follows:

Verbal: 780 - 99 percental

Quantative: 680 - 97 percental

Literature: 720 - 95 percental

Upon graduation from Rosary Hill College, Miss Enright plans to attend either Hunter College of New York or Columbia University. An English major, Miss Enright will further her studies in contemporary American Literature and after graduate studies she hopes to

Honors Convocation

Sister M. Georgia, O.S.F., academic dean, summoned the annual Honors Convocation, Tuesday afternoon, February 6th. The purpose of the convocation was to honor those Rosary Hill students who had excelled academically during the first semester of the scholastic year, 1961-1962.

Miss Margaret B. Kelly, Coordinator of Curricula and director of the University Summer Sessions at St. John's University in Brooklyn, delivered the keynote address. She praised the work of the honor students and reminded each member of the student body, assembled in the Sacred Heart Academy auditorium, of her responsibility to make the best possible use of her talents.

Awards, announced by Sr. Georgia and bestowed by Sister M. Angela, O.S.F., president of the College, were given to the girls who accumulated the highest indexes in their classes.

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Doctor; Musician Visit College Lecture Series

"The decade of the 1960's will provide new dimensions in the annals of history," began Dr. E. A. Trabant in his lecture, February 6, entitled "Space - Challenge and Survival."



Dr. E. A. Trabant

Instrumented flights to Venus and Mars are challenges of the immediate future, said the Dean of the School of Engineering at the University of Buffalo. With the perfection of the ion rocket, he predicted that flights of this type will be made even to such outer planets as Pluto by the year 2012.

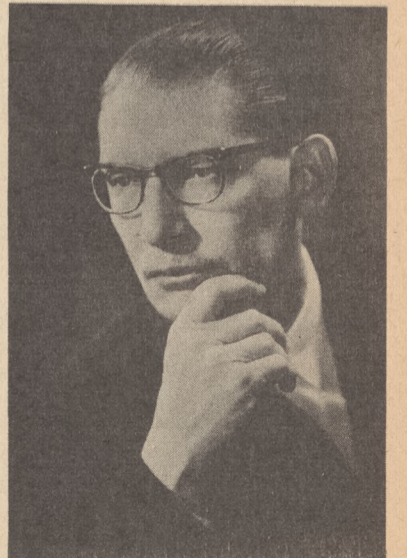
Nothing indicates, continued the Doctor, that the most significant aspect of the challenge of space is the military. "Remember that Buffalo can be hit more often and more cheaply from Siberia than from the moon," he emphasized.

Dean Trabant, whose principal research interests have been in the fields of heat transfer, continuum mechanics and nuclear engineering, cited the study of the moon's formation as a future challenge of space. The rotation of the moon, its "wab-

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Soulima Stravinsky, concert pianist of international standing, will be a guest lecturer at Rosary Hill College, March 4, where he will lead an informal discussion of contemporary music at 8 p. m. in the Marion Social Room. While on campus, Mr. Stravinsky will also conduct a master class of piano majors.

Born in Lausaune, Switzerland, Mr. Stravinsky, son of the noted composer, Igor Stravinsky, is widely recognized as one of the foremost interpreters of Mozart and Scarlatti. His French background and familiarity with the masters of that country give him equal authority in all matters pertaining to French music. He studied piano and composition under such eminent teachers as Alexander Naprovnik, Isidore Philipp and Nadia Boulanger.



Soulima Stravinsky

Mr. Stravinsky, a permanent member of the music faculty at the University of Illinois, has directed his interest to studies of piano technique, which present an entirely different approach to composition. His "Eighteen Ca-

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"INTO THE AIR JR. BIRCH MEN"
as sung by Wm. Buckley and a member of LAF.

The Lost Art Of Reading Rainbows

"Who live under the shadow of war
What can I do that matters?"

Stephen Spender

It was a ninth grade classroom and we were having a little litigation on the Second World War and its effect on the American mind. One weary Cassandra in our group sighed and stated, "Well I was born during the war and . . ." We all laughed; she was always so dramatic.

Six years later this strikes me as the colossal excuse for our generation. One would think that we were the only age that ever had war baiting its footsteps. It is easy to view the world as a meaningless giant lumbering on to its own destruction, just as it is easy to become the world's idle commentator, a la Mort Sahl. It is this cynical stance we have taken that is frightening.

It has been said that "deeper truth lies in the fact the world is not meaningless and absurd, but is in a meaningless state." If we are to give meaning to anything, we must first give meaning to ourselves, and cynicism never will be the catalyst motivating this search. We must set our individual goals, for we cannot complain we have not grasped, and skim over the fact we were reaching for nothing. We must understand that man is merely an extension of our own person. Rufus Rimelhinger down the street got into a fight for the same basic reason that Napoleon Bonaparte did, basic feelings are merely colored by circumstance, the feelings remain the same. With so very much to do, why let cynicism smother this motion? You are as important as your goal is important and it must be worthy of you.

These thoughts could well be termed as the naive meanderings of a shallow mind, but in the case of ideals, how can one think in terms other than bigness? I recoil to think that the epitaph for our "explosive generation" could well read, "for lack of motivation, a nation was lost."

The world offers so very much to live for, even though it seems suspended under a lowering sky, for the sun does always rise, life does go on and we must learn to read the rainbows in men's hearts.

N.d'E.

S. G. A. Augurs Now A Time For Evaluation

The American campus is a community, or rather a microcosm suggesting a larger community beyond its gates. Like any community, it is an assemblage of individuals working together to achieve one common goal. Its members share communal duties and privileges and are subject to a common authority. This authority, the primary function of which is to direct and encourage the general goals of the group, is broadly termed student government.

In recent years an aura of mediocrity has begun to fall upon the student governing body. No longer the mirror of student thought and the principal vehicle of communication among students, it is hardly even aware today of the very trends which gave it birth.

Although the reasons for this decline are many (and generally varying from campus to campus), there remains one rather constant explanation. The function of the student government has become clogged with the numerous and often petty duties which should rightfully be delegated to governmental sub-committees.

Discussion, for example, of the social and financial issues on campus is entirely out of place at a meeting of the leaders elected to represent the collegiate community. Equally inappropriate for the body of council members and equally prevalent is the obligation to enforce and maintain discipline among the students. In brief, the concept of the student government as a market-place for collegiate thought is passe.

In a nationwide attempt to restore the student government, criticism is pouring forth from all corners, directed first at the student leaders, then at the administration. The fault, however, is not theirs; it is ours. Like any institution, student government needs periodic evaluation comparing its results with its initial aims. But such evaluation cannot be done by the instrument; it must be done by its motivating force. And the time for evaluation is now.

M.B.

Pick The Pouch

Dear Editor:

I would question the points brought up last issue by "liberalism" against the "Sharon Statement" of the Young Americans for Freedom.

The "liberal" scoffs at YAF for having "the audacity" to affirm certain eternal truths. As students of theology and philosophy, do we not know that any philosopher or Catholic has access to eternal truth? Is it not an argument in favor of, rather than against, YAF that it recognizes this?

It is inaccurate and misleading for "liberalism" to state ". . . these conservatives who belabor the importance of human dignity are the same ones who advocate membership in societies such as that of John Birch."

In the first place, it is not a policy of YAF to advocate membership in the John Birch Society; if individual "YAFers" belong to the society, it is their prerogative and not an "indictment" of YAF as a whole. A second point: the motto of the John Birch Society is "Less government, more responsibility and a better world." To imply that the society is against human dignity borders on name-calling and serves no intelligent purpose.

The argument—that Pope Pius XI criticizes the economic system supported by the Sharon Statement—is not, as I see it, in context with the section of *Quadragesimo Anno* referred to. The Pope was rebuking the Manchester liberals, an extreme form of conservatism and an economic system far removed from the market economy system of the Sharon Statement.

In conclusion, I would encourage readers to secure their own copy of the "Sharon Statement" before writing it off as a "platitude of platitudes." They might find it contains a glimpse of eternal truth!

Sincerely,
Maureen Connolly

The Image Abroad Via American View

Ed. Note

A few weeks ago a copy of a letter written by an exchange student from the United States studying at the Sorbonne was called to my attention. It was written to the members of the Rotary Club sponsoring his studies in France and it contains, to my mind, some cogent observations on what it means to be an American student studying on foreign soil.

15 Boulevard Jourdan
Paris, 14, France
11 October 1961

Gentlemen:

It is nearly two and one-half months since I left home. Though classes do not begin at the Sorbonne for a few more days, I have learned more in the last ten weeks than I might have done, sitting in a classroom. The process of writing about my experiences is painful only because I will have to omit so many important things, for reasons of space and time. But I sincerely hope that a few of the impressions which I've been privileged to gain in the past weeks may be of some interest to you.

During the first three weeks of August, I kept busy combing Paris in search of living quarters for the year. The housing shortage here is acute — apartments are scarce, rents outrageous, student quarters often shockingly run-down. Many students live in near-slum conditions. I am for-

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OPEN FORUM

White Rule Dictum?

Phyllis Morgan, '62

When considering the situation that exists not only in the world, but in the United States, there can be only one reason for the present tense world situation. Man has withdrawn so completely from his Creator and the laws set down by Him, that I cannot help feeling that the reason we are lost in this void is because we refuse to accept His love and realize our obligation to love our fellow man.

Would you, should a Negro sit beside you in a public place or on a bus, smile and say, "Hello?" I doubt it. As a matter of fact, you don't make gestures to other White people, do you? Try it sometime; you will be amazed at the horror-stricken look which pass over the faces of most people. On the other hand, you would probably be equally shocked if someone smiled back, and said, "Hello!"

Should this condition exist among people who were given life through love? What makes the White repel the Negro and the Puerto Rican? Supremacy, a word with suspicious overtones in any language, is the reason. The White considers himself a "cut above" those of other races. In fact, he discriminates even within his own race through his efforts to appease the "status-quo."

There is one basic rule to be used as a remedy for this internal situation. IT IS GOLDEN (not white). "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Perspective

Why "Self-Polarize"?

By RUPERT J. EDERER, Ph. D.

Chairman of the Economic Department

I have watched with interest the tendency of our students to identify themselves with one or the other of opposite brands of socio-political thought. They are labeling themselves with considerable elan as either "conservative" or "liberal." First of all, let me say that it is refreshing to find large numbers of American college students becoming enthusiastic about political philosophies and problems as European university students have been for centuries, even if not always wisely. It is certainly more constructive and in keeping with the dignity of higher education to concern ourselves with the probable social framework within which we will rear our children than to dissipate our energies entirely with concern and hoopla about Saturday's game with State U.

But now comes the man with the bucket of cold water to temper some of this youthful ardor. The tendency to polarize is human enough. It offers easy solutions to complex problems and situations. What is more, by joining one of two opposite camps the battle lines are clearly drawn, and one becomes a member of something big and recognized. If you call yourself a "liberal" or a "conservative," you join a cult complete with patron saints, prophets, leaders and doctrines. What is more ap-

pealing to youth with its buoyant enthusiasm, its idealism and its impatience with fuddy-duddies like myself who suggest that all such weighty matters are not likely to fall neatly into a pitch black or a snow white category?

While all of this may be excusable at State U., students at Catholic colleges have an obligation to be a bit more discerning in the assignment of their loyalties. Under the banner of conservatism there are some whose social credo was buried not by Khrushchev but by Pope Leo XIII over 70 years ago. To travel with such people is to betray an almost scandalous ignorance of Christian social ethics as spelled out and applied to our situation in the papal social encyclicals. On the other hand, there are those under the liberal banner who during the early 1940's blundered into and out of all kinds of Communist front organizations. At one time when it was politically popular, many of these liberals delared openly their infatuation with the Soviet socialist "experiment." At best these people are undependable, and at worst they are unreconstructed and doing the expedient thing by travelling under the liberal label, since for the time being it is not popular to express admiration for the Soviets and their schemes. Deep inside,

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Civil Rights Appealed NSA To Rally At Columbia U

Peter Countryman, chairman of the Northern Student Movement Coordinating Committee (NSMCC), addressed a group of Rosary Hill students interested in his appeal for the Southern Student Freedom Fund, January 9.

Mr. Countryman's committee is an outgrowth of a conference held by the Student Christian Movement of New England in June, 1961, the purpose of which



Peter Countryman

was to investigate the possibility of creating a New England student movement in the field of civil rights.

The committee is now working with NSA, the Social Action Secretariat of NFCCS, Students for a Democratic Society and the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

For the past month, Mr. Countryman has been visiting campuses, concentrating primarily on raising money for SNCC, which is presently establishing a sound "Southern voter registration program" in Georgia, Mississippi and South Carolina.

It was felt that a concrete program such as this would give the movement a focal point around which it could develop and establish a position in the student

Student Revolt Hits Community

JACKSON, Miss. — Last fall, over 100 high school students marched in McComb, Miss., to demonstrate against racial segregation. After the demonstrations, the students were not allowed to return to school until they signed a statement admitting their part in the demonstrations and recognizing that participation in further demonstrations would result in expulsion.

Seventy-one of the students refused to sign. They now attend classes at J. P. Campbell College in Jackson, Miss. There are 41 boys and 30 girls who range from the 9th to the 12th grade. At present, they are being given tuition, room and board, and seem to be integrating themselves into the life of the college.

However, the maintenance of these students creates a grave financial strain on the college. At the rate of \$500 a student for each year, it costs the college \$35,000 to school the 71 students.

So far, approximately \$10,000 in gifts of food and money have been received, but the college still needs nearly \$25,000 to be able to continue keeping the high school students. The college has issued a statement saying,

"We are grateful to the churches and civic organizations and to the interested friends who are helping to make possible this service."

community. Already, fund raising drives in ten New England colleges and universities collected close to \$6,000.

There has also been a significant response from schools which are not a part of the regional structure. Marymount and Manhattenville colleges have established the Student League of Human Rights, in conjunction with the University of Bridgeport.

Through the efforts of NSA, the appeal has now evolved into a nationwide campaign. Students from Berkeley, Chicago, Ann Arbor, Philadelphia and Baltimore have strongly indicated support for the movement. Efforts to establish additional regional student movements in the field of civil rights are being made throughout the nation.

The field representatives of SNCC, now working in parts of the rural South to help Negro communities secure the responsibilities and privileges of first-class citizenship are in desperate need of financial aid from students in the North. The work of the Southern students will be forced to discontinue if sufficient funds are not allocated.

Mr. Countryman, who left his studies at Yale in December to participate more actively in the civil rights movement, indicated that the Northern students, as responsible members of the American society, are implicated in this struggle.

"The Student in International Affairs" will be the theme of the East Coast Regional Conference of the National Student Association, February 23, 24 and 25. Donald K. Emmerson, International Affairs vice-president and Princeton graduate, will deliver the opening address and officially summon the annual Conference to be held at Columbia University, New York City.

Representing Rosary Hill will be Noreen Kiggins and Mary Burg, NSA senior and junior delegates respectively; Barbara Nicotera and Julie Bondanza. They will be joined by students from six NSA regions. The regions are Mason-Dixon, Metropolitan New York, New England, New Jersey, New York State and Pennsylvania-West Virginia.

Student action in the world's trouble spots will attract the attention of the delegates in the four workshops. The workshop on Latin America will stress Cuba and its effect upon the Latin American student scene, while that on Africa will be chiefly concerned with apartheid.

The students will evaluate the relationship of the National Student Association to the National Union of Students, an organization which incorporates all of the world's student unions. A discussion of the Asian nations will complete the activities.

ASCENT Galloping Poll

Question: Comment on the U.N. intervention in Katanga.

Class	Number		Response		No Comment
	Handed Out	Returned	Yes	No	
1962	75	10	2	2	6
1964	135	32	10	14	8
1965	200	9	1	1	6

Out of the number handed out to the Junior Class, 2 were returned.

Senior Class: '62

1) It's about time! I feel that the UN had a definite right to intervene in Katanga. More such action should be taken on world affairs if we are to prevent the advances of Communism.

2) It's none of the UN's business! Completely unfair! Less UN authority will be the result!

Junior Class: '63

1) I think that in keeping with the policies and principles of the UN, it was their duty to intervene in Katanga.

2) The UN was not justified.

Sophomore Class: '64

1) I feel that the UN intervention was justified. It has been argued that the UN tried to force its own will upon the Congo rather than restore order; this, however, was not the case. It merely set the stage for further negotiations. The U.S., moreover, demonstrated great faith in this world body in upholding the decision of the Union of Nations, rather than imposing her own judgment or seeking her own personal interests. Such faith is most important at this time when the UN is virtually on trial.

2) With the threatened withdrawals from the UN of a few of the members, the UN needs some outlet for its function as

a body to keep the spirit alive within the organization. Aside from such interval practicalities, the UN is set up to deal with problems affecting the freedom of men. The UN is perfectly within its rights.

3) I believe that the UN is destroying the only opportunity to control Communism in the Congo by its policy. Moise Tshombe is the only link the Congo has with Christianity and the Western World. To destroy Tshombe is to hand over the Congo to the Soviets.

4) As far as stirring up trouble, the UN has done a grand job; as far as cementing relations—nothing.

Freshman Class: '65

1) I feel it is justified because it was a step in the preservation of peace in the world.

2) I think we're on the wrong side.

No Comments:

1) Personally, I don't get a chance to read it because of all the homework assignments. Member of the History Dept. '64.

2) Why not a question more pertinent to this campus? I am not well-informed on this matter. '62.

3) Where's Katanga? '64.



And in the corner to the left we have that noted "liberal," Candy Watkins; facing her equally notable opponent of "conservative" mien, Julie Bondanza. On with the lampoon!

The Political Podium

Ed. Note:

In order to prove Political Podium's versatility as a vehicle of political expression, we have reversed the roles of our two campus politicians for this issue. Julie Bondanza will back Conservative views while Candy Watkins will air Liberal stands in the light of what we will call a knowledgeable concept of politics. For Our Readers:

Liberalism

By CANDY WATKINS

Q. What is your stand on Goldwater's non-recognition of Khrushchev?

A. Khrushchev should be recognized. In peaceful co-existence, Gagarin and Glenn could orbit the world together.

Q. What do you think of the United Nations intervention in Katanga?

A. The United Nations can do no wrong. Big Brother was merely watching over his fellow brethren.

Q. Should Red China be admitted to the United Nations?

A. Since Red China is a free and thoroughly independent country, they, too, have a right to the Security Council veto power.

Q. What is the value of the Peace Corps Program?

A. Ideologically, the antiseptic, technological, industrial minds of knowledgeable America have the privilege, power, and perseverance to liberate illiterate, impoverished and undeveloped nations around the globe.

Q. Would an extended program of Federal Aid-to-Education be beneficial to America?

A. If our masses are educated, there will be a tendency to raise our standard of living, increase our cultural level which would eventually lead to world prestige and improve national offense. Therefore, government aid, always beneficial, would certainly prove so in this case.

Q. Do you think the John Birch Society is useful?

A. The John Birch Society is a subversive, inhumane organization with methods analogous to those employed by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Rather than helping our Democratic ideals, they are undermining the confidence of the American people in their leaders and are therefore aiding the Communist program.

Q. Should the United States Military be muzzled?

A. I refuse to answer on the grounds that it might incriminate me.

Since Caroline Kennedy is allowed free reign in the White House, do you think she should first be cleared by the House on Un-American Activities Committee?

Conservatism

By JULIE BONDANZA

Q. What is your stand on Goldwater's non-recognition of Khrushchev?

A. Personally, I think Khrushchev is a myth. Mama Khrushchev is the one pulling all the strings.

Q. What do you think of the United Nations intervention in Katanga?

A. Bomb the U.N. and make Robert Welsh, Secretary General.

Q. Should Red China be admitted to the United Nations?

A. Why should we let Russia have another satellite which is bigger and better than ours?

Q. What is the value of the Peace Corps Program?

A. Why antagonize foreigners who are capable of hauling their own milk buckets?

Q. Would an extended program of Federal Aid-to-Education be beneficial to America?

A. Any more government control in the United States is absurd. Pretty soon we will have government for the government.

Q. Do you think the John Birch Society is useful?

A. Our country is constantly bombarded by subversive Communist propaganda. People such as Earl Warren and Dwight Eisenhower have done nothing further to exterminate the Communist advance. Who else but the John Birch Society would have had the perseverance to find out that George Washington was a "consymp."

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IS THERE REALLY A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES?

MR. PETER KAISER

Professor of Political Science at Canisius College

WILL CONSIDER THIS QUESTION

Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 4:30 P.M.

His Host Will Be Rosary Hill's New

POLITICAL AWARENESS FORUM (naturally)

'Much Ado' Comedy Slated As 2nd Show

The curtain will rise at 8 p.m., March 28, on Rosary Hill College's second theatrical production of the season, "Much Ado About Nothing." Scheduled for a seven night run in Daemen Little Theater, the comedy will have its final performance April 3.

Mr. Joseph J. Herman, instructor in speech and dramatic art, will produce and direct the Shakespearean drama, to be enacted by the Rosary Hill players.

This play, considered one of Shakespeare's most difficult to produce, was selected because of the success and popularity of last year's production of "Twelfth Night." It is to be presented on a three level stage,

and there are to be no scene changes.

Cast readings were held, Feb. 6, in Daemen Little Theater. In addition to the student performers from Rosary Hill, five local male actors were selected.

The setting of the four act drama is the palace of Messina, home of the heroines, Beatrice and Hero. As is characteristic of most of the works of Shakespeare's second period, the comedy is not concerned with deep passion but plays with love in all of its lighter phases.

Said Mr. Herman, "It should be a good show because of the talent we have here at Rosary Hill." Over 1000 viewers are expected to attend.



Listen my children and you will hear—Helen Schmitz reading for the play to an audience of Mr. Joseph Herman, Karen Bernick, Mary Joan Coleman and Julie Bondanza.

Trabant

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bling" motion, the composition of the satellite and the lunar surface are all topics for further exploration, he pointed out.

Speaking of extra-terrestrial life, Dr. Trabant ruled out such barriers as poisonous gas and the absence of oxygen in the atmosphere. "Carbon-based life may quite possibly exist on Mars," he said.

A staff member of Purdue University from 1947 to 1960, Dr. Trabant there served as Professor of Engineering Sciences and Head of the Division of Engineering Sciences. He received his A.B. from Occidental College Los Angeles, and in 1947 obtained his Ph.D. from the California Institute of Technology.

Prior to the lecture, Dr. and Mrs. Trabant attended a dinner at the college sponsored by members of Sigma Kappa Rho under the direction of Sister M. Clarita, O.S.F., moderator. Present were the faculty of the Biology and Chemistry Departments of Rosary Hill together with the Science Club members.

Stravinsky

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denzas for Mozart Concerti" were recently published in the United States and a set of preludes entitled "Art of Scales" has also been completed for publication.

His functions as a teacher, however, have not interrupted his activities as a concert pianist. In 1956-57 he toured Europe and North Africa, appearing with various symphony orchestras as well as in recitals, radio and television programs. Stravinsky's appearance at Rosary Hill College is part of a tour which he is making under the auspices of the Arts Program of the Association of American Colleges.

Self-Polarize

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many of these liberals are convinced that the ultimate salvation of America lies in some brand of centrally planned economy to which the individual must conform or be cast out as no longer useful to society.

Reactions vs. Reactions

Within the "conservative" faction, let us say at the left wing of it, are well-meaning, intelligent people whose conservatism is a reaction against the extreme left wing of the "liberal" faction. Likewise, on the right wing of the "liberal" group are well-meaning, intelligent people whose liberalism is a reaction against the extreme right wing of the "conservative" movement. These two groups of well-meaning people are the hope of America. For all practical purposes they are now running the country. So long as they keep their balance, i.e. their central position, and are not drawn into the pits on either side of them, we are in no great danger. Somewhere in the "center" is where the informed Catholic college student belongs. Though youth has a tendency to be impatient with such an "undramatic" position, bear in mind two historical facts. First, Nazism triumphed in Germany in 1933 because Germans were polarizing themselves politically between the Communist Party and Hitler's National Socialists. Germans had grown impatient with the unspectacular, undramatic promise of the Center Party and other moderate factions. They wanted action; either Red or Brown! And they got it.

Danger on the Poles

The second fact takes us to Moscow, 1917. Here, too, there was much polarization between extreme left and the extreme right. There were monarchists on the one hand who defended

Niagara Hosts Annual Parley

New York State Senator Walter J. Mahoney will deliver the keynote address at the annual Lake Erie Regional Congress of the National Federation of Catholic College Students to be held February 9, 10 and 11, at Niagara University. "Racial Discrimination and Christian Conscience in Our Locale" is the theme about which the discussions and activities will revolve.

Officially representing Rosary Hill at the Congress will be Mary Ann Schaefer and Dorothea Nicosia, NFCCS senior and junior delegates, respectively; Jean Miano, Regional secretary-treasurer, and Virginia Owczarczak, second vice-president of the region.

A panel will debate the question of "Enforced Segregation," February 10. Participants will be Judge Charles S. Desmond, The Very Rev. Msgr. James A. Healy, Dr. Elvida Lee and Mr. Leland L. Jones, Buffalo councilman.

The delegates will then separate into four principal discussion groups to consider the problems of education, housing, social relations and employment.

Thomas T. LaFonde, senior at John Carroll University and the Federation's vice-president in charge of social activities, will discuss segregation at a Communion breakfast, February 11.

Immediately prior to the closing Regional Council, the plight of the migrant farm laborer will be considered by the Very Rev. Msgr. John L. Neylon, a member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Farm and Food Processing Labor.

the dying cause of a feudal-manorial social order. On the other hand were the "blood and thunder" Bolsheviks whose war cries stirred the imagination of long-suffering Russians. Lost in the stampede were the Constitutional Democrats, the Mensheviks and other more moderate groups. Their programs were less spectacular. Need we say more?

Pontifical Guideposts

The moral lesson is this. Catholic college students ought to avoid extremes. They ought to study, not just read, during their college careers: *Rerum Novarum*, by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* and *Divini Redemptoris* by Pius XI and *Mater et Magistra* by the present pontiff. These will provide the necessary guideposts for intelligent political action and for the formation of a social order far more in harmony with Christian principles than what we have at present either in the United States or in Russia.

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Van Gogh Presentation Opens Cultural Season

An exhibition of the famed Van Gogh collection, to be presented in the newly opened wing of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, began the season's cultural activities, January 30.

The exhibition, to continue until March 11, contains 142 paintings and sketches by the popular Dutch artist. In addition to the exhibition, films on the life and work of Van Gogh will be shown daily in the new auditorium.

These works, many of which have never before been in the United States, have been loaned the Gallery by the Vincent Van Gogh Foundation and the Stedelijk Museum of Amsterdam, Holland.

Concert at Rosary Hill

Among the many other cultural events in the area will be a piano concert by Soulima Stravinsky, sponsored by Rosary Hill College. It will take place in the Marian Social Room, March 5, at 8 p.m.

From UB to the Yankee Doodle Room

Kleinmans will also be the scene of the All-Star Theater presentation of Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians, March 4, at 8:30 p.m.

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tunate in being lodged at the Cite Universitaire, a twenty-nine dormitory community for students from all countries. The Cite holds five thousand of Paris' 200,000 students enrolled in programs of higher education! Having settled the housing problem fairly satisfactorily, I had the good fortune to travel to Sweden for two weeks, as the guest of the Rotary Clubs of Southern Sweden. These Rotary Clubs acted as co-sponsors, along with the Student Union of the University of Lund, of an International Student Conference.

This year's topic was "Racism and Nationalism." Seventy students from forty countries attended the course, which has a European reputation. Since many of the "delegates" were African, a great deal of the discussion and general debate focused on the problems of colonialism and the politics of the developing areas of the world. But there were also students from Poland, Czechoslovakia, East Germany and Yugoslavia, as well as a good number from Western Europe, a few from South America and Australia, India and

The Chromatic Club of UB will present "Opera Night," February 12, at 8:30 p.m. in Baird Hall. *L'Enfant Trodique* by Claude Debussy will be sung as conducted by Miranda Currie. Janice Epke, John Priebee Jr., Raymond Peters, Samuel Herr and the Chromatic Club Opera Chorus will perform.

The Carl Illig show of oil landscapes of the four seasons will continue until February 23 in the Yankee Doodle Room of Adam, Meldrum and Anderson's.

Paintings by Beth Nablo will be featured until February 17 in UB's Sherman Hall.

Cole Porter's *Kiss Me Kate*, the musical adaptation of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*, will be presented at Baird Hall March 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18 at 8:30 p.m. under the auspices of the University of Buffalo Music Department.

A "Twilight Music Hour" featuring the Community Music School Orchestra, will be presented by the Museum of Science, February 11, at 3 o'clock. Pamela Gearhart will conduct.

China and about five Rotary Fellows from USA.

Breaking Through the Barrier

Socially, the group was as friendly and lively as could be. Ideologically, of course, we were often separated by culture, method and basic beliefs and commitments. Yet by the end of the course the hardened Communist, the embattled African nationalist and the NATO people almost all understood each other a little better, and in some cases, understood themselves a little better.

Americanism Under Attack

It was not easy to be an American at this course. The United States came under frequent and vigorous criticism, not least by some of its representatives. The race problem was decried, sometimes justly and from knowledge, sometimes with the hysteria which springs from ignorance. American foreign policies were deplored, from the unwillingness to recognize Communist China to the Cuban situation, from the Congolese affair (Lumumba has become an African saint) to the programs of aid to developing countries. During the course of our discussions, I

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Frosh Class Officers Assume New Duties

The body of Freshman Class leaders was completed, January 4, with the election of Anne Wolf, Kathleen Wick and Margaret Wolf, to the respective positions of Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. Judith Meyers, Class president, and Mary Caroline Powers, Class representative, had been in office since November 30.

Judith Meyers, Anne Wolf and Margaret Wolf are all alumnae of Mount St. Mary Academy. Kathleen Wick was graduated from Sacred Heart Academy and Mary Caroline Powers from Scotia-Glenville Central High School in Scotia, N. Y.

All of the officers have had previous experience in class leadership. Miss Meyers, a social studies concentrator, was President of the Student Council at Mount St. Mary's, while Miss Powers, an English concentrator, was Student Council President at Scotia-Glenville

Central High School; the latter also held the position of Vice-president in the New York State Association of Student Councils.

Margaret Wolf, who is in the sociology concentration, was Class Treasurer at Mount St. English concentrator, and Kathleen Wick, sociology, were Prefects of the Sodality in their respective high schools.

Judith Meyers and Mary Powers were invested as members of the Student Government Association at the Christmas Assembly, December 14.

The 211 students in the Freshman Class have already begun to plan the year's activities. Charlene Haykel was elected Chairman of Moving-Up Day, with Joan Oddy as her Co-chairman.

Plans have also been made by Judith Meyers for next fall's orientation and initiation.

Wutz '62; English, Geraldine Wierzbicka '62 and Sandra Slowik '63; French, Mary Burg '64; German, Gabriella Horvath '63; history, Elizabeth Drzewiecki '63.

Also mathematics, Lois Grabenstratter '62; medical records, Nancy Nolder '64; medical technology, Anna Melchiorre '65 and Judith Pesany '65; music, Paula Kirchmyer '62; pre-medical, Sharon Jordan '64; social studies, Arlene Evanish '63; sociology, Rita Otterbein '62, Kathleen Kihl '65 and Kathleen Berryman '65; and Spanish, Judith Ferraro '64.

The award given annually to the senior with the highest index over the previous seven semesters in theology went to Lois Grabenstratter and Rosemary Enright. The award for philosophy was given to Lois Grabenstratter.

Miss Enright

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professional schools information concerning the educational background and the scholastic ability of student applicants. Sister Georgia also said that "The administration is very pleased with the scores of the Rosary Hill students."

Birch Meeting

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been made to show the film "Operation Abolition" to a civic club in the Wurlitzer Park area but the Club President said that the film could not be termed as entertainment.

"This club is more interested in dances, parties and civic affairs . . . ever since lamplights were erected and the mosquito problem was checked they have been interested in no other controversy," tersely replied one member.

Attempts have been made to circulate the Society's literature. Books such as *One Dozen Candles* were removed upon parents' request from Bennett High School because of a forward in the book by the Society's Head and Founder, Robert Welch.

A movement was therefore planned to contact the University of Buffalo and the public libraries in an endeavor to include these books in their collections. Stickers stating, "This is a Republic, not a Democracy, let's keep it that way," are also available.

"We have done nothing in the past month to impeach Earl Warren," stated the chapter leader. The bill for impeachment was to have been presented to Congress in January, but as they felt that only one-third of the Congress would advocate impeachment at that time, they decided it best to delay action. "However we have been successful in creating a stir and making the public aware of the Supreme Court abuses," remarked a member.

The explosive issue of Katanga was of prime concern. "Katanga is the Hungary of 1961. The United States is not doing a thing in the UN . . . Katanga has done a lot for our cause of getting the United States out of the UN."

Considerable discussion was centered upon the question of Communist subversion in the UN subcommittees. UNICEF states, "We help governments help themselves. I see no reason why we should help Communism help itself," voiced the chapter leader. The cultural exchange was also attacked as a vehicle of subversive activity within the United States. "American people have been indoctrinated into broadmindedness." Economic exchange with satellites was deplored. Members

\$4,000 Grant Presented To Rosary Hill Purchases DU Spectrophotometer

Rosary Hill was presented a \$4,000 grant from the Smith, Kline and French Foundation, during the Christmas vacation, for the purchase of a Beckman DU Spectrophotometer with ultra-violet accessories. With these instruments, enzymatic re-

Fisher, '62, assisted by Merry Jane Vesper and Patricia Stabler, '65, under the direction of Sister M. Regina, instructor in Biology.

As the enzyme in question is apparently involved with changes of the liver in diabetic rats, the students are inducing diabetes in experimental mice to determine if it is also to be found in this case. The disease is being effected by injections of alloxan.

The senior biology students conducted a similar experiment two years ago and found evidence that a specific enzyme is changed by this chemical.

In connection with their study of the care of animals and record keeping, the freshman biology concentration is also assisting in the project. Sophomores in the concentration are learning to detect with chromatography specific compounds excreted by the mice.

During the second semester, the freshmen and sophomores will exchange responsibilities.

Two other seniors, Dolores Ann Scanlon and Margaret Klubek, have been studying the effect of ultra-violet radiation on the young mice.



actions are more quickly and easily obtainable.

The study of picolinic acid and its effects on the action of a specific liver enzyme is the research project of Geraldine

were advised to send letters of criticism to buyers of stores who purchase "slave labor merchandise" and to boycott these establishments.

Criticism was also directed to the National Council of Churches for its support of such movements as the advocacy for the admission of Red China to the UN, disarmament and their opposition to the film *Operation Abolition*. "The NCC denies Communist infiltration." However it was contended that some clergymen are unknowingly being used as Communist pawns.

After the meeting, Nicole d'Entremont spoke to Mr. Zimmerman, co-ordinator for the

John Birch Society in the New York region. Mr. Zimmerman stated that newspaper reporting has not been accurate and that, as of October, copies of the Society's monthly agenda are being sent to the leading newspapers in the country in the hopes that this will induce accurate coverage and better the Society's public image.

At an informal gathering after the meeting one member made this observation concerning his membership in the controversial group. "I can't understand it. I was a normal human being before I joined the Society; now people look at me as if I had sprouted horns."

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came to take an increasingly dim view of these attacks.

My strategy for answering them was threefold. First: to the Africans and others who frequently raised the question of how America can pretend to offer democracy to the world when it has so much racism of its own, I tried to explain (a) the character of the problem which we are facing and (b) what we are doing about it. The explanation helped, but it was no substitute for solving the problem. Second: to those students from Eastern Europe and Africa who denounced the economic and political imperialism (as they called it) of the United States and other Western countries, I pointed to the imperialism of USSR in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and East Germany. Incidentally, it always amazes me that Africans generally have no sympathy for the victims of colonialism in Eastern Europe, in view of their unrelenting opposition to it in any other part of the world. Third: I tried to explain the reasons for American actions, which were sometimes presented by others as though they were written by an editorialist of *Pravda*. My final judgment is that some good came of these attempts to present the case as I see it.

The Rotarians and students of Sweden could not have been more hospitable. I attended several Rotary lunches, and was privileged to discuss the condition of Sweden with several leading Rotarians in Lund. The country presented some startling new experiences for me. The "welfare state" economy is so highly developed in Sweden that there exists almost no poverty whatsoever. In two weeks, and in several cities, I not only saw no beggars, but not even a single run-down neighborhood or badly dressed person. Though hardly anyone is very rich, poverty

seems to have been practically eliminated. All the university students, unless their families have a certain uncommonly high income, receive subsidies from the state. There are magnificent new dormitories, beautifully furnished and equipped, in which men and women students are scattered at random.

They are free to live as they please, as long as they obey the laws of the state, pass their exams and refrain from destroying property! Politically, the students are an important force in the country. Their "Union" represents their interests in dealing with the University administration and with the government. It is so powerful and respected that a successful student leader has an excellent chance of an early rise in national politics.

The atmosphere here is full of concern. Of course, the future of France is a big worry. There are rumors starting again about a new "putsch" pretty soon, and I received word today that some student demonstrations may be in the offing within the next two weeks. But above all, the eyes of Frenchmen turn toward the East, toward Berlin. Sixteen years after the last conflagration the spectre of a third world war has brutally appeared in relation to that problem. To many here, the positions taken on the Soviet side and that of the West seem quite irreconcilable, made up as they are in part of undisguised threats. Will we once again be on the brink of the precipice which, like a gigantic Moloch, periodically swallows up the flower of the world's youth and the fruits of all peaceful acts?

Paris is neither so young nor so gay as she has been on occasion in the past. But she is fascinating. I shall have more to say about her next time.

With best regards,
Sincerely,
Werner L. Guendersheimer

Honors Convocation

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They were: Lois Ann Grabenstratter, senior; Elizabeth Drzewiecki and Sandra Slowik, juniors; Sharon Jordan, sophomore, and Geraldine Ferraro, freshman.

Also honored were those girls who had earned the highest index in the fields of concentration. Included were: art, Caroline Dotterweich '63; biology, Maryann Reiderer '64; business, Isabelle Mokaan '62; chemistry, Karen McGreevy '64, and Susan Yeager '65; economics, Janice

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Journalist Addresses ASCENT Workshop



Mr. Leroy E. Smith, instructor of journalism at Rosary Hill College and editorial writer on the staff of the Buffalo Evening News, delivered a critique of the ASCENT at the publication's first workshop, January 14. The workshop was designed by Editor Nicole d'Entremont primarily to introduce perspective writers to the paper and its editors.

While commending the paper for several reasons, notably its widened range of interest and coverage and more "sophisticated" approach, Mr. Smith was careful to suggest that the staff be more concerned with the campus scene. Accuracy was to be, above all, he continued, the keyword for journalistic success.

Immediately following the address, the aspiring staff members divided into informal groups which considered the various aspects of journalistic production. The discussions were led by Mary Burg, in charge of news writing; Joan Lalosh, feature writing; Mary Caroline Powers, headline writing; Margaret Mitchell, production; Mary Ann Geary and Barbara Stoughton, business; and Loret Savage, copyreading.

Youth Festival Fuss

HELSINKI, Finland (UPS)—The much disputed and discussed Eighth World Youth Festival will be held in Helsinki, Finland this summer from July 27 to August 5. This festival is being organized by the International Union of Students (IUS) and the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY), both communist-dominated organizations.

Concerning the festival, the National Union of Students of Finland (SYL) in its *News Letter* declared: "As it is obvious that completely erroneous views about the attitude of the majority of Finnish youth organizations toward the 8th Festival of Youth and Students still prevail in many parts of the world, we would like to clarify this situation for our readers. When the Finnish youth organizations heard that plans were afoot to hold the 8th Festival in Finland, they decided not to participate in the Festival or its preparations, because previous festivals had precipitated strong political conflicts. This decision was communicated to the organizers of the Festival in good time.

"The decision of the SYL, which represents all Finnish students, was unanimous, and that of the Council of Finnish Youth Organizations (SNE), to which

all Finnish youth organizations belong, was reached by a majority of more than 90 per cent. The Council of Finnish Youth Organizations is the only one in Finland claiming to represent the youth of Finland nationally and internationally and is recognized as a representative body by the Finnish Government as well as by foreign national and international organizations."

In deciding not to participate in the preparations for the Festival, SYL says it is "only followed its traditional policy of refraining from participation in events which are of predominantly political nature. It is quite obvious that the Festival falls into this category."

Before the meeting at which the organizers finally decided on Helsinki as the site of the 8th Festival, the then Prime Minister of Finland, Dr. V. J. Sukkelainen, issued an official statement to the press, from which the following is an excerpt: "Since all our youth organizations but one have declared that they will not take part in this project, the event will be a meeting for one ideological group only, and would apparently have to be organized mainly by foreign efforts. Since the experiences from Austria seem to show that such a meeting, particularly in a member country of the Scandinavian passport union, would also bring to the country opponents of the said ideological group, it is to be hoped that the organizers of the Festival will carefully consider whether it is well-founded to arrange the event on the basis of so scant domestic support.

In spite of these explicit statements, preparations for the Festival have commenced in Helsinki.

A United States Festival Committee has been organized to ad-

Sodality Sponsors Lent Speaker Series

A Lenten Speaker Series, the first of its kind ever undertaken at Rosary Hill College, will be sponsored by the Sodality, March 13, 20 and 27 and April 3 and 10, at 4 p.m., in the Marian Social Room. The discussions will be open to the entire student body.

Among the speakers contributing to the program are the Rev. Thomas F. Gavin, S.J., of Saint Ignatius Retreat House; the Rev. Charles J. Kerrigan, S.J., of Canisius College; the Rev. Paul T. Cronin, assistant at Saint Benedict's Parish, and the Rev. Vincent P. Mooney, S.J., of Canisius High School.

The second annual Mardi Gras Night, complete with skits and a costume party, will be sponsored by the Sodality, March 6, at 8 p.m., in the Marian Social Room.

This event, the only inter-club activity on campus, is to be under the direction of Anne Louise Wolf, '65. Prizes will be awarded by members of the faculty to those students with the funniest, prettiest, most original, most timely and ugliest costumes.

The annual reception of candidates into the Sodality will take place, March 25, in the Marian Social Room. New members who were high school sodalists, as well as the senior members of the organization, will join candidates in the Act of Consecration. The Rev. Edward T. Fisher will conduct the ceremonies.

minister and encourage American participation in the Festival. This committee stated in a press release that its constitution provides that it be a non-partisan body and that "nobody on behalf of the U. S. Festival committee shall make any policy statement of a partisan nature." The press release further said that the committee's three-person Executive Committee will make all major policy decisions here and in Helsinki.

Informed sources have pointed out that whenever possible the Festival organizers are soliciting attendance for the Festival on the grounds that it is a non-partisan, representative youth rally. The Finnish statement and a number of other statements pertaining to this and to past festivals have declared this policy to be false.

The United States Festival Committee is seeking participants either as official delegates or as observers. At past festivals and congresses delegate status was forced on some who came only as observers. At the 6th Congress of the IUS held in Baghdad in 1960, 225 delegates were claimed from student organizations in 73 countries, when only 43 national student organizations had delegate status.

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The Republican statesman from Arizona, acknowledged standard-bearer for the American right-wing, is being spon-

sored by the Student Senate Convocation Committee. He will speak in Clark Gymnasium before an estimated crowd of 2,400. The program will be followed by a 20-minute question-and-answer period.

Unless the response is less than that which is anticipated, only students and faculty members of the University will be admitted to hear the controversial Senator.

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