

Notes From Above Ground

PRELUDE

This looks like the Ascent but it isn't. This is a "special" four page issue devoted to almost every aspect of college government in which students are involved at Rosary Hill. The main concern of this newspaper is the dissemination of fact. All

that could be written is not contained within these four pages. It is an introduction rather than an all inclusive or conclusive report about student government.

There are some points which do need clarification. Three boards, the Student Governing Board, the Student Activities Board and the Student Budget Board, comprise what is known as the Student Association. They function as one student government with each performing duties

particular to their area. Each board has its own chairman and set of officers.

The Student Association exists for the students. It is now going through a difficult transitional stage in which it is attempting to realize and correct its weaknesses. The members agree that a concentrated effort towards communications is needed. That is part of the reason we have undertaken the task of presenting you with this publica-

tion.

Rosary Hill College is now at a point in which students sit on almost every administrative faculty committee and have the opportunity to express their opinions. Student representatives are not so naive as to assume that this fact alone always provides an effective means of communicating student needs. But, even as slow as this process may sometimes seem it is still open.

Lastly, the Student Associa-

tion admits that we do have "student problems" which need attention. Frustrations do emerge whether they come from a faculty or administrative angle or stem from a sometimes disinterested student body. We are appealing to all students to utilize the SA as an influencing voice in the campus community. The Student Association can only be molded into a relevant student organization by the people it is supposed to represent.

S.A.B.

The Student Activities Board is the principle body in charge of programming on the Rosary Hill Campus. It is our job to initiate plans for and organize activities on campus. Many students may feel that this prevents them as individuals from planning an activity which they would like to see at Rosary Hill. Perhaps this information bulletin will clear up misunderstandings about Student Activities Board in general.

The Student Activities Board consists of the following elected members: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Budget Board Representative. These offices are filled by elections for a January to January term. There are also several appointed offices on Student Activities Board. To become a member of Student Activities Board in any of the following capacities, a student submits a self-nomination to the board at the appropriate time and is screened by the above ELECTED officers. These APPOINTED offices are known as Directorships. These are: Cultural Director, Community Actions Director, Social Director, Political Activities Director, Sports Director, and Travel and Transportation Director. The duties of each of the above "directors" can be seen somewhat obviously in their respective titles. They function to help program and organize activities in each of the specific interest areas, and to represent Student Activities Board in these functions.

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The Student Budget Board is in charge of distributing and managing the allotment given to the Student Association by the Administration. The Student Association uses this money for operating expenses, programming, and club allotments.

To program, the Budget Board works closely with the Student Activities Board. If a group wants to sponsor a program, for which they will need funds they must first have their activity approved by Student Activities Board. After it has been approved by the Student Activities Board, the group comes to the Budget Board for necessary funds.

This year the clubs were allotted a uniform, minimal amount of money which was to be used for secretarial and publicity purposes. Due to this limited budget, allotments could only be made to cover operational expenses in organizing the clubs. Hopefully, the clubs will receive an increase in funds for second semester.

The Budget Board membership consists of: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Business Manager, an appointed position; Secretary, and Student Activities Board-Budget Board representative.

Budget Board meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in the Wick Conference Room, and the meetings are open to everyone.

S.G.B.

"The purpose of the Student Governing Board shall be to act as the student liason with both the faculty and administration of Rosary Hill College and to articulate and direct student policies and interests within the scholastic community, most notably in the areas of academic and judicial concern."

Special emphasis should be placed on the words academic and judicial to truly understand the functions of the S.G.B. Added to this, one should remember that the Student Governing Board is only ONE of three boards which comprise the Student Association. An attempt will be made within this article to indicate what S.G.B. is and has been doing.

There exists under the auspices of the S.G.B. various standing and ad hoc committees. Included under the heading of standing committees are the Academic, the Elections, Hearing (see next issue of Ascent), the National Student Association and the Publications committee. These groups are ongoing and their functions constant. Presently the Academic committee, under the chairmanship of the Academic Director, is planning a meeting of all student representatives at the concentration level. The purpose of such a meeting will be to discuss and exchange ideas concerning the significance

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BULLETIN

Elections soon to be held!

-nominations now being taken in Wick foyer - hl Nov 30

- term of office - Jan-Jan

- qualifications for office available at desk in Wick foyer

- Student Activities Board, Student Governing Board and Student Budget Board needs YOU!

IGNORANCE is a form of environmental pollution...

HOW AWARE ARE YOU??
TRY A MATCHING TEST

1. Curriculum Committee
2. President's Advisory Board
3. Student Governing Board
4. Student Activities Board
5. Student Budget Board
6. Hearing Committee
7. Secretariat
8. Permanent Peace Council
9. Food Service Committee

10. Communications Council

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- a. ascertains and attempts to project the image of Rosary Hill
- b. established to safeguard students personal and academic rights and freedoms
- c. recently formed as a social action organization devoted to a specific cause

- d. indicates academic and judicial policies regarding students
- e. reviews your courses and proposed courses
- f. discusses issues relevant to entire campus community
- g. provides money for student functions
- h. acts on complaints and compliments alimentary services
- i. programs student functions
- j. general student secretary

300 DIE A DAY

PERMANENT PEACE COUNCIL

"A Permanent Peace Committee has been formed to organize and coordinate activities designed to bring about the immediate and total withdrawal of all United States military forces in Southeast Asia . . . In the months to come, the committee will offer to the Rosary Hill community numerous alternatives designed to further these aims. . ."

This statement is now four weeks old. Since then the Permanent Peace Council has met and formed three working committees in order to involve the student body in the peace movement.

"The Wholesale Murder at Rosary Hill College" was the first project of the Council and is still going on. The purpose of this "Murder" is to make people aware of, and to personalize the fact that 300 Vietnamese citizens are being killed every day by United States bombing. The method decided upon by the Council to accomplish this end was to "kill" at random, the way bombs slaughter, 100 Rosary Hill "citizens" every day until the entire campus had been eliminated. Upon the death of the campus, Pres. Nixon will be sent a statement, prepared by the Council, to the effect that, if the College had been located in Vietnam, it would no longer exist.

On November 17 four Rosary Hill students, Donna Barry, Leanne Bouley, Rosemary Regan, and Mary Pat Mackey, (all members of the Council) traveled to Washington, D.C. with the Daily Death Toll (DDT) group from Buffalo. The purpose of this trip was to visit the local Congressmen, (Conable, Smith and Kemp) in order to relate to them the feelings of their constituency about their voting records on the peace bills, and to demonstrate

in front of the White House. The reason that the group demonstrated was to illustrate the fact that 300 Vietnamese are being killed by U.S. bombing every day (the same reason for the RHC "Murder"). This demonstration in Washington has been going on since November 8th. On every working day since then, and until Pres. Nixon sets a date for the total withdrawal from Vietnam, a delegation of Americans from a different area of the country go to the White House to lay the DDT at Nixon's doorstep. The 18th was upstate New York's day.

While in Washington part of this delegation visited the American Council of Bishops, then in session, to ask them to discuss a Vietnam resolution, and to present that resolution to Pres. Nixon representing the American Catholic Bishops stand on Vietnam. Such a resolution was then discussed by the Bishops.

During the Permanent Peace Council meeting on November 19th, Donna Barry, Rosemary Regan and Mary Pat Mackey gave a detailed report of this trip to all those attending.

Presently the Council is involved in several courses of action. A constitution is being written so that the Council may be officially recognized by the Student Activities Board. In the planning stages are the organization of a boycott of products made by corporations who make war materials, the establishing of a Draft Counseling Service, canvassing the area, and overall awareness of the war and how the individual can help stop it.

The Permanent Peace Council is a group of interested people working together. It is open to suggestions and would welcome any newcomers. If you are interested, please contact Rosemary Regan, Miriam Hall, 59 Campus Dr., or Marcia Mirabito, 220 Lourdes Hall.

NOW THAT EVERYBODY'S TALKING

Communications Revolution

It will happen.

All that is essential for the triumph of evil in the world is that enough good people do nothing

The slow one now must later be fast, for the times they are a 'changing.

Q. What principle has Student Association worked under during 1970-1971.
A. Murphy's Law: 1) nothing is as easy as it looks. 2) everything takes longer than you think it will. 3) if anything can go wrong, it will.

STUDENT POWER

Votes for approval

The road to apathy is paved with good intentions

SA acts

DON'T CONFUSE THIS CONFUSION WITH DISORGANIZATION BECAUSE WE'RE NOT THAT ORGANIZED YET!

CURRICULUM CHANGES: WORKSHOP TO BE HELD

"The purpose of the Curriculum Committee is to build and maintain a curriculum which is consistent with the objectives of the College and is meaningful and relevant to the students." This committee consists of two students (Mary Fran Bauer and Mary Scime), four faculty members (Sister Justa Smith, Dr. Elizabeth O'Neil, Sister Wilma Sorohan, and Dr. Richard Cimballo) and the Academic Dean (Sister Marita Lannan). All proposed or recommended curricular changes and improvements or changes in testing, grading, teaching methods, and other instructional matters are handled by these seven people elected annually.

Over the past three months the business of the Curriculum Committee has included: (1) The introduction of a math course to cover the essentials of high school algebra, geometry, and trigonometry for those students who need this material. Due to the nature of the course no college credit will be given and it will be taught in three sections, with the student taking one or all of the sections; (2) clarification regarding the Publication Workshop which will be offered for elective credit on a pass/fail basis and for which a student may enroll more than once; (3) a Basic Commercial Spanish Course which is under consideration.

The most important function which the committee has worked on this year has been the initiation of a Curriculum Workshop to be held on campus December 7 and 8. Dr. Roger Panetta and Dr. Charles Fall will be the principle speakers at this workshop which students and faculty are urged to support. There is a need for change in our curriculum and this will be the time for students to voice their opinion concerning what they would like to see accomplished in the academic realm. Forms are available at Wick Desk for students to complete so that the committee will know in advance exactly what topics the college community would like to discuss. The program will include presentations by both speakers, informal discussions and small group sessions.

All Curriculum Committee Meetings are open to the college community and those interested are urged to attend (Tuesday, 10:45, DS-102). For any further information contact Mary Scime, 836-7776 or Mary Fran Bauer, 839-1468.

The following students felt that these four pages were important enough that they were willing to contribute time and effort to this creation:

Pat Milicia, Rosemary Paciello, Cecilia Matta, Rosemary Regan, Mary Pat Mackey, Pat Wagner, Kathy Acey, Sue Pominville, Chris Trombley, Jo Ann Angelotti, Andi Borix.

! NEWS FLASH !

SENIOR CLASS . . .
 Senior Weekend - Graduation Weekend
 Beer Blast
 Date Dance
 Open
 February, 12
 Suprise event honoring Seniors
 Graduation Speakers - Names Submitted
 Dick Gregory
 Rod Serling
 Art Buchwald
 Class Dues Welcome - \$2.50

JUNIOR CLASS . . .
 Baked Food Sale
 Dec. 7 & 8 - contributions needed - if you can't donate food - pay \$2.00 dues
 Communications forming telephone committee - sign up on Junior bulletin board if interested
 Next Class Meeting
 Dec. 14 - 11:30 AM rm. 236

SOPHOMORE CLASS . . .
 Mixer - December 10
 8:30-12:30 Friday
 featuring group "RUSH"
 1 case Gold Duck to be raffled off - winner must be at mixer
 Next Class Meeting
 Dec. 2 (Tues.) 11:30 a.m. Wick 113

FRESHMEN CLASS . . .
 Dues - \$.50
 social activities in planning stage
 hope to get involved in policy making

RESIDENT COUNCIL . . .
 Revising handbook
 anyone interested in helping contact your council member
 Evaluations
 of liquor in dorms soon to come out
 Key System
 Council is investigating possibility of key system

Students Help Recruit

During the summer of 1971, the Student Governing Board presented a proposal to the President's Council to have students working in conjunction with the Admissions Office to deal with recruitment. The proposal was accepted and three students are now members of the Recruitment Committee.

The students on this committee were appointed by the Student Governing Board and are responsible for giving reports to them. Andi Borix, Doreen Viggiano, and Carla Risucci are the student representatives. They work closely with Mrs. Newman-Director of Recruitment and Mrs. Sullivan-Admissions Counselor. The purpose of this committee

is to promulgate an honest picture of Rosary Hill College. It was felt that student input would be very beneficial in creating a true image of the college. The committee reviews literature that is sent into the community concerning Rosary Hill. Future plans of the committee may include a panel discussion dealing with college life as seen through the eyes of the students. This panel will be presented through the news media.

One of the projects in motion now is setting up task forces of students to visit their local high schools during the semester break. If anyone is interested you may contact your student representatives.

Grade Your Prof ?

The Student Governing Board initiated a committee in January 1971 to investigate student faculty evaluation. This committee (Pat Wagner, Natalie Doyle, Mary Fran Bauer) working closely with Dr. Miller and various faculty members established criteria for a student run faculty evaluation. After researching the problem, the committee revised the evaluative form in Spring 1971.

In September 1971, Faculty Senate and the Administration formed committees to investigate faculty evaluation. These two committees and the student evaluation committee are now cooperating to devise an evaluative form.

Mary Fran Bauer, Pat Wagner, Mary Scime, and Kathy Acey are now serving on this committee with Dr. Miller, S. Marita, Mr. Segmen, Miss Phelan, Miss Curtis, Mr. DeCarli, and S. Justa. Presently, the evaluation committee is investigating the most effective means for evaluating each aspect of academic endeavor. The committee is striving to establish a fair and useful instrument.

The students on this committee feel that evaluation of faculty members enables students to objectively judge the strengths and weaknesses of their courses and instructors. Evaluation is a means for attaining the highest possible educational standards. Students should view the evaluative opportunity afforded them conscientiously because they will ultimately reap the benefits.

"DRIVE, THEY SAID"

Do you want to have a stagnant campus, or are you willing to work in order to have activities? This is the question that is facing us at Rosary Hill RIGHT now! This year we have not had a major activity on campus. The reason for this is the student debt. Almost every facet of student activities went into debt at the end of last year. The senior class of 1971 left us with a debt of close to \$800.00, which the Student Association has assumed responsibility; Resident Council and the Student Association also went into debt due to unforeseen circumstances.

At the present time, all of the student financial records have been audited and we are aware of the mistakes made and know how to prevent further occurrences. After intense investigation and a series of meetings, with the chairmen of each board under Student Association and the president and treasurer of Resident Council, it has been decided that the students at Rosary Hill have two alternatives: 1) to continue to have a stagnant year with no programming; (This means that things will continue much the same as they are now, with no major events being programmed.) or 2) to have a campus-wide fund raising drive with a goal of at least \$5,000.00, with which we would program next semester. The choice is up to YOU!

From these meetings it was decided that a raffle is the most feasible method to obtain the money we will need. The target date to set the project in motion is before semester break. We would like students to sell tickets over the vacation. We are appealing to the entire student body, as well as the campus community for support of this fund-raising project. Only with an all out effort will we be able to enhance and increase our programming activities for next semester.

Where It's At

Something new has happened at Rosary Hill College! A new dimension has been added to the snack bar. We now have a Rathskellar.

The idea of a rathskellar was investigated two years ago, but no initiative was taken on this. Last year an application for a beer license was requested and refused by the State Liquor Authority. We were refused because the operation of the snack bar was not under one licensee. A corporation was set up so the rathskellar could be under their jurisdiction. The name of the corporation is the 4380 corporation. Sister Angelice is the president of this corporation, Sister Gabrielle is the Vice-President in charge of management and Mr. McCarthy is the Vice-President in charge of finance. This corporation is insured and liable for the rathskellar. They are leasing the snack bar from the college.

Purchases, employees, and maintenance are the responsibility of the corporation. These are regulations which are subject to the State Liquor Authority. Any violation of the liquor license will result in the revocation of our license.

Policies concerning the rathskellar are discussed and recommendations made by the Social Control Board. This board consists of administration, faculty, and students. Your student representatives are Mary Pat Mackey, '73 and Kathy Kavanagh, '73. Any questions or complaints can be taken to your representatives. Remember it's your rathskellar. Support it! The hours and days of the rathskellar are:

Friday
 2:00-5:00 7:30-1:00 am
 Saturday
 7:30-1:00 am
 Sunday
 2:00-5:00 pm 8:00-11:00 pm
 Wednesday
 8:00-11:00 pm

FRIENDS

FUN

RHC RATHSKELLAR

BEER

MUSIC

NOW THAT THEY'RE ORGANIZED -
WHAT THE HELL DO WE DO ?



COMMUTER COUNCIL

Commuter Council has been a recognized, active organization on campus since October 1970. During this time, the officers have worked to represent commuters, who constitute a majority, in the college community.

Commuter Council is now investigating the most effective means of integrating the organization into the student association in order to facilitate its goals towards improved communication.

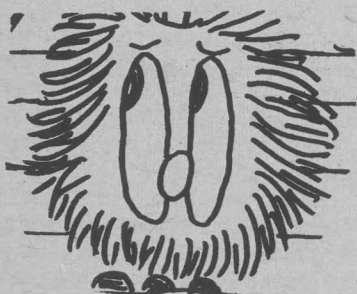
To date, the council has published two newsletters to inform commuters of campus activities and accomplishments of the organization.

What are the future goals of the council? Commuter Council realizes the parking problem and continues effort to improve this situation. However, the main goal is to achieve effective communication among the commuters and RHC.



Ans. to Matching

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HAPPINESS IS KNOWING WHO
YOUR FACULTY ADVISOR IS!

IF YOU WRITE FAST OR TAKE STENO AND
DON'T MIND SITTING THROUGH EXECUTIVE
AND ASSEMBLY MEETING

SA NEEDS YOU!....

TO TAKE MINUTES

Questionnaire

Please fill out the following questionnaire and leave it in the box at Wick Desk. It will help us to know the impact the paper has had on you - the student body.

- 1) How many articles did you read in this newspaper?
ALL
SOME

- 2) Were you aware of the various divisions of Student Association and its functions before reading this newspaper?
YES
NO

- 3) From reading it have your views of Student Association changed?
YES
NO
- 4) Has the change been:
NEGATIVE
POSITIVE

5) Other Comments:

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The Student Activities Board works very closely with the Student Budget Board. The Budget Board 'hold the pursestrings' so to speak, and activities planned for which monies must be allotted must first obtain the approval of Student Activities Board and the Budget Board. This year (71-72), this format has not been closely adhered to due to the economic bind and number of debts that Budget Board has had to assume responsibility for. It is the hope of the entire Student Association that second semester we will be able to program several major activities for the Rosary Hill College community.

It cannot be emphasized enough that a student need not hold an office or a position either on Student Activities Board or any of the other boards in order for his ideas and/or plans to be heard and acted upon. Student Activities Board exists for the student body and depends on you for its existence. The Student Activities Board meets regularly on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm in the Conference Room (Wick 117). Please come and show your interest and support.

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of student participation in this area. Ad hoc committees include the Communications and Handbook Revision committee.

Also in existence are student- faculty- administrative committees, some of which are permanently based and others which are formed temporarily. The former types consist of the Library, Equal Opportunity and Recruitment committees (see article pg. 3). In the latter category are the Faculty Evaluation and the Hearing committees. These committees mentioned are those which fall into either the academic or judicial realm. Therefore, students who volunteer to serve as representatives are appointed by the Student Governing Board and give periodic progress reports to the S.G.B.

In addition, two members from the SGB sit on the President's Advisory Council with six administrators, one trustee, and two faculty members. The council serves in an advisory capacity to the President. It meets bi-monthly. Some of the issues that have been brought to the council and that are being pursued include:

1) Master Planning 2) Parking 3) Academic Attire. Perhaps the most important among these is Master Planning, in the sense it may help determine the future of the college in all its various aspects. There will be more concerning this in the insuring weeks.

Finally, the chairman and vice charimen of SGB confer with the heads of the other student boards in order to establish and maintain inter-communications and responsibilities. Stemming from a cooperative effort on the part of the three boards comes a better informed and united Student Association.

It becomes increasingly evident that the SGB is involved in many committees. If it is not cautious it could also lose itself in these committees. The saving factor is that at this point the SGB is attempting to integrate those committees which fall into its jurisdiction by being "the" sounding board for student representatives on said committees as well as for all students. The goal of the SGB is to listen, understand, and act. This goal can only be completely realized with the support of the students for which the SGB exists to serve. It is up to you to mold the kind of organization you need and want.

* S.G.B. meets Tuesday 8:15 pm and Thursday 11:30 am Wick Conf. Rm. Meetings are open to all!