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MANY CHANGES SEEN IN REVISED "C" BOOK

By Kathy Spendlove

Welcome rule changes have set the tone of the new year for the College's new and returning students.

The "C" Book, Bible of baffled freshmen, Koran of court procedure and informational authority on everything from curlers to cabinet, has been revised to eliminate what has been called "ambiguous"

couldn't do everything in such a short time," she continued.

"Carol Friedman and Heather Woods worked hard rewriting and working with the administration. Mrs. Trippe (Dean of Student Activities Sally C. Trippe) did scads of re-working, writing, etc. Dean Noyes, too," Pat said.

Eight Major Sections

The new "C" Book has been



L. to R., Carol Friedman, president of Student Government; Pat Gaynor, editor of the "C" Book; Dean Sally C. Trippe; and Heather Woods, chief justice of Honor Court; look over the revised "C" Book. Photo by Karen Olsen)

and "unnecessary" wording as well as rules considered to be too stringent for a "mature college community."

The changes, worked out by student government, the deans, and "C" Book Editor Patricia Gaynor and the "C" Book staff, include curfew extensions as well as the correction of a grammatical error in the honor pledge.

"This 'C' Book is really only the first of many stages," Pat commented. "Its new organization, layout and rules are only a beginning. There is certainly much more to be rewritten, condensed, omitted, expanded, etc., but we

organized into eight major sections to make it a more useable guide. Included in the new edition are updated maps and a revised, chronological listing of traditional events on campus.

New dormitory policies concerning House Councils and pay telephones are also included. New clubs and organizations listed in the "C" Book for the first time are the Social Board, AIESEC, the Asia Club, and the Connecticut College Film Society. Almost all of the college clubs already listed submitted new resumes for the new edition.

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Professor Owen of Harvard To Speak on Victorian London

Professor David Owen of Harvard University will speak on "Victorian London: The Ungoverned Metropolis" at the twenty-third Henry Wells Lawrence Memorial Lecture Tuesday, October 11, at 7:30 in Palmer Auditorium.

Professor Owen, historian of modern England and former Master of John Winthrop House, has been Gurney Professor of History and Political Science at Harvard University since 1958.

Professor Owen, whose lectures on Victorian times are popular with upperclassmen, succeeded Frederick Merk in the Gurney Professorship. Manifesting an equal interest in undergraduate and advanced students, he served for several years as Chairman of the General Education Program of Harvard College.

Born in Owatonna, Minnesota, he received his Ph.B. from Denison University in 1920 and his Ph.D. from Yale in 1926. He received an L.H.D. from Denison in 1955 and



David Owen

from Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1958.

Professor Owen is the author of "Imperialism and Naturalism in the Far East," "British Opium Policy," and most recently, "English Philanthropy, 1660-1960."

He is a member of the American Historical Society and Phi Beta Kappa.

Academic Committee Considers Comps, Pass-Fail, American Civilization Studies

by Barbara Brinton

First order projects of this year's Academic Committee include research for establishing a seminar on American Civilization, a study of a Pass-Fail system of grades, and a re-evaluation of comprehensive examinations, said Margie Singer, Academic Committee chairman, last week.

Abolition of Saturday classes and the addition of plus and minus or numerical grades are "dead issues" this year. The Committee also does not wish to become involved in renewed work on the Calendar Day petition at present.

According to Margie, work on the seminar on American Civilization "is progressing slowly but is on the upswing." She stressed that the Committee is not working for an American Studies program, but, instead, for a seminar on American Civilization which would integrate the various academic departments concerned in any way with American Civilization.

Approach Poses Problem

She continued that the hardest problem other than administrative ones is the intellectual and philosophical problem of the approach to such a seminar. The basic and first question to be answered is, "Is there such a thing as American Civilization?" The Committee hopes to discuss the problem with professors from other schools who have worked with an American Studies program.

A Pass-Fail system of grading will be evaluated as a result of the apparent trend away from the idea

Marcia Lee Geyer Wins Trip to India

Marcia Lee Geyer, a former member of the Class of '66 at Connecticut College, has won a two-week trip to India as first prize in the Nehru Memorial Essay Competition sponsored by the Embassy of India for American students in the United States.

Marcia received a telegram from B. K. Nehru, Ambassador of India, informing her that her essay had been selected as the winning entry in the competition.

Her essay, "Nehru as a World Citizen," was the result of three months spent in research. It outlines Nehru's accomplishments during his seventeen years as leader of India, especially in his handling of socio-political problems which find their parallels in the United States and other nations.

While at the College, Marcia was an officer of the Civil Rights Group and worked on an employment survey and voter registration of the New London Negro community.

She also was a member of Conn Censur for which she wrote a weekly column on current international political issues. She won first prize in the annual library book contest.

Miss Geyer plans to make the trip to India early in 1967.

of numerical or precise grades. After posing the possibility of adding pluses and minuses to Connecticut's present alphabetical grades, discussion at house meetings last spring revealed that students would rather have a less definitive system.

Letters of inquiry have been sent to schools in the area that have recently initiated Pass-Fail systems. Problems arising from the adoption of such a system include acceptance to graduate schools and determination of a dean's list.

Continues Comp Re-evaluation

The Committee will also continue work on the comprehensive examination petition drawn up in the spring of 1965. Margie stated that the petition is not for the abolition of comprehensives, but, rather, for a re-evaluation of the system of comprehensive examinations. Academic Committee hopes to further investigate the question,

"Does the present comprehensive system actually accomplish its goal of integrating all the studies within a certain major field?"

Margie said that "nothing can be done" about abolishing Saturday classes. She explained that the problems of lack of space and available faculty result in the necessity of Saturday classes. Margie elaborated that every classroom is occupied during all class hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings and that there is not a large enough teaching staff to have a five instead of a six day schedule.

Academic Committee has decided not to continue work on the Calendar Day petition at present. Margie commented, "I feel it is not an academic problem, but an administrative one."

The student-faculty Academic Committee comprises 13 members. Student members include chairman (Continued on Page 3, Col 3)

Officials Give Reasons For \$50 Car Registration Fee

Dean of Student Activities Mrs. Sally C. Trippe said recently the \$50 yearly car registration fee was definitely not intended to discourage seniors from having cars on campus.

Mrs. Trippe discussed the matter during a recent Conn Censur interview prompted by indications of student surprise at the amount of the fee.

The fee, Mrs. Trippe commented, was decided on as a "reasonable figure" which would meet the costs of added labor involved in keeping students' cars on campus during the school year.

She added that at the time of the announcement granting the privilege to seniors, in Spring, 1966, it was explained to student car committee heads that the administration would decide upon registration fees and rules governing cars.

"We were considering a higher fee but came down," Mrs. Trippe said, adding that the fee should not work undue hardship on any student who can afford purchase, insurance, gas, upkeep and depreciation costs of a car for the entire school year.

Further Reasoning

Richard S. Lewis, treasurer of the college, gave further reasoning for the amounts of the fees, explaining that the fee breaks down to \$1.50 per week.

According to Mr. Lewis, Corbin C. Lyman, College business manager, investigated the possibility of using off-campus parking facilities, but all available spots were found to be more expensive than on-campus parking. Mr. Lyman also looked into the possibility of construction of a parking lot at the site of the New London Winthrop Urban Renewal Area.

Expenses Covered

The present fee, he said, will cover the expenses of added work for the administrative offices, including the accounting and busi-

ness departments, employment of added security guards to enforce regulations, and the cost of winter snow removal.

Mr. Lewis said also registration revenue will go toward construction of a parking area included in plans for the proposed music and arts center. The proposed facilities would accommodate 350 cars.

Fees are \$25 for one semester, \$10 for fifteen days to a month, \$5 for eight days to two weeks, \$2 for four days to one week. There is no fee for keeping a car on campus for one to three days, but the vehicle must be registered.

Wendy Willson, '67, chairman of the car committee, reported last week that 29 cars had been registered for the full year and 16 for the first semester.

Junior Class Nets \$150 From Used Book Sales

The class of 1968 netted \$150 from their first class project of the year, a used book sale held Thursday, September 22, in the Student Lounge of Crozier Williams.

Students who wished to sell their used books were recommended to charge sixty percent of the original cost. Because it was a fund raising project, the Class of '68 charged fifteen percent commission on each book over one dollar, with a maximum mark-up of seventy-five cents. The price the students asked for their books was returned to them and those books not sold were also returned. The class collected over 500 books and sold 350 of them.

SATURDAY CAMPUS MOVIES

- Oct. 1 The Cranes Are Flying
- Oct. 8 Sunday and Cybele
- Oct. 15 The Shop on Main Street
- Oct. 22 Wrong Arm of the Law
- Oct. 29 Kwaidan

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Editorial . . .

Double Take

The Student-Faculty Academic Committee has listed among its plans for the present semester revision of a petition calling for reevaluation of the comprehensive examination. Opinion regarding the examinations' merit has been simmering on this campus as long as we have been here, and despite drawing up of a reevaluation petition and a demonstration by a small group of academic robed seniors two years ago, no definite changes have been made in procedures governing the exams, success upon which is a prerequisite for graduation.

It is painfully obvious that the issue should be brought out and acted upon this year. It has been resting too long.

Rather than undertake a ponderous, detailed, evaluation of the comprehensive examination in this piece, we will state the case as it should be stated, in clear and simple terms. We are not against the practice of administering the tests at the end of the senior year. They are, as the title indicates, comprehensive, and serve their purpose as a way of gauging the student's ability to assimilate her knowledge and achieve a long-range view of her major subject. We do not object to the comp as a prerequisite for graduation. No student lacking a firm grasp of her major subject should be granted the degree. We are against the refusal of the College to allow a student who fails the test to retake the comp before the following academic year.

The one-try before graduation rule ignores the undeniable human factor in comprehensives. The mental frustration and physical exhaustion engendered by the rule prevent students from doing their best. Answers to questionnaires filled out by members of the Class of 1966 after the comprehensives indicated that many thought nervousness had had a negative influence on their performance.

It is undeniable also that the suffering endured by the few who fail the test could be eliminated in some cases by a change in the retake rule. If a student is allowed a retake, why could the date not be moved up in order to allow her to graduate with her class?

It has been argued that the student who fails due to lack of knowledge of her subject matter would not be helped by such a change, as it would be impossible to learn enough to pass the test within, say, a four-day period. With this argument in mind, it would be best to give the student a choice of retaking her comp either one week after the first try or during the following year.

Allowing students who fail to retake the test within a week of the first date would serve two purposes. First, the assurance of a second chance would enable many students to do a better job on the test and thereby more nearly fulfill the purpose of the comprehensive examination. Secondly, the mortification and agony of the student who fails on the first try could be eliminated soon enough to allow her to save face with her classmates and her family before Commencement.

Responsibility for making a beneficial and undeniably necessary change rests with thinking, responsible members of this community who are willing to act decisively and soon.

The issue should not lie dormant until next year, or the year after. The case is clear. The time for action is right now.

R.E.D.

A MAN'S OPINION

by michael

The Girls Are Back!

For the typical male freshman and the lonesome upperclassman, the above is both a statement of hope and a challenge. Groups of students begin speculating how they are going to take advantage of (the natural resources of) the several girls' colleges in the area.

Consider, for example, the fate of a freshman at Yale. It is imperative for maintaining his status as a true blue Yalie that he somehow turn up a date for the first major football weekend.

The problem is that he doesn't know the names of a single girl at Vassar, Smith, or even Conn. Let's examine some of the agony this novice Yalie goes through just trying to get a date with, say, a girl at Conn.

An obvious solution would be to go to a mixer. However, one of the first pieces of advice he received as he entered the inner sanctum of the "Old Campus" was to avoid at all costs that barbaric institution called the MIXER, (alias "Pig Push", "Goon Grab"). If you must go to a mixer, he is told, go with a date. (We all KNOW why.) The mixer, then, is no solution since in order to meet a girl he needs a date, which was the reason for going to the mixer in the first place.

The only reasonable solution is to have an upperclassman fix him up with a friend of a friend. Abandoning all academic work until his weekend plans are completed, he devotes full time to the "CONNquest."

By Wednesday he has been given a girl's name and a telephone number. Next comes an endless series of long distance telephone calls, most of which end up failures as the bell lady disconnects him just as the girl picks up the extension. At least he has arranged THE DATE with Judy! (Or was it Trudy?)

By Thursday he has found the ride board at Yale Station, and is calling frantically to get a ride. After several tries he finds a graduate student making the trip—in a 1950 Ford with seven cylinders.

Friday is wasted locating a reasonably clean shirt, harrasing J. Press for a paisley tie, and ignoring his classes. At any moment he expects the phone to ring informing him that either the girl has just found out she has five hourlies on Monday, or that the car has broken down.

His friends give him some useful advice about what to do if his

date turns out to be a real drag. Advice like, "Take her to a movie. That way you don't have to look at her or talk to her." Or more basic, (and improbable), "If she happens to be good looking make sure your friends see her but don't meet her. If you are polite it will be the last of the girl AND your friend."

At 7 p.m. he starts out in the broken down Ford with all the money he could borrow and a Lavoris bottle filled with scotch; desperately avoiding admitting that HIS is a blind date.

When he arrives (or, in other words, makes it past the "Pinkies") his first encounter is with a typical bell lady who insists that he is in the wrong dorm. Once it is established that it is the right dorm there is a flurry of buzzer bzzzzzzing and a girl replies that she will be down soon.

He wanders around the lounge, lights a cigarette (imprinted with a gold \$), combs his hair one last time, and feels like a complete fool. A steady stream of girls wander through and each time he feels his stomach turn over as he wonders if THAT is THE girl.

After what seems like a good half hour (and probably was) a cute blonde walks up to him and asks, "Are you Fred?" "No, I mean yes!", he says, as he collects his thoughts and tries to remember what to do next. As they get better acquainted on their way over to the mixer he knows that he has really made it.

But How to tell her that his name really ISN'T Fred.



NEWS NOTES

The placement of the traffic light at the entrance to the college and Mohegan Avenue scheduled for last spring has been delayed because the shipment of poles to support the electrical equipment has not yet arrived.

Miss Irene Nye, 91, dean of the faculty and professor of Greek and Latin at the College from 1915 to 1940, died after a few weeks' illness Saturday, Sept. 17, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Donna U. Vogt '66 of New London has been named a Peace Corps Volunteer after completing 12 weeks of training at Marquette University in Milwaukee. She will be involved in work with Brazilian community health programs.

President Charles E. Shain spoke at the Monday Sept. 26 Conn Census staff meeting. The meeting was held specifically to interest freshmen and new staff members in student journalism.

An article by William Meredith, professor of English, entitled "The Necessity of Poetry" appeared in the September 21 issue of the Christian Science Monitor. The column was the ninth of the series "The Poet on his Work."

A teletype machine was installed this summer in the Palmer Library linking it and ten other college and university libraries with the state library in Hartford.

Financed by funds from the Federal Library Services Act, the network is undergoing a demonstration period of six months to establish ways and means of speeding library services by direct communications.

The Crozier-Williams snack shop has a new schedule of evening hours. It is open on Monday-Thursday, 8-11:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8-12:30 p.m.; and Sunday 8-11 p.m.

Mrs. Amy Glassner Gordon '63 has been awarded a Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship to support her scholarly research leading to the Ph.D. degree. She is studying the impact of world discoveries of the 16th century upon French historians and cosmographers at the University of Chicago.

"Construction visible on the campus of the Coast Guard Academy includes a new entrance at the south gate on Mohegan Avenue and an extension to Chase Hall at the North end of the campus," explained Cadet 2nd Class Paul Gorman, Junior Officer of the day, when asked about the recent changes.

Cadet Gorman added, "There is some delay in the construction of the new field house also under way on campus, but it should be completed by December or in time for the basketball season."

The College Personnel Office has moved permanently to new offices in Crozier Williams, Room 211.

Conn Census now includes a classified ad section for those students interested in barter, retail trade or lost and found. Write your ads and submit them to box 1351, by Tuesday afternoon for the next week's issue. Cost is fifty cents for four column lines.

Submit your engagement announcement to Conn Census for a new column to be run once a month at no cost. Include the usual information you send to your home town paper.

Life of Mexican "Folk Saint" Researched by Miss Macklin

By Gail Goldstein
Who is to say whether or not "faith healing" is actually possible?

This is one of the questions Miss June B. Macklin, assistant pro-



Miss June B. Macklin

fessor of sociology, explored during her leave of absence from Connecticut last year.

Miss Macklin spent last year in the isolated rural areas of Northern Mexico researching the life of Nino Fidencio, a Mexican "folk saint." Fidencio, she said, was a "curandero" (curer) who lived in Mexico during the 1920's and 30's.

In connection with this work, Miss Macklin discovered practitioners of his brand of faith healing in such diverse places as the Caribbean Islands, New York City, Philadelphia, and Indiana. Miss Macklin explained that faith healing is a "cultural universal," and while she is not a "believer" she does not underestimate the miracles that strong faith can produce.

Beginning in June of 1965, Miss Macklin traveled in Mexico acting as a "participant observer" in the village where Fidencio lived

and practiced. She attended a fiesta in memory of the well-known curandero.

In connection with her research, Miss Macklin used state archives in Monterey, and came into close contact with many government officials. She found that they "went out of their way to help me, not only at first. They were and continued to be more cooperative than I ever expected."

Miss Macklin added that Mexican cordiality overwhelmed her constantly. Her travels gave her a "real feel" for the country, she explained. She found the people in the cities vitally interested in news.

The university students she met in Monterey were, for the most part, activists, she commented. The two questions she was asked most frequently concerned United States policy in Viet Nam, and her opinion of Oscar Lewis, an anthropologist who writes about Mexico.

She contrasted Mexican concern for political development and intellectual pursuits to the attitudes she sees at Connecticut, and found Mexican university students are generally more passionately "involved."

Miss Macklin also added that in Mexico more of the intellectual elite were also government leaders.

Much of Miss Macklin's travel was made possible by a college travel grant which she received from Connecticut to further her research. From information she gathered she will compile a course which she will offer this spring: An Anthropological Survey of Mexico and Guatemala.

Miss Macklin had a companion on her journey—her dog "Poco." "It was a gesture of real love to bring him along," she commented. "His tourist card had to be visa'd, and it cost more for him to go to Mexico than for me!"

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Dorcas Hardy compiled a list of new student-faculty organizations, including Conn Quest, the committee on scheduling events, the Student Traffic Committee, and the Administrative Committee on Campus Sales. There is also a much expanded section on local transportation services, written by Diane Cole.

Sign-out Rules Simplified

There are several changes in the student social policy. Sign-out regulations have been simplified and condensed; only one white sign-out sheet is to be used for both daytime and evening absences from campus. Upperclassmen are to use white overnight cards, freshmen to use green. Students may now remain out on campus without an escort until midnight Sunday through Thursday. Appearance and dress regulations have been greatly simplified.

Male guests may now remain in the dormitory living rooms, depending upon the vote of individual houses, until 11:45 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 1:15 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Male guests in student rooms on Sunday afternoons no longer have to be introduced to the house president.

The completely revised senior car privilege is also included in the new edition of the "C" Book,

"The new system of Wednesday afternoon teas," emphasized Sue, "will offer a forum for light or profound conversation, for similar interests and hobbies, in an informal, congenial atmosphere."

Staffed by Professionals, School of Dance Offers Varied Program to Co-ed Classes

by Jacqueline Earle

If a Connecticut College girl had strolled into the snack shop in Cro any night last summer, chances are she would have seen a line of about twenty students doing the "stroll" to songs on the juke box.

Such was a typical soiree for some of the 280 college and high school students attending the Connecticut College School of Dance, held at the College July 12 to August 19.

Present at the School of Dance from the College were Janis Thomas, Susan Fitzgerald, Sharon Weigmann, and Laurie Cameron. Mrs. Bernard Murstein, professor of French, also attended classes.

The dancers came from all over the country, along with young people from France, Brazil, Belgium, and Canada.

Courses Varied

Courses offered to the students were varied, and taught by professionals of the dance world.

Those participating in one of the four technique courses were attempting to develop skill in a specific type of modern dance. Jose Limon, present for the entire session, offered his school of technique. He taught each of his elementary, intermediate, and advanced classes at least once during the six-week period, with his assistants working full-time.

Three other techniques taught were those of Martha Graham, Lucas Hoving, and William Bales.

Five prominent members of the dance world, William Bales, Ruth Currier, Bessie Schoenberg, Marian Van Tuyl, and Doris Rudco, offered courses in composition (student choreography).

Paul Draper instructed rhythm classes. Some students followed a few special performing courses by audition only, along with miscellaneous music, and stagecraft classes. The more daring enrolled in the labanotation courses, to learn the transcription of dance movements into writing.

All the dance students lived in the complex dormitories. Classes were conducted in Crozier, Thames, and Palmer.

The school climaxed its program with the American Dance Festival,

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Margie Singer, secretary Betsy Lodge, Britta Schein, Nicki Plevin, Shelley Taylor, Ginger Curwen, Katie Montgomery, and Susan Scharlotte. Other members are three faculty members, a member of the instruction committee, and President Shain as a member, ex officio.

Academic Committee is planning a tea for later this fall. Margie stressed that everyone who is interested in the committee or who has a suggestion for the committee is welcome to attend the tea.

as well as the statement that students may rent cars for off-campus use. The "C" Book states that "car rental arrangements are between the agency, the student, and her family."

The current "C" Book, greatly improved and updated, is the product of extensive student work directed by Pat Gaynor. It was begun under the leadership of former Student Government President, Judy Stickel, who, with Mrs. Trippe, brought to the attention of Student Government the definite need of a more inclusive guide to student activities.



August 19-21. Here, professionals from all over the country performed for the students.

Student Comments

Laurie Cameron loved the six weeks here this summer, although she found it tiring and tough.

"I didn't even think of myself as actually living at the same college this summer," said Laurie.

"It was entirely different atmosphere, because the campus was very co-educational. There were a number of boys in all my classes.

"Everybody had different backgrounds, our personalities were diverse, and yet we were a close-knit group because each individual was dedicated to dancing day and night."

And dance they did. Even when the classes were all over, Laurie remembers, some of the students could not get dancing out of their

systems, so they danced in the snack bar at Cro.

Heavy Schedule

Laurie had six hours of dancing a day. Although her teachers were easy on her the first week, she found she had to be in bed by ten every night, and that she still didn't get enough sleep.

"And then there were the days that the temperature outside went up to 102 degrees, with no air conditioning in Cro," Laurie commented.

In spite of the work and heat, Laurie said, "There was nothing more rewarding than coming out of my technique class exhausted."

On her last day of classes, Laurie said she felt a twinge of sadness. Her summer was over, and she believed she never again would find a group of people so dedicated to the art of dancing.

Guest List Made For Weekly Teas

by Peggy Joy

Discussions on surrealist art, student rebellions, French cuisine, grading systems, American studies programs, accompanied by informal guitar playing and singing, will be the scene at this fall's Wednesday afternoon teas.

This year a new dimension has been added to the concept of dorm teas. Barbara Hatch, '68, Sue Endel, '67, working with Miss Marcella Harrer, assistant director of personnel, have been busy at work organizing informal, campus-wide teas to begin October 5, from 3:45 to 4:30.

"The purpose of the dormitory teas," according to Sue, "is to promote a relaxed atmosphere where students, faculty, administration and graduate students can come together and share their interests and ideas—or just get to know each other."

Dorm tea chairmen will invite guests to the teas according to their interests in such fields as social service, study or work programs, fine arts, research projects, and others.

The first tea is planned in honor of foreign students to introduce them to other students.

The coordinators hope to make the teas more informal by varying the food to include cider and doughnuts or hot chocolate, and by introducing an atmosphere where students can just "sit and relax."

"Students should feel free to contact their social chairmen, offering comments and suggestions," commented Barb. "The plan relies on the full cooperation of the house-fellows in sharing their vitality and interests," she continued.

THE ONLY CONN COLLEGE GIRLS WHO SHOP AT BLAIR'S ARE THOSE WHO

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New Theology Misunderstood, Says New College Chaplain

by Sara M. Busch

"God is not obsolete in today's world, although the traditional forms of worshipping and serving God are obsolete and must be revised," said James S. Ackerman, acting chaplain for Connecticut College.



Rev. James S. Ackerman

As a chaplain, ordained minister and instructor of religion, Mr. Ackerman encounters the inquiries, criticisms, and theories of his students and his colleagues.

As college chaplain, Mr. Ackerman said his duties will include conducting chapel, week-day and Vesper services. He is also adviser to religious fellowship.

Mr. Ackerman said his goal for the chapel program is to encourage all faiths to attend services and to sponsor inter-denominational services. He explained he hopes to stimulate communication among campus religious groups and further the understanding of "new" concepts of God.

Mr. Ackerman maintained that one of the most misunderstood of the "new" theologies is the so-called radical, or "Death of God" theology. Believing that "the Church should be open to creative thought," Mr. Ackerman said the radical theologians' serious appraisal of what is happening in American religious life is extremely important.

He thinks most Americans have lost the sense of an amporous God, who is present in the atmosphere. Consequently, they question His existence.

"Source of Comfort"

Radical theology places great emphasis on the fact that religion has been and is thought of as something that serves human needs and is a source of comfort, Mr. Ackerman said.

The departure from the historic

Biblical approach to God and man's relation to Him has changed the idea of God into a "crutch" for the masses and an answer to their needs, he continued.

Mr. Ackerman said, "Men try to make God the way we want Him to be, but God should not be forced into filling peoples' needs."

In the absence of a transcendent God, radical theologians believe that man can only turn to his fellow men for the help which man formerly sought in God, he said. Instead of God, man will be mankind's friend. God is to be sought, he said, in the secular world and in man.

Rather than wishing that God be present, he added, radical theologians see the absence of a transcendent power as a new act of God.

Mr. Ackerman disagrees with Death of God theologians on the point of transcendence. He contends that there is still something transcendent about God. God has not collapsed into the world but as in "many past cases, God has withdrawn temporarily from the world to make us turn toward our fellow man."

Biblical Idea of God

Mr. Ackerman emphasized that the Biblical idea of God's holiness is in His hidiness and His incomprehensibility to man. The Bible keeps God's transcendence and "one can't say that His withdrawal from the world is permanent."

"Death of God" theologians, unlike Mr. Ackerman, have lost the God of the Christian tradition. They maintained, he explained, that since God is no longer experienced as a transcendent power He is not there. Furthermore they do not anticipate His return.

Mr. Ackerman believes that all changes in the American social structure contribute to this constant

Lectures, Tests to Aid Career Choice

The Personnel Bureau is coordinating a varied schedule of events including interviews, tests, conferences and lectures for seniors seeking vocational information.

For professional careers with the New York State Government, the first Civil Service Exam application date is Wednesday, October 5. The test is on November 5.

Tuesday, October 11, there will be a lecture and movie on Foreign Service careers. A Senior Fellow in Residence at Brown University, and a U.S. Information Agency Officer, will speak; the movie, "In Search of Peace," will be shown in the Student Lounge.

On Friday, October 14, starting at 10:30 a.m., there is a Vocational Forum at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum in Springfield, Mass. Students will be able to hear and talk with leaders in different professions about job requirements. The fields include Publishing, Interior Decoration, Museum Work and City Planning. Luncheon reservations for the forum are to be in by October 10. The fee is \$2.25.

Urban Teacher Program

Mr. Ernest Milner, representative of the Urban Teacher Program at Syracuse University, will be here Tuesday, October 18. He will inform seniors on the intern program for graduates of Liberal Arts and Teacher Preparation Programs interested in urban teaching leading

questioning of old forms and lead to new theories. The pressures of the civil rights movement and the Viet Nam war may have caused the young Americans' withdrawal from a creative role in society. In addition, he sees a "lack of faith" amongst Americans who have lost the faith with which they have grown-up.

Yet Mr. Ackerman said he is encouraged because, "This present generation doesn't accept the values and the traditions of the older generation, but finds its greatness in seeking a set of beliefs and values that they can live by without insulting their integrity."

Service League Volunteers Organize Years' Activities

Members of the Service League, organized to co-ordinate service programs on campus and the volunteer programs off campus, are presently organizing their yearly activities.

Mystic Oral School for the deaf welcomes volunteers to help with lip-reading exercises, speech lessons, and play games with the children. Mimsi Kromer, chairman of this group, hopes to have 16 to 20 girls working there.

to the Master of Arts Degree and Teacher Certification.

From the George Washington University School of Law, Mr. David Sharpe will be in the Student Lounge October 19 at 3 p.m. to talk to students about professions in Law.

The Professional Qualification Test for the National Security Agency will be held on campus Saturday, October 22. Registration forms must be mailed by October 12.

For careers in State Government in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the first Civil Service Exam application date is November 10. The written test will be given December 3.

Applications must be received by October 19 for the Federal Service Entrance Examinations to be given November 19. The closing date for management internships is January 18, 1967; and tests for the internships are given in Nov., Jan., and Feb. only.

For further information, consult the Placement Office, in 211 Crozier Williams.

At Learned House, a home for underprivileged children, and the Seaside Regional Center, school and home for the mentally retarded, volunteers help organize games and activities such as arts and crafts or music.

Volunteers in the Tutorial Program aid the students of local schools in a variety of subjects.

At Lawrence Memorial Hospital girls work as candy strippers.

On campus the Service League sponsors a Blood Mobile, Wing Ding, and the Community Fund drive. This year Diane Cole, chairman of the Campus Community Fund, hopes for a stimulating drive, including the faculty auction.

Officers of the Service League are: President, Susan Cohn '67; Vice-President, Elizabeth Gaynor '67; and Secretary-Treasurer, Ellie May '68. Volunteer group chairmen include: Learned House, Kay Lane '68; Seaside Regional Center, Marjorie Lipshutz '67; Mystic Oral School, Mimsi Kromer '69; Tutorial Program, Lesley Guyton '68; Community Fund, Diane Cole '68; and Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Jo Bushman '69. The faculty advisor is Dean Trippe.

Susan Cohn, president, commented that the work of the Service League illustrates that students are interested in the world outside their campus and hopes the school will give its support for the League's activities this year. She continued that girls are welcome anytime during the year; there is always room for more help.

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The scene will be the Dance Studio in Crozier-Williams, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 11 and 12 from 9 to 5. Martha has stressed that everyone—students, faculty, administration and anyone else who is interested—is welcome. Profits from the sale will be handled by the senior class. Last year Boutique profits totaled \$1300, in 1964, \$800.



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REV. COFFIN CALLS FOR GREATER HUMAN UNITY

By Carolyn Johnson
The Reverend William Sloane Coffin, Yale Chaplain, discussed the often publicized Death of God theology and emphasized the need for a dynamic church to stimulate the Christian world when he spoke at the opening Vesper service Sept. 25.

Concerned with the prevalent attitude that it is possible to live a good life without believing in God, the Rev. Coffin said it is time for the world to arise from the "heroic atheism" of today and to begin a "religious renaissance." in this area. He said a moving God, trying to achieve greater human unity, is dealing with an immovable mankind and a static church.

The Rev. Coffin stated, "Although man needs God, God has

a greater need for man. Only through the suffering of mankind is God able to suffer."

Mr. Coffin said that the irrationalism in the church concerning such topics as prejudices and nationalism is to be criticized because Christianity gives mankind the power to be rational. Therefore man needs to apprehend more than to comprehend both God and himself.

In the discussion period following vespers Mr. Coffin stated that the two basic problems confronting the church are war and peace, and poverty. He stressed the need for "human work", stating that disorder resulting from this "work" leads to progress and that results can often be accomplished through political action.



Mr. William Dale, Associate Professor of Music, will present a piano recital Wednesday, October 5, 1966 at 8:30 p.m. in Palmer Auditorium.

The program will include selections by Schubert, Brahms, Dello Joio, Mompou and Rachmaninoff. There will be no admission charge.

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CIRCLE IN THE SQUARE STAGES "WHITE DEVIL"



Circle in the Square players in a tense scene from their revival production of John Webster's 350-year old play, *The White Devil*, to be presented at 8 p.m. Tuesday, at Palmer Auditorium sponsored by Wig and Candle, Connecticut College student drama group.

Circle in the Square of New York City will present "The White Devil," a play by John Webster, Tuesday, October 4, at 8 p.m. in Palmer Auditorium. First produced at the Globe Theatre in 1610, this "unabashed Elizabethan horror play" is a "thoroughly fascinating study of malignant evil, tortured passions, and murderous vengeance." Since the play is based on fact, it enables students to gain insight into life in Elizabethan times.

Tickets will be on sale today in Fanning from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets, which cost between five and six dollars for the New York production, will sell for \$2.00 and \$2.50 for the same play here.

Brought to campus through the

efforts of members of Wig and Candle, "The White Devil" is one of two productions to be presented by professional theatre groups this fall. The David Cryer-Albert and Poland production of "The Fantastics" is slated for Friday, November 11. Both plays are part of a Wig and Candle experiment to bring professional theatre on campus.

KEY ISSUES CITED AS CABINET PLOTS ACTION

By Phyllis Benson

The possibility of eliminating Saturday classes and Calendar Days, the choosing of members for the Traffic committee, and the consideration of a uniform voting procedure for all class elections were among the important topics discussed by members of Cabinet at their first meeting of this academic year.

Marjorie Singer, chairman of the student-faculty academic committee said that the elimination of Saturday classes is a "dead issue." The reasons for this are: there is not enough classroom space available to function on a five day-a-week basis, the teaching staff is too small to fill in the extra hours that would be involved during the week, and there is no record of chronic absenteeism which would prove Saturday classes unfeasible.

Another petition for the elimination of Calendar days is in the offing for next year. Last year's petition was narrowly voted down at a Faculty meeting. The idea is that since the vote was so close, there is a chance that it might pass this year. A committee is being formed by Cabinet to investigate this possibility.

Also discussed was the appointment of a Publicity Chairman for the school. This person would send out and receive letters concerning

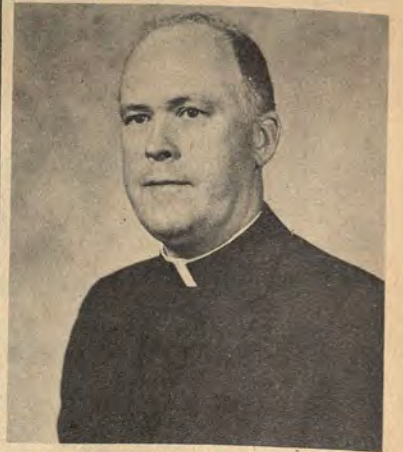
social events at Connecticut and other nearby schools.

Members of the Traffic Committee, will also be chosen by Cabinet this week. Since the committee was mainly formed to see that the rules made by the Administration are upheld, qualifications for the job are the desire to see the car privilege succeed even if it means turning in a friend for an offense. Anyone interested should contact Wendy Willson, Box 1252 by Wednesday.

Consideration of a uniform voting procedure for all class elections was also discussed by Cabinet. It was felt that all classes including the Freshman should have elections at the same time. A committee is being formed to look into this and candidates from past elections will be consulted. Also, Carol Friedman, Heather Woods and Gia McKendrie, top leaders of Student Government are planning to revise the present Constitution which they feel is "Outdated in many respects". Results of their work will be heard at a future Amalgo. They also intend to review the composition of Cabinet.

Other things taken up at the meeting were: To make Cabinet officers available to Alumna representatives so they can keep in touch with the College as it is run today.

Vespers



Joseph L. Quinn, CSP, director of the Newman Apostolate for the diocese of Norwich, Connecticut, and Catholic chaplain at the University of Connecticut, will speak at Vespers Sunday, October 9 at 7 p.m.

Father Quinn received his A. B. degree from Boston College, and M.A. from Boston University. He attended the Paulist Fathers seminary, St. Paul's college in Washington, D. C., and was ordained a Paulist priest by Archbishop Richard Cardinal Cushing, of Boston, in 1943.

He has served as assistant chaplain to the Newman center at U.C.L.A. and Catholic chaplain at Boston University. Father Quinn was pastor of St. Philip Neri parish in Portland, Oregon, and director of the Catholic student center at the Univ. of California at Berkeley.

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