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Tolstoy's Daughter Will Give Lecture; Russian Club Hosts

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Vespers Speaker Dr. Horton Davies Renowned Scholar

Dr. Horton Davies, Henry W. Putnam Professor of Religion at Princeton University, will preach the sermon at the Vesper service in Harkness Chapel, Sunday, November 12.

Dr. Davies came to Princeton in 1956 after distinguished service in England and South Africa. He was born in South Wales and educated in Scotland, doing his undergraduate work at the University of Edinburgh, where he also received his Doctor of Divinity Degree. He earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree at Oxford and a Doctor of Divinity degree from the University of South Africa.

From 1942 to 1945 Dr. Davies was minister of the Wallington Congregational Church, South London, in an area known as "Bomb Alley," from the heavy pounding it received from German rockets. He later served for two years as director of education for the British YMCA and, with a British Army unit, was in charge of 55 recreational and study centers in Germany, Belgium, France, and Holland.

He was appointed professor of divinity at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, Union of South Africa in 1945, where he headed a pioneer department established with the support of Congregational, Episcopal, Methodist, and Presbyterian groups.

While he was Dean of the University faculty of Divinity from 1951 to 1953, he took a leave of absence in 1952 to study theological education in America as a traveling fellow of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. In that year he also delivered the St. Andrew Memorial lectures at the University of Toronto and was the recipient of the Queens Silver Coronation Medal for distinguished service to Commonwealth Education. He returned to Oxford as head of the Department of Church History at Mansfield College in 1953.

Dr. Davies was a member of the Missionary Research Committee of the World Council of Churches from 1954 to 1956. He now serves as a consultant to the group. His topic will be "The Vocation of Scholarship in a Time of Crisis."



Donovan Routs Monster

Is October 31 a feeble fantasy or is there truth in the tales of goblins and ghosts, witches and wild men? The doubters and disbelievers on this campus were shocked by a terrifying appearance of the supernatural last week. Intensive research has been conducted to discover the origin of the Grendellike "Wild Man" who spread a fever of fear through the western New London area. This fever was finally quelled by our own heroic defender, the Beowulf of the Pinkerton service, Lieutenant Jerry Donovan.

The monster was apparently from the newest Ha Venus, the planet which orbits south of the range of the Connecticut College telescopes. His keeper, Dictum Milstenium, called this species of Ha Venusite "Marvinus Eeeisgrt." He was a nauseous green in color, with horrible webbed feet. The "Wild Man" was on a rope, leashed but uncontrolled. He was accompanied by a crew of deceptively normal looking fellows who

were equipped with implements for marking the unwashed with symbols of some supernatural sect.

Terror stalked the campus as the "Wild Man" led his army in attacks on hapless students.

Our stalwart defender, Lieutenant Donovan, undaunted by reports from the disaster area, arrived on the scene as an innocent "Bell Lady" was being viciously attacked. The poor woman, purple with panic, remarked after her salvation, "They kept telling me to grab his arm, but I wouldn't touch him. He ws half naked!"

Lieutenant Donovan, after a quick glance into the bell room, charged in, night stick raised, and heroically routed the monster out. The hour was won, the praise of the Pinkertonian rang through bloody Blunt halls. The "Wild Man" and his retinue were marched off into the mist as our hero raised his night stick in a victorious salute and called out, "See you in the snack shop!"

Miss Alexandra Lvovna Tolstoy, youngest daughter of the famed novelist Leo Tolstoy, will speak Tuesday, November 14 at 8:15 p.m. in Palmer Auditorium. Her topic will be "Tolstoy and Russia Today." This lecture is being sponsored by the Connecticut College Russian Club.

Miss Tolstoy was born on her father's estate, Yasnaya Polyana, in Russia. From 1901-10 she served as her father's secretary and when he died, in 1910, she became involved in editing his unpublished works.

During World War I, Miss Tolstoy worked as a nurse on a hospital train and also at the Armenian front. She received the Medal of St. George three times for her service to her people.

After the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917, Miss Tolstoy founded the Society for Dissemination and Study of Tolstoy's Works and started to prepare a complete edition of those works. During the early years of the new Soviet state, Miss Tolstoy was arrested several times and once sentenced to three years in prison because of a secret meeting of White Russians held at her house. She was given her freedom, however, after one year.

In 1921, the Soviet government appointed Miss Tolstoy curator of Yasnaya Polyana, then a museum and educational center. There Miss Tolstoy established a hospital, clinic, elementary schools, and high schools. When the center came under anti-religious attacks from the government in the 1920's, Miss Tolstoy left Russia and lectured in Japan. She came to America in 1931 and took up farming in Pennsylvania and Connecticut. As a matter of fact, she and Mrs. Kasem-beg of our Russian Department raised chickens together.

Since 1939 Miss Tolstoy has been president of the Tolstoy Foundation, an organization which helps recent Russian immigrants in the United States. During World War II the Tolstoy Foundation sent aid to Russian prisoners of war in Finland and France.

In 1941, Miss Tolstoy acquired Reed Farm in Valley Cottage, New York, which is still in operation, housing orphans and displaced persons.

Miss Tolstoy has spent the greater part of her life spreading her father's ideas through social work, lectures, and writing. She is the author of three books: *Tragedy of Tolstoy*, *I Worked for the Soviet*, and *The Life of Leo Tolstoy—My Father*.

The United States has had a history of victories in foreign affairs because of a few wise decisions and the knack of picking the winning team; the team that has had power or a strong will behind it and luck. After World War I, there were great debates as to whether we should join the League of Nations or retreat back into an isolationist position. We chose the latter, and watched to see the accuracy of our judgment as the League sank into the ranks of uselessness.

After World War II, however, the United States recognized the need for an organization that could be a place for debate and effective decision-making. We gave our whole-hearted support to the United Nations and used our influence to secure the home of the U.N. in New York. The participating nations of the world joined us with faith and hope in making this organization meaningful. This was in 1945.

Now, 1961, the image of the United Nations is distorted, the hope almost gone. Our generation has grown up with the tall building on the East River, the yearly television broadcasts and the occasional furor that is caused when an "enemy" leader arrives on our shores or when an African delegate is refused admission in some restaurant, hotel or housing area. To us, the U.N. is something that is an institution, a part of democracy and the American way of life. The older generations and other peoples of the world have known life without the U.N. and therefore might be able to conceive of the world without it again.

The founders of the U.N. did not realize that one man could become as powerful in a world organization as Dag Hammarskjold. They did not realize that chaos would follow his death and undermine the whole purpose of the U.N. It is hard to realize that the well-informed people are talking about a 50-50 chance (if even that) of the U.N.'s survival through this period of upheaval.

One gleam of hope seems to rest in the new Acting Secretary-General U Thant, who although is not in complete accord with all of our positions, is not in the Communist camp. He took a major role in planting democratic principles in Burma, and outlawing the Communist Party after his country's independence. However, U Thant is supporting the admission of Red China into the U.N., which this country definitely opposes.

Only time will tell whether U Thant is strong enough to resist the pressures of the Communists, to choose able assistants that will help him, but not block him, and carry out a program that will reinstate the U.N. to a position of respect in the world. Yet, with his tendency toward compromise, the unrelenting mockery from the Soviet bloc, and the ineffectiveness of the enforcement of recent U.N. decisions, the fate of the organization seems discouraging.—L.A.M.

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FREE SPEECH

A Forum of Opinion From On and Off the Campus
 The opinions expressed in this column do not necessarily reflect those of the editors.

Dear Editor:

It is quite obvious, to anyone who thinks about it, that during Amalgo Tuesday evening there was displayed a great deal of discourteous behavior. Amalgo is a monthly all-college meeting, conducted on a serious level and should be interpreted as such (except when announcements or skits are presented in a lighter fashion.) It seems that most every announcement becomes a joke; the attention given the speakers is only half-hearted (if existent at all); and hissing seems to be the thing to do every other minute. Consideration of those speaking should be primary. Opinions should be voiced at the proper time. Participation in Amalgo is urged, but I feel it should be manifest in ways other than discourteous demonstrations such as were evident on Tuesday.

Sincerely,
 Lee Knowlton '62

Tuesday, November 7, 1961

Dear Editor,

So I'm sick, I'm tired,
 I'm a self-made mess.

I still think I could do
 with apathy less.

The topic is done for,
 I've heard it all.

And I don't think I care
 to answer the call.

Leave me alone, I'm what
 I am-me!

Stop trying to tell me
 what I can be.

I've had enough of your questions
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You've grown old and so
 have your theories.

Allison McGrath '64

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**CCUN Conference Features
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Connecticut College is sending six students to take part in a C.C.U.N. conference in New York City, Friday and Saturday, November 10 and 11. The topic for the week end meeting will be "1961: U.N. Year of Crisis." Featured will be a speech Saturday by Prime Minister Nehru of India. Panel discussions will round out the program.

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This Week

This week we were just a smite harassed for some reason or other—our old friend Pressure paid a call and began weaving its frantic spell about our heads — we yielded temporarily but then reflected on a rather delicious thought, 13 days till vacation, then we go to the station, back to civilization, cuz we're going mad in this location . . . A touch of New York and a warm memory occurred in the Auditorium and we knew we'd survive . . . In order to manipulate the monotony or at least rearrange it, we invented the second in the series of devise your own diversions, or non-academic games for fun and profit . . . What kind of life would we wish to live and what type of person would we choose to be, if we were granted re-incarnation? . . . Would we come back and lead the same type of existence as we do now, or have any of us harbored a desire way down deep (where else) to be some-

thing other than Americans, Republicans, students, Protestants or whatever . . . Have we wondered what it would be like to be a socialist, an African, a really great writer or a Zen Buddhist? . . . All things are possible with this game, including imagination and a reflection on exactly what it is about each one of us that we would like to change, something non-conformist, ultra-normal or just plain dissatisfying . . . So go, create and the goal is enlightenment . . . There's something about this campus on certain days that makes the whole area look like a perfectly planned college — we found ourselves wanting to cut out coffee-pot-shaped slices of grass, windows, gardens, sky and bark and fit them into our own 11 x 14 masterpiece, but alas the limitations of art do not allow us such freedom, and we inevitably fail to put anything across . . . But we can still sing of foggy days in New London town, we can still ad lib on a stage that seemed alarmingly empty and strange at first, and we can also run in our own choreographic way to an always-always land of peppermint twists and smiles not at all lubricated with lemon juice . . . Without putting away childish things altogether, we can still swear off candy corn and pretend to be as grown-up as, actually, no one believes us to be from the start . . . Start, finish, sunny, foggy, slow, fast, sad, funny, salutations and farewell until next week . . . B.C.



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News Conference On World Affairs Held November 15

A Current News Conference will be held during the Wednesday Convocation, November 15, at 4:30 p.m. in Palmer Auditorium. Miss Marjorie Dilley, chairman of the Government Department, will serve as chairman.

Her remarks will focus on the current world situation. Following her talk there will be opportunity for questions.

The assembly on "The New Approach to Practice Teaching at the College" has been rescheduled for December.

Slides of Mexico Will Be Shown

Sunday, November 12, Williams Haynes will present a series of pictures entitled "Our Mexican Neighbors" in the Palmer Room of the Library at 4 p.m.

Mr. Haynes, a native of Stonington, is the author of several chemistry texts. In past years he and his wife have spent their winters in Mexico where he has taken his pictures.

The Library plans a series of similar travelogues presented by members of the faculty and friends of the College. The series was opened October 28 when Miss Page presented a collection of slides taken in Iran.



POET'S CORNER

A bit of dust, a drop from a cloud, is man.
A molecule of dust far too small to make the world sneeze;
A drop of water, but millions of drops create a flood.
Face up, little man, you're not great, nor will be ever.
You have many worries, don't you, little man,
That's why your brow is crinkled.
If you looked a little further you might be ashamed.
What's the matter, little fellow, afraid to look around?
Might begin to feel your smallness if you looked around.
Look up above you — see that cloud?
It's full of rain and rain.
And every single little drop could be a single Man.
Like each little drop each Man comes to the world for a day
And makes his tiny splash, before he's drawn away.
This weeny droplet, when it falls,
Does not fall alone.
And where it falls are other drops
And there you have a puddle.
I see, my friend, you watch that rain, then you go outside;
You see the puddles — your feet might get wet.
But look again at that insignificant pool, old pal.
Tomorrow it will all dry up, drop by drop.
"Too bad," you say "it doesn't matter"
But little man — doesn't it?

B. P. Larkin '64

Penna. Symphony To Perform Here In Concert Series

The second in the 1961-62 series of Connecticut College Concerts will feature the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, with William Steinberg, conductor, and Shura Cherkassky, piano soloist, Wednesday, November 15, at 8:30 p.m., in Palmer Auditorium.

Their program opens with *Prelude and Love Death* from "Tristan and Isolde." This will be followed by Tchaikowsky's *Concerto No. 1 in B-Flat Minor, Opus 23*, for piano and orchestra. Following the intermission the symphony orchestra will play Brahms' *Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, Opus 68*.

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Conn Chords Add 4 More Members; Shwiffs Choose 8

The two informal singing groups of Connecticut College, Conn Chords and Shwiffs, recently announced their new members. The Conn Chords added Buncie Morgan '64, from Tenafly, New Jersey; Dhuanne Schmittz '64, from Summit, New Jersey; Judy Sheldon '64, of White Plains, New York, and Debby Werle '64, from Rochester, New York, to their ranks. The new members of the Shwiffs are: Clara Combs '64, Denver, Colorado; Janet Grant '64, and Sue Haggerty '64, of Scarsdale, New York; Marcia Simon '63 from Chicago; Mary Turner '64, Norwich, New York; Sue Warren '63, Yarmouth Port, Mass.; Judy Wisbach '64, Barrington, Rhode Island, and Ann Worchester '64, from Port Washington, New York.

The Shwiffs will sing here with the Nassoons from Princeton, December 8, and with Yale groups in the near future. The Conn Chords also expect to have a successful season.

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Library Exhibit

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EXHIBIT "ATOMS AT WORK"

A Mobil Exhibit, "Atoms at Work" will be in the parking lot north of Fanning, Friday, November 10, from 9-11 a.m. This is an educational project on the peaceful applications of atomic energy.

This exhibit consists of the illustration of the basic principles of nuclear energy as applied in the fields of medicine, research, agriculture, and industry. The exhibit is accompanied by an Exhibit Manager who is trained by the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies to demonstrate the displays and avail himself for speaking engagements.

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