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FACULTY NEWSLETTER

Editor: M. Ramsey

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CONGRATULATIONS TO USD:

We are sure everyone saw the University of San Diego's full-page, free ad in the Western edition of Time Magazine, this week's number! Some of the faculty wanted to send a special word of thanks to Father I. Brent Eagen, who was mainly instrumental in procuring this publicity for the University; Dr. Graves kindly offered to circulate the note to any who wish to sign it.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

On Thursday, December 7, the annual Christmas Program will be presented to the faculty by the students. The program will be followed by a Christmas Tea in the Student Lounge. Schedule for Thursday, December 7, 1967, will be as follows:

Morning classes:	as usual
Lunch:	11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Afternoon classes:	12:30-1:00 p.m.: Usual 1:00 class
	1:10 -1:50 p.m.: Usual 2:00 class
2:00 p.m.:	Theatre: A CHRISTMAS CONCERT
	The University Orchestra, the Alcala Chorale, and students from the Opera Workshop will present Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," J. S. Bach's Christmas Cantata, and orchestral selections from Gibbons, Purcell, and Holst.
	Tea in the Student Lounge follows the Program.
3:15 p.m.:	Continuation of classes -- usual 3:00 classes and laboratories

Reminder: The same afternoon, Thursday, December 7, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge of the College for Men: informal "get-together" for the members of the faculties of the University and their spouses.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR -- TIME SCHEDULE:

We have been asked by the College for Men to consider adopting their Tuesday-Thursday Time Schedule for next year. Our own Time Schedule is the same five days a week (i.e., 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 classes, etc.). The College for Men schedule is identical to ours on Monday-Wednesday-Friday; they changed to this in September from the former 8:00 classes, in order to simplify Reciprocal Courses. Their Tuesday-Thursday schedule, however, operates in terms of a period-and-a-half timing, instead of a single period timing; that is, their classes run from 8:30-9:45, then 10:00-11:15; 1:00-2:15; 2:30-3:45 and so forth. Among the benefits which might accrue from adoption of this are: 1) Simplification of Reciprocal Course planning because of identical timing; 2) Elimination of our present odd

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday or Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday arrangements, necessary now because of our insufficient classroom space. The Dean's Office has not yet determined scientifically whether such a new Time Schedule would make for better use of classroom facilities; we shall study this during Christmas vacation, before discussing the proposal at our regular January faculty meeting. Another point to consider would be the probable five-day-a-week teaching for most faculty members under such an arrangement. The College for Men also suggested that we consider going back to their 8:00 class beginnings, to have more class periods; they, like ourselves, have a classroom-space problem; though we held out little hope for the adoption of this second proposal, we can discuss this, too, at the January meeting.

As requested by the CW Faculty at our November meeting, we have proposed again this year to the College for Men the new calendar we discussed last year, wherein the first semester would begin earlier and terminate before Christmas, thus eliminating the "lame duck" session and providing more preparation time between semesters for faculty members. This proposal is being discussed by the College for Men this week. You will remember that two-thirds of the CW faculty and 84% of the student body favored a year's experimental adoption of this calendar last year.

SAN DIEGO OPEN FORUM:

Mothers Bourret, McDevitt, Guest, and Furay recently attended a most stimulating program on "Law and Dissent" sponsored by the San Diego Open Forum. Main speaker was Major General George Hickman, USA (ret.), professor of law at U.S.D. School of Law. Mr. David Cherry of our Education Department, this year's President of the Open Forum, moderated the panel, which included Rev. John Clark, Mr. Peter Hughes, and Judge Byron Lindsley as well as General Hickman. The next Forum program on Sunday evening, December 10, promises to be equally stimulating; the subject is "The Courts, the Public, and the Law Explosion".

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES SPEAKER:

Howard H. Vogel, Jr., Ph.D. Harvard University, will be the guest of the University of San Diego College for Women Biology Department Thursday and Friday, December 7-8. Dr. Vogel is currently chairman of the Radiation Biology Division of the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis. From 1953-1967 Dr. Vogel directed Radiation Biological Research in the Biomedical Research Division of Argonne National Laboratory (owned and operated by the University of Chicago). Dr. Vogel has published in Radiation Biology and allied journals regularly during the past fifteen years, and has collaborated on papers with research workers in the physical sciences. He was the National Science Foundation director of summer institutes at Argonne in the summers of 1965, 1966, and 1967 for college professors of biology. He also established a center at Argonne National Laboratory where the Universities of the Middle West could use the facilities of the Research in progress. Dr. Vogel is not only internationally known in Radiation Research, but is a great educator as well, and will be available for consultation while in San Diego.

Mother Bernice Farrens, Chairman of USDCW's Biology Department, began her current research problem under Dr. Vogel's direction while a summer NSF participant at Argonne

in 1966. Dr. Vogel will spend Friday the eighth with Mother Farrens and her research assistants. On Thursday, December 7, at 3:45 in the College for Women Theatre, Dr. Vogel will give a seminar for the science personnel of San Diego. His subject will be the biological effects of the whole body irradiation and will be in a language understandable by both specialist and non-specialist. All the science faculties in the city are invited. Special dinner invitations have been sent to representative scientists to meet Dr. Vogel in the Rose Room of the College for Women. All the science faculty of both the College for Men and College for Women are invited. It is hoped that all the faculty of the University will extend a cordial welcome to our distinguished visitor. Each of the seventy-seven FELLOWS of the Natural History Society has received a special invitation. Mother Farrens was elected a Fellow in June of this year.

MOTHER O'BYRNE'S VISIT:

As announced at the November Faculty Meeting, Mother Eleanor M. O'Byrne, former President of Manhattanville College in New York, and member of the Middle States Association Board, will be here for an informal evaluation of USDCW from December 5 to 19. The faculty expressed the desire to meet with Mother O'Byrne. We thought Wednesday, December 13, at 11:30 a.m. in the Faculty Lounge might be a convenient time for most faculty members.

SOME "HOUSEKEEPING" ITEMS:

Students have commented that they would be so grateful if classes could end on schedule, that is, when the bell rings, or within a minute or two thereafter. This student request seems legitimate, so.....

Perhaps faculty members could ask a student in each class to check as she leaves the room to make sure the lights have been turned off; this will obviate the present situation of many lights left burning in unoccupied rooms, and save \$\$\$\$\$\$!

Students are expected to be at classes through Friday afternoon, December 15; Christmas vacation begins only after that. Faculty members should not give in to the urgings of students who want them to authorize earlier dismissal!

The Academic Dean was astonished earlier this week to have a group of students ask about a change in our "cut system." Asked, "What cut system?" the students responded that they meant the allowance of three "cuts" per 3-unit course and the "double cuts" before vacations!! Mother Rossi verifies that we never have had such a system -- nor do we now, I add. Does anybody know how this idea grew up? The students assure me that it is pretty widespread. Each instructor has autonomy in settling such matters for himself or herself, but there is no collegewide "system." The only printed comment that applies is the statement on page 30 of the catalogue, "Students are expected to attend regularly and promptly all classes and laboratory periods for which they register. There is no specified number of allowed absences. An excessive number of absences will incur a lowering of grade and possible loss of credit."

FINANCIAL AID:

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Mother Bourret thought the faculty might be interested in the following statistics on financial aid:

Financial Aid in one form or another (scholarship, loan, work opportunity, etc.) has been given to 136 students. There are 56 students who have College Work Opportunity; 36 have Federal College Work Study; 30 have Educational Opportunity Grants for 1967-68 (4 seniors, 10 juniors, 4 sophomores, and 12 freshmen), for a total of \$13,700; 25 have California State Guaranteed Loans for 1967-68 (8 graduate students, 5 seniors, 1 junior, 2 sophomores, and 9 freshmen), for a total of \$22,850; and there are 3 freshmen with out-of-state guaranteed loans for a total of \$3,000.

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL ON THE EDUCATION OF TEACHERS:

USDCW had good interdepartmental representation at the South Regional California Council on the Education of Teachers meeting November 17 at California Western University. Mrs. Hart of the Music Department, Dr. deMourol of the English Department, and Mr. Cherry, Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Flanagan, and Mother Guest of the Education Department were the CW faculty present.

A PHI DELTA KAPPA 25th ANNIVERSARY:

At the invitation of Oklahoma State University, W. Roy Holleman returned to his Alma Mater to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the formation the Oklahoma State University Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, of which Mr. Holleman was the first president. The meeting especially honored past presidents. While on campus, Mr. Holleman had the opportunity to visit the Library, Library Education Department, and Curriculum Materials Center. Mrs. Holleman spoke to the Library School students on "Why Librarianship -- Towards a Philosophy."

FIRE DRILL:

At the request of the San Diego Fire Department there will be a fire drill at CW at 10:15 a.m. on Monday, December 4. A notice will be posted for students which we include here for your own information. Please do not line up or congregate in any patio; rather, go across the street or to the parking lot.

In Residence Quarters: 1. Turn on your light; 2. Put on coat, low-heeled shoes; 3. Close windows, leave door open; 4. Walk quietly, single file, to nearest staircase, descending staircase at right-hand side; 5. Leave building by nearest exit; 6. Keep silence until drill is over.

In Classrooms or Science Laboratories: 1. Close windows, leave door open; 2. Walk on right-hand side of corridor; 3. Leave building by nearest exit; 4. Keep silence until drill is over.

This year the Chemistry Departments of the College for Women and College for Men are offering a series of joint seminars for faculty and students. Occasionally, a guest speaker will give the seminar. The November seminar was given by a member of the staff of the San Diego State College, Dr. Bob Metzger, who spoke on "Carbohydrate Metabolism in Animals -- An Alternative to Glucose Phosphorylation." Tomorrow, Friday, December 1, Mr. J. Wayne Wheeler, Senior Chemistry major at the College for Men, will speak on the "Mechanism of Chromic Acid Oxidation of Secondary Alcohols," at the College for Men, Room 208, at 4:00 p.m. The January seminar will be given by Dr. Diana Stiggall at the College for Women.

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY:

Recently Mother Schmit and Dr. Stiggall attended the American Chemical Society dinner and meeting at Cal Western. At 6:00 p.m. an open house was held, preceding the meeting, at the new Science Building on the campus. Dr. Fowler of the California Institute of Technology, was the guest speaker of the evening. His subject was "The Origin of the Elements."

SUMMER SESSION, 1968:

Sometime before Christmas vacation, could department chairmen let Mother Furay know what courses they think should definitely be offered in their departments this summer, and what courses might be possibilities. Faculty members who wish summer teaching appointments should also discuss this with Mother Furay before Christmas vacation.

Summer school students, here and elsewhere, as well as summer faculty, generally feel very "pressured" during this condensed session. Perhaps this is inevitable. But perhaps, too, some variation in the usual length of classes might ameliorate the situation. We probably could not manage a longer session than six weeks. But possibly we might lengthen by twenty minutes or so each of the three class periods during our summer session day, making them 95 minutes rather than 80 minutes in length -- then have a mid-week break, with no classes on Wednesday, leaving both faculty and students time for preparation and study. This is not exactly a suggestion, just a "feeler;" others might have better ideas, which would be gratefully received. In any case, discussion of the question might be useful, even if the solution is that it is an inevitable "pressure" situation.

MR. VAN VLECK'S ADDRESS:

A recent note from Mr. Van Vleck gave the following as his address for the next few months; some faculty members may wish to have it for Christmas greetings:

Mr. B. R. Van Vleck
Centro Roberto Owen, S. C.
Melchor Ocampo No. 66
Tacambaro, Michoacan, Mexico

LIBRARY GLEANINGS:

Foreign Affairs, Oct. 1967: A series of five articles, The Russian Revolution - Fifty After.

George F. Kennan's article, "Its Nature and Consequences," is an evaluation of both the nature and the long-term consequences of the Revolution, and an appraisal of its impact on the 20th Century.

Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., in the "Origins of the Cold War," concludes that, given the nature of the Soviet system in the late '40's, the Cold War was inevitable.

Yevsei Liberman, the Russian economist who is probably most responsible for the current Soviet economic reforms, describes some of the difficulties being encountered.

Philip E. Mosely, in "The Kremlin and the Third World," describes the evolution of Moscow's attitude toward the less-developed countries and the struggles among Communist parties in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

George Lichteim, in "What is Left of Communism?" points out how neither the Soviet Union nor China has been true to Marxism-Leninism.

Harper's, October, 1967.

"A Dialogue Between Generations." A group of well-known writers and college editors explore some of the differences in the ways their generations perceive each other and the major issues in American society today.

"The Science of Success and the Art of Prudence," by Baltazar Gracian (1601-1658).

"Everything now is at its peak, and it is harder than ever to excel. More is required to make one well-informed man today than was needed to make the seven sages of old; and more to deal with one modern man than to treat with a city of people then."

"Know yourself, in capacities, in talents, in beliefs, and in inclinations. No one can master himself until he knows himself. There are mirrors for the face, but none for the soul. ...measure your temper to control it. Measure your abilities and weigh your limitations for everything you are or everything you do."

COMING EVENTS:

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| December 1: | Chemistry Seminar, CM, Room 208, 4:00. |
| December 2: | Dr. Américo Castro speaks at 10:30 to Dr. Blanco's
Saturday Class, Room 19 |
| December 1 & 2: | Opera Workshop presents 2 one-act operas, CW Theatre, 8:15 |
| December 4: | AAUP meeting in Faculty Lounge; 11:30 a.m. |
| December 6: | Fête de Noël, French Club Christmas Pary, in the Rose Room,
3:30 p.m. All welcome. |
| December 7: | Christmas Program, CW Theatre, 2:00 p.m.
Dr. Vogel's talk, CW Theatre, 2:00 p.m.
"Get-together" in CM Faculty Lounge, 4:30-6:00 p.m. |
| December 13: | Spanish Club's traditional Posada, Main Patio and Rose Room,
7:00 p.m. All welcome. |