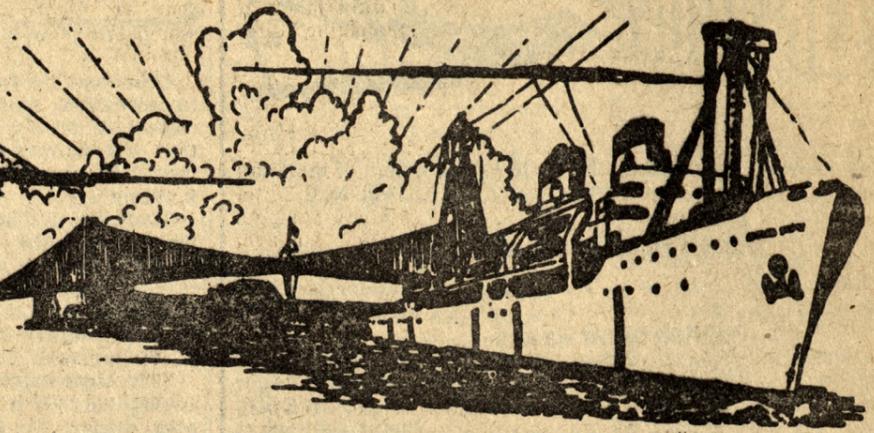


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SNAME Hears Morse Speak

Clarence G. Morse, Maritime Administrator, spoke at the Annual Banquet of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, held at the Waldorf-Astoria on November 11 here in New York.

After praising SNAME for its achievements, Mr. Morse warned his audience that resting on the past laurels would never produce future progress, and that the efforts of the nation in general, and the Maritime Industry in particular, must be stepped up so that the American Merchant Marine may seize new technical advances, and lead in the field as in days gone by.

Spanish Club To Entertain

On Monday, November 14, the Spanish Club held its meeting in room B-1. The planned entertainment seems to be attracting new members. Those cadets who attended the meeting were fortunate to see a descriptive technical movie featuring the Spanish city of Madrid. Another highlight of the meeting was the singing (?) of a few Spanish songs compiled by Professor Hidalgo. We leave this item to your individual imagination. During the meeting, Cadet Wells 3/C gave a report on the lecture attended by a few members held at Hunter College.

Definite plans have been made by this increasingly active club for the evening of December 2, 1955. On this evening the Hunter Spanish Club will send a contingent of senioritas to dine in the ward room with some of our seniors. Later on, the club will provide entertainment in the form of cruise slides. All members are invited.

The Maritime Administrator said that on his recent tour of European shipyards he saw a multitude of large, modern, efficient plants, producing vessels at top speed. This experience drove home the necessity for American yards to keep pace.

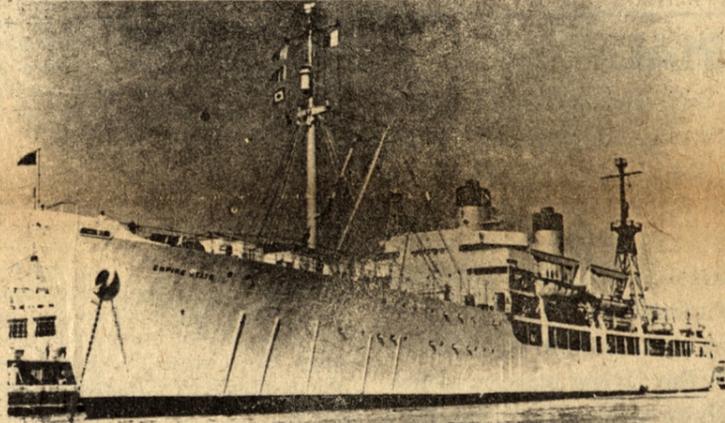
Mr. Morse said that while foreign merchant marines can build and operate more cheaply than can our own (which must mesh with the American living standard), the subsidies granted by the government largely alleviate the situation.

The Maritime Administration chief believes that in order to beat foreign competition, the U.S. Merchant Marine should apply two basic American industrial formulae: (1) good basic de-

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"Private Murphy" -Empire State III?

During the past few years the need for a new training ship has become more and more evident. Although the "Empire State" is our ideal training ship and the men who receive training aboard her will definitely be superior officers, she has become almost impossible to maintain. This problem has become so serious that the money allotted for her maintenance is not enough to cover the cost. It is because of this that her deck gear has had to be neglected to a point where it would require tremendous cost to bring her up to standards.



"Empire State" to be retired?

French Film-A Smash!

The much publicized French film, "Carnival in Flanders," was a success as a good sized crowd witnessed the first full-length feature film to be sponsored by the French Club this year.

The plot, a farce on a cowardly mayor and his dignitaries of a small French border town, was quite simple and easy to follow. Although the movie was made in 1936, it made little difference due to the period of the story.

The Spanish, during the seventeenth century under Phillip 11, were peaceful, but were so powerful that they were feared by all.

When a Spanish Duke announced his intentions to visit Flanders, the men fled and the mayor pretended to be dead. The "Twist" was in, the Duke being really harmless and, contradictory to common belief, quite charming and chivalrous.

To those of you who are beginners in French and thought the French was difficult - don't worry - even a native Frenchman wouldn't have understood the dialect. The soundtrack was quite poor due to the film's age which resulted in even the best student's resorting to the English sub-titles.

This film, which wasn't the best obtainable, was rented for a relatively small amount of money, but with the help of the contributions so generously donated by the cadets, the French Club will be able to afford newer and better movies. The next French Club meeting will be held after Thanksgiving.

Gurty, Loeffstedt Pack Bags; Invade West Point For Conference

For the past two months A.B. Loeffstedt and E.L. Gurty, both Second Class members of the International Relations Club, have been preparing themselves to take an active part in the Seventh Student Conference on United States Affairs, to be held at the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., during the period 30 November to 3 December, 1955.

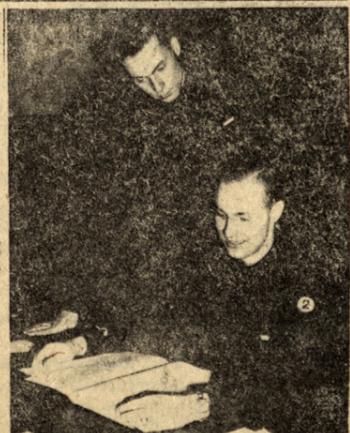
Delegates numbering approximately 130 seniors and juniors, were asked to select topics in which they are interested, and then assignments to discussion groups were made on the basis of delegates' choices wherever possible. Loeffstedt has been assigned to the panel on, "Western European Security," while Gurty has been designated to apply his talents to the group discussing, "Asian Neutralism and India."

The purposes of the West Point Student Conference on United States Affairs are as follows: (1) To produce an informative examination and discussion of the national security policy of the United States; (2) To provide an outstanding representation of college students with an appreciation of the complexities of government policy formulation; and (3) to broaden students' contact with their contemporaries in an academic endeavor.

Distinguished speakers have been selected who are closely acquainted with the problems and ob-

jectives of the national security and foreign policies of the United States, and eminent authorities have been secured as leaders of panel discussions which will cover specific problems in the formulation of our national security policy.

In addition to the panels in which Gurty and Loeffstedt will participate, delegates will consider six other subjects: (1) "Soviet-Satellite Unity," (2) "Regulation of Armament and U.S. Strategy," (3) "U.S. Security Interests in N. Africa and the Middle East," (4) "Nationalism and U.S. Security Interests in China," and (6) "U.S. Security Interests in Japan and Korea."



C/M Gurty & Loeffstedt

The Conference Schedule opens on Wednesday, 30 November at 1600 with a welcome by Lieutenant General B. M. Bryan, Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy, after which the keynote address will be delivered by General J. Lawton Collins, U.S. Member, NATO Standing Group. Later, an orientation conference and reception for student participants will be held after a panel discussion on "Problems of Contemporary Revolution" is terminated. On Thursday, 1 December two round table groups will be held, followed by a panel discussion on the subject, "Formulation of National Security Policy." Friday's schedule will include two round table groups, followed by a banquet. On Saturday the conference will be concluded by round table groups and the presentation of conclusions arrived at in the various deliberations held during the four-day conference. Delegates are invited to attend the parade after lunch on Saturday, and the Cadet Hop (formal dance) Saturday evening, as well as the chapel services on Sunday, should they wish to remain.

Neither the West Point Debate Council and Forum, which sponsors these student conferences, nor the administrators, speakers, and panel leaders of the conference, expect the participants in SCUSA

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Taking this into consideration, the administration, for the past few years, has been striving to obtain another training ship. The ship under consideration this year is the "Private Frederick C. Murphy", a World War II Victory. She was built in June, 1945 by Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyard, Baltimore, Maryland, and is 439 feet long with a beam of 62 feet. "The Private Murphy" has a single screw driven by 2 cylindrical steam turbines. This particular vessel was chosen for two main reasons: The cost of maintenance will be relatively low and this ship is typical of the type ship that a graduate of the College will be most likely to come across when he enters the industry.

Much work will have to be done before she can be classified as a training vessel. It is estimated that she will have to be put in drydock for about six weeks for major alterations. Some of the main changes will include the installation of a Wardroom, classrooms, workshops, davits and boats. This will necessitate ripping out bulkheads and deck structures and other major changes in the present design of the ship.

The "Private Murphy" was used as a troop transport for the Army and has berthing accommodations for 1600 men. All of the holds with the exception of 1 and 5 were used for this purpose. With the changes that have been proposed, the living conditions for the cadets will be a great improvement over those afforded by our present training ship. The bunks will be larger, with spring bottoms and the overall space per man will be increased tremendously. The mess-deck will be larger and there will be space for more classrooms. The plans also include a library and lounge for the cadets. Number 1 hold will accommodate refrigerated cargo and other stores which will be loaded by ship's gear instead of the usual manner. Overall the "Private Murphy" holds many advantages over the "Empire State", but many problems must be worked out before we can consider her as our new training ship.

NOTICE

Due to the Thanksgiving Leave, there will be no issue of PORTHOLE next week.



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EDITORIAL

The dream of our lifetime was at last realized this week, when the entire Fourth Class and some twenty Third Classmen evacuated the compartments at the Fort for their new home at the recently converted dormitory. For the past two years this dormitory has been a key topic of conversation, rumor, and sarcastic humor, but now it is a reality.

Though it is a reality, it is still a topic of conversation. Since the acquisition of the living spaces in the dorm, the Second and Third Classes have been hit with an extra burden.

This burden is felt in the form of four additional watches each day.

On the other hand, Fourth Classmen have had eight daily watches dropped from their routine, while realizing, a year before their prescribed time, what joy life in the dorms can be.

What possible reason could be given for this obvious breach of class preference in regard to the extra watches?

The extra watches will mean many more men away from their studies, and doesn't even take into consideration the possibility of a sixteen hour watch weekend.

Our Fourth Classmen have been properly indoctrinated and have been around long enough to begin to assume some responsibility.

The only other solution available would be to have a part-time watch consisting alternately of cadets and professional watchman. It is obvious that a change from the present system is needed.

Inquiring Reporter

By: WALT KAYOTA

Question: "Do you think that an improvement should be made in respect to the clarity, and condition of the road signs leading to the Maritime College?"

R. Trent 1/C
"Definitely. The signs pointing the way to the well known Fort have weathered at least four years, that I am sure of. Maybe the state would be able to include this in our appropriation for next year."

T. Wollensack 3/C
"The signs which direct the unacquainted to Fort Schuyler are in poor shape. The signs should reflect the type of school, and therefore be in excellent condition. I think something should be done about this problem."

G. O'Keefe 4/C
"The signs that lead to the fort show very little indication that they are directions to a maritime academy. For, instead of being large colorful signs, conspicuous to all visitors, they are old, decrepid signs that are hidden behind the branches of the trees they are posted on."

K. Stocker 4/C
"Yes, the signs are in terrible condition, and they reflect on the college itself. Then too, the signs aren't easily seen when driving down to the college. Probably many visitors have missed the turns because of them. The signs should be made larger and placed in more conspicuous places."

D. Egan 3/C
"Besides being poorly placed, weather faded signs, sparsely nailed up in the vicinity of the college (a poor invitation in anyone's language), should be replaced by a sign at the entrance, one that is not dwarfed in size or subordinate to the naval reserve signs. By this I imply that it should be self-lighted too."

H. Tyrell 2/C
"It is general knowledge among the Cadet Corps that there are road signs inside the school. If you had to find them, one important piece of equipment needed for the hunt would be a magnifying glass. One sign, something about 20 mph is some twenty feet up a lamp post which I believe is not the usual place. The traffic signs could be definitely improved."

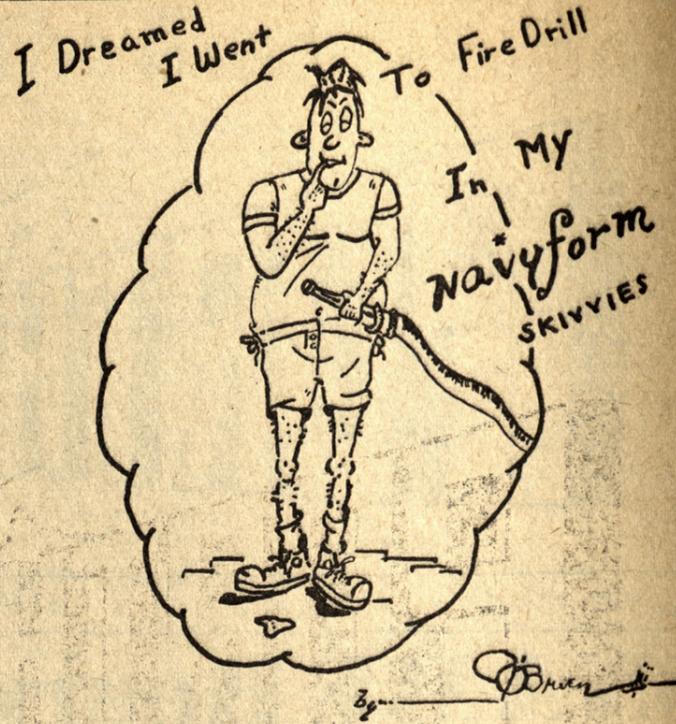
Alumni Notes

Leonard Sutter, Battalion Commander, class '53 is now a law student at Columbia University. Since Graduation Mr. Sutter has spent a summer with the United Fruit Co. and eighteen months on active Naval Duty.

GURTY, LOEFSTEDT

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VII to analyze and solve the various issues of the United States national security policy in four days, but it is hoped that the conferees will examine such issues in the light of short and long-term national objectives, that they will see the relationship among major obstacles to the attainment of these national objectives, that they will consider alternative courses of action open to the United States in security problems discussed, and that they will endeavor to determine the advantage and disadvantages of each course of action. If we can judge by the past experience of our cadets at these West Point meetings, Gurty and Loeffstedt are going to thoroughly enjoy one of the most stimulating, vital, and well-administered conferences in collegiate circles.

This Was National Exam Week!



ED VILLELLA, LEFTY MISTRON, "FARLEY" SLATER AND ASS'TS.

Good morning doc...er, I mean gentlemen. Will you "stinking babies" please listen up while I talk to you, lest I challenge anyone of you to step forward.

First we'll start with the "Greatest and most elaborate Igg." Man ain't you eva goin home?

The "good navigator" is making sure his charges have enough to keep their minds occupied and their hands off the "Life" magazines. It seems he has the idea the boys are wasting too much time at ITK meetings and the like. Our friend and yours has bestowed upon them the dubious pleasure of developing numerous term papers so that he may utilize his Christmas leave to the best advantage. Rumor has it "Charlie" Trumpler's topic is the social advantages of a "Refrigerated Rose Box."

Where has Zeus been easing to these past few week ends? It's been said he's met a fair damsel who can press her own weight.

Were you really playing a game at Tuesday night's mast, Knutey? Because if you were Woodie has threatened to have his mother submit a rebuttal when she comes up to do his homework next week.

All hands interested in obtaining tickets to the "dog show" see "Spook" Luther 2/C.

When our boy "Smiley" Moquin was reported missing from a muster last week, Andy Conk was heard to say "he's brushing his teeth."

Flash! Latest sports results. Igg, on his way to Bayside, stopped in long enough to tell us that the rifle team may have just outshot Brooklyn Poly's night school.

Congratulations to Soupy for staying with it and not quitting until the job was done.

The Third Class Scuttlebutt is back by popular demand. So many organizations, Young People's Party, American Federation Of Lunatics, and United Mine Workers, headed by Tennessee Ernie, have written petitions and had rallies to object to the absence of the Scuttlebutt that it was necessary, through political reasons, that it was written this week.

Well, here we are in Physics Class, Huey skips in pushing his bell-hop cart, containing his equatorial snow-making machines and glibly performs the operation of trying to push knowledge into 25 non-receptive cranial cavities. Complete flop! Better luck next time!!

Next we have chem. This isn't too bad, it is interesting to note that the snow is now made through chemical reaction rather than electricity, proving something or another. However, our real-good prof proceeds to finagle some little rascals and do-jiggers in a manner similar to Merlin and still gets the same sickening results.

(Aside) All right lefty, enough about those tween-deck sailors, how about some talk about the -- "ATTENHUT" -- "MARINE TRANSPORTATION CADETS" -- "TO" Take this!! Baroom.

Rough break champ!! (As the roar of the complete annihilation of matter caused by the contact of an anti-proton slowly subsides to ear-shattering proportions).

Ahh, alone at last!! To continue, "Real good" gets the same sickening results, snow.

Hear that familiar cry?? Morning, DOCTOR!! That's the fanfare for the start of the most benefitting course, Health!! OOPS!! I mean hygiene, well anyway, some inconsequential title, Hear we have the foremost extractor of the placenta after abnormal parturition in the known medical profession. In this class destroyed the small amount of appetite we have left for afternoon chow. After successfully passing this course, you are qualified to drive any type of taxicab.

Chow! enough said. I fear that if I go any further, the various organizations will submit many more questions contrary to the favorable ones, therefore I will stop. Watch out for that anti-proton!!

This is an on the spot report of the destruction caused by the liberation of the anti-proton in the PORTHOLE. The devastation is infinite. Right Twinkles!! "True, using triple intregation in the nth dimension, we find that it is impossible to survive this tremendous clash. Thank you, "Twinkles" we switch you now to our overseas reporter located on Mars, Edward R. Moreall.

Don Bradley has been taking Charles Atlas courses. He is now a 97 pound weakling. He hopes to be another Marlon Brando.

"Mr. Late Lights" is now getting a special rate in the canteen, due to the large volume of business transacted between them.

Dino has at last found someone who can discuss his favorite topic with him.

Those grunts and groans you hear nowadays from the gym show the great exertions and efforts of the members of the newly formed weight-lifting Club. Among its outstanding stars is Blackheart Latezia. When asked the reason for his great strength he replied, "two months ago I was a weakling. The food at Fort Schuyler has done miracles for me."

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Sports Slants

by Ray Huther

First off, this week we'd like to congratulate Fred Trumpler on breaking the cross country record of 29:43 by crossing the finish line in 29:16. The Harriers completed their season last Wednesday by knocking off Adelphi College 22-44, thus winning two more meets than last year. Their record was 2 wins and 4 losses.

This will be the last issue of the PORTHOLE before the Privateers open their '55-'56 Basketball season, December 1st. The J.V. game will get underway at 1830 and the varsity contest will commence about 2000. There will be the usual turn-to that day, but you can knock that off in thirty minutes and then clear up any studying you might have. This includes engineers. Here's something for you members of the elite black gang to think about-half of the upperclassmen on the varsity basketball team have over 3.0 averages, and they're all engineering students.

The Violets of N. Y. U. will be the biggest and strongest club to play in the armory for the past couple of years. Their boys range from 6'7" down, and should be very interesting to watch-from the beachers.

In the pre game write-ups last year before the NYU-SUMC game, the N. Y. Times had the game listed as an exercise for the Violets. Led by McAllister though, the Privateers kept the score at a respectable ten point difference in losing 75-65.

December 3rd the club will travel to Hartford Conn. to play Hillyer College. Jack Belton led SUMC to a 71-69 victory over the New England club last year, but now the whole Hillyer squad is back and Belton (and McAllister) are missing from the Schuyler line-up. Tom Driscoll, their 6'5" center, is their leading scorer, and is well over the 1,000 point mark in his college career.

Intramural football entered the semi finals Tuesday, when 1E2 downed 2D1, 12-0. 2D1, the pre-season pick of Sports Slants, just never seemed to get rolling. The Engineers, led by Dick Nemeth, scored both their TD's in the first half.

In the semi-finals, coach Matt Twomey, has pitted both second class and both first class teams against each other. The reason for this, is so each class will have a representative in the final game, which it is hoped, can be played before Thanksgiving. The teams in the finals are: 2D2, 2E2, 1D2, and 1E2. The two first class powerhouses will clash Monday on Newport Field at 1500.

The attendance for the 2D1-1E2 game was better than any Varsity soccer game this year. The second classmen were crying for a little blood to be spilled, but the only visual casualty was one bloody nose.

Saturday, the soccer team will finish its season when they play host to the league champions, CCNY.

SCUTTLEBUTT

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Who is that tall blond cadet in B-14 who wishes to remain unrecognized in this column? Because of the great demand to see his fabulous literary collection "the Irishman" is opening a lending library. The engineers are making a joint bank account for Larry to draw upon. There's a cadet in A-16 that has his feelings hurt very easily, but just as easily will dish it out. Walt Kayota finally found a pastime which he so strongly desired to occupy his free time on weekends. The deckies have their Admiral Nick. The engineers have the newly commissioned General Grant.

Intramural Highlights

Tuesday afternoon, before the largest crowd to witness an athletic event at the College in this young school year, brought the "game of the month" to Newport Field in the third round of the Intramural Football Tournament. After a bruising battle of two powerful teams, 1E2 had eliminated 2D1 from further competition by a 12-0 margin.

With five minutes of play elapsed in the first period, the winners jumped off to a 6-0 lead as Dandy Dick Nemeth hit Bob Horowitz, who stepped into the end zone from the one, with a 20-year aerial. Nemeth handed off to Malcolm Milligan who was dropped back on the five in an attempt at the extra point.

Shortly after, with Wasloski passing, Dazzlin' Dick intercepted at the 30 and returned it for the T. D. completing the scoring for the day. A pass attempt for the P. A. T. was incomplete.

The second half was featured by two touchdowns being nullified for the engineers by penalties, and numerous pass interceptions. The ITK threatened a number of times, the most serious bid coming with six minutes remaining. With Charlie McConaghy passing to Herk Skelly and Larry Donohue, they advanced to the opponents 20 but ran out of downs, and the Victors ran out the clock in the waning daylight.

Some say this 2D1 team was overrated, but we don't think so. They are still a match for anyone in the school as was proven to those who saw this game.

Now it's an engine and deck section from each of the first and second classes battling in the semi-finals.

Yacht Club Team Backing On Move At Low Ebb

SUMC's racing team traveled to Glen Cove, Long Island to compete against Webb, Stevens Inst., and Columbia last Saturday. With clear skies and a fair breeze, SUMC got itself off to a good start in the morning by winning the first race. Johnson 3/C and Bates 3/C came in respectively first and second. After lunch, the races continued. The breeze became more moderate and with the wind went SUMC's chances of victory. Racing Captain Bates came in first in the second race. In the third and final race, a disqualification resulted in SUMC placing third in the meet. Webb took top honors, followed by Stevens, SUMC, and Columbia. The day was not a total loss, as everyone had an enjoyable time.

On Sunday, the completion of a previous race was scheduled to take place here at Fort Schuyler, but because of the weather's being unfavorable to racing, the meet was cancelled at 1500 Sunday afternoon.

Now for a look at goings-on down at the Yacht Club. In recent weeks, the yacht club has undergone a much needed restoration. A number of Yacht Club members have been diligently working to improve the appearance of the clubhouse. The new look includes a linoleum deck and yellow curtains. Quite a home-like atmosphere.

The "Shoal Water", having completed its last weekend cruise of the season, is now being laid up for the duration of the fall and winter months. The "Shoal Water" will again begin weekend cruises early next spring. It is hoped that she will participate in the Bermuda Race held early in June.

One of the most talked about and least acted upon subjects that is kicked about the campus is "team" support. This year's soccer team at present has a 4-2-1 record. First place has been taken by C.C.N.Y. but the door to second place is still open for the Schuyler booters. As it stands now, the team has one more game to play and that game is with the team who is the road block to second place. Queens College has one less loss than we do, but they still have two games remaining to be played. Should the booters of the Fort take City, a second place tie will be cinched.

Most of this year's and for that matter any season's games, are played on Saturday. This day seems to be disagreeable to the Cadet Corps, for the attendance at the Saturday games has been very, very low. The reason for this? Well, let's look at some of the reasons given. "Can't make it, have a lot of homework to be done", "Sorry, hourly coming up" or "The folks are coming down to pick me up". Some of the excuses are pretty feeble. However, the fact that some of the cadets have jobs and have certain obligations to their parents can't be overlooked. Still, out of 500 cadets, not all of us are in such financial straits that we couldn't stick around for two or three Saturdays and give the team a little backing.

Now what about the Wednesday games? What possible excuse can be given there except for watch? True, tests are scheduled and homework has to be done, but look at the cadets on the soccer team. They have the same obligations as the rest of the Corps. Now, when you come right down to it there aren't too many sound excuses that can be given by the cadet who has no clubs or activities that fall on Wednesday.

The only good turnout, and this is one based on the past turnouts, was the King's Point game. This article isn't just written for the benefit of soccer, but for all the major sports events. Take basketball for instance, Friday night games. Where is everybody? Sacked in. At least three fourths of the school is present, the other fourth is on company liberty. Look at the turnout at these games. What is the reason, or possible reason, that can be given for such a poor turnout on Friday night? Well, it would be repetitious to go over the same old stories. Thus, it would be a good idea for each one of us to stop and think about this and not just let it go in one ear and out the other. Most of us have been on athletic teams and each one of us knows that when the home crowd comes out to support the team, every man wants to do a little better job to nail down a victory.

Riflers Win Against Poly

The S. U. M. C. Rifle Team won its second Metropolitan Intercollegiate Rifle League match in five outings by beating Brooklyn Poly College 1310-1283 in a match fired here at Fort Schuyler 15 Nov. The team has been showing a lot of improvement in daily practices and it is starting to show in the M. I. R. C. scores. W. Kilian 2/C, was high man for the home team with a 273 in the three positions. He was followed by Dick Scheeder 3/C with a 261, and Joel Cox 4/C with a 260. Marty Staiger 3/C and Charlie Seibold 3/C finished off the five man team with scores of 259 and 257 respectively.

AND DRINK TO THE...

Our bung is up, we're never dry, we drink from day to day; But dry or not we're a healthy lot, too happy and too gay. We sail the ocean blue, we're attentive to our ship, But weather fair or twice as rough there's always time for a nip. A cloistered group, this knot of recruits, we stick together like flies; We love our school and all the fools who make it paradise. For soundness of thought and philosophy We listen to words from our friend the Gee. And he may not know how much they affect The honest members of this sect. Try hard, be good and drink every night And all your problems will seem rather trite; And drink to the girls who taught us to Skol; And drink to the boys who got too bold; And don't forget the ones back home Who think of you often while you roam. SEXTANT

Library Bulletin

During the last cruise many books were borrowed and a lot less were returned. As an item of news we wish to print the names of borrowers and the books of which they are still believed to be in possession.

As any item of humor, I suggest that the reader (if there be any) match the book titles with the borrowers. Here are a few books and borrowers:

- "Knock on Any Door" Balancia
- "Lady Chatterly's Lover" Bellman
- "Lost Weekend" Belton
- "Devil in the Flesh" Caughey
- "Disenchanted" Caughey
- "Modern Lover" Cohen
- "Out of This World" Feste
- "Sailor's Choice" Flyntz
- "Depends What You Mean By Love" Fox
- "East Side General" Gargan
- "My Life In Crime" McAllister
- "Bury Me Deep" Shimshidian
- "Sanctuary and Requiem For A Nun" Smith
- "Twelve O'Clock High" Callahan
- "Road Kid" Gerken
- "Sons and Lovers" Melita
- "The Brain Stealers" Sammis
- "When Boyhood Dreams Come True" Schober
- "I Should Have Stayed Home" Bates
- "Don Juan" Lloyd
- "Paradise Below the Stairs" Mackenzie
- "Spark of Life" Fiebelkorn

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Maritime Administration to Aid U. S. Shipping - Acting to further encourage projects for new construction and repair in U. S. shipyards, Maritime Administrator Clarence G. Morse today issued a statement of policy, outlining the factors that would be considered in transferring American ships to foreign registry.

The new policy simply reinstates the older one adopted in 1952 under the Truman administration, in that it allows transfer of registry only if the owner of the vessel agrees to commit the proceeds of sale to the building of new tonnage in American yards for operation under the U.S. flag.

In announcing his clarification of the policy, Mr. Morse said: "We feel that the new policy will encourage new ship construction for our merchant marine, will result in more jobs for shipyard workers and seagoing personnel by the incentive given to new shipyard orders and by entry of new and modern tonnage to our active American Merchant fleet."

New U.S. Ships: The S.S. President Jackson, first of a series, recently entered service in the American President Lines. The vessel is part of a 200 million dollar expansion program for A.P.L. Three sister ships to the President Jackson, President Hayes, President Adams, and the President Coolidge will soon follow.

MorMack to Replace Cargo Vessels. Moore-McCormack Lines, engaged in building two new 18,000 ton liners for the South American trade, recently agreed with the Maritime Administration to place its first order for a new cargo vessel sometime in 1956. This adds MorMack Lines to an increasingly larger list of U.S. ship operators who are now acting to replace their aging vessels.

Know Your Rates

This week we shall enlighten you upon that slim, trim blonde-haired speedster, Jack Smith, your 1st Co. Commander. Jack entered Fort Schuyler upon graduation from Cardinal Hayes High School. While in high school Jack was in very little extra-curricular activities, devoting most of his time to the more serious things, mainly a well rounded education.

The speedster came to us in '52, straight from high school. Here he not only maintained his academic record, but also developed his social life. His biggest achievement, and one we will always remember him for, is his participation with the Cross Country Team. For four years he's been on the team and this last year he was elected to captain it. In '54 he broke the school record and again in '55 he broke his own record. Academically he has maintained an overall 3.1 average being continuously on the Captain and Dean's Lists. "Smitty" also was on the advertising staff of the Porthole for some time and was also on the Dance Committee for three years, taking full advantage of those free tickets. He has belonged to three clubs, namely the Propellor, Newman and Reading Society.

His love life has been a long one with a cute blue-eyed blonde we all know as Joany. From my own standpoint, it looks like a sure thing, too. His personality traits are very admirable being an easy going, quick-laughing, beer-loving young man. As Rosey might say, "Definitely." He fits the shoes of Leadership very well, leading his company to two wins of the company competition contest to date. Jack is also a strong believer in the 11th commandment.

His future is uncertain, except for wedding bells. In any event, we of the first class feel sure that Jack will be a success in anything he will do.

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sign (2) Standardization of Construction. Another key factor is speed, said Mr. Morse, for fast ships get the cargoes.

The government has increased its own efficiency in fulfilling its obligations to the Industry, said Mr. Morse.

"For one thing, shipping operators have been encouraged by the outstanding achievement of the Maritime Board during the past year in the more effective determinations of construction differential subsidy. For the first time since the enactment of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, construction contracts are being signed with prior GAO approval. We have stopped building lawsuits". Mr. Morse then announced that in the week just ended, another move had been made toward the nuclear propelled merchant vessel.

The Maritime Administration has invited proposals from manufacturers covering a nuclear plant for a merchant ship. Mr. Morse wished to have such propulsion fitted to a tanker by June, 1959. Other proposals are now being submitted with a view toward a second vessel, more advanced in design, by June 1961.

Mr. Morse concluded with the following statement: "We are on the threshold of the greatest era in our maritime history--and we must not fumble the ball! In my opinion we are right now taking more positive steps than were made in any previous era, with the possible exception of the great epoch of clipper ship construction"

The Bentley Papers

We return to Flash Saltine's recollection of the disaster. After losing his sea anchor and dismissing the helmsman, Flash is unfortunately a witness to the quietus of young Lyons, who, in the process of observing morning ceremonies at colors, is washed overboard in the line of duty.

"Portland" James found the master leaning over the rail, glaring at the storm, his hat over his heart. He realized what had happened and sympathetically offered to strike eight bells, in honor of the sailor's sudden demise.

"Strike eight bells at a quarter past nine?" Saltine blurted furiously, "get back to your post, you incomparable idiot!" Feeling famished from his many exertions, Flash descended the swaying ladder to the galley in the hopes of finding some breakfast, after turning the wheel over to one of the youngest and smallest of the messboys, a dark little Italian lad who bore the incredible name of Vanilla.

On his way through the darkened companionway, Saltine passed the tiny sick bay and caught a glimpse of the motley little doctor and his aged assistant scurrying about the shelves and sterilizers in a frenzy of panic, gathering their multi-colored pills together in the same bag, and making last-minute entries in the log. The doctor's mole-like features gleamed in the dim light, his weasle eyes shifting back and forth nervously like tiny coals, as he chattered to his assistant, the senior medical technician. "No Sick Calls today George, no matter what, too many men will want to get out of work... that's it, the blue ones... where's that book on skin dis-?" The doctor's words were interrupted by a sudden loud explosion from one of the sterilizers as a heavy breaker boarded the vessel and poured down the hatch, throwing Flash against the bulkhead and flushing the doctor and his pills into a nearby gear closet. Flames broke out immediately amongst the debris from some whale oil floating on top of the sea water, now reaching knee level in the small cabin. Palls of

thick smoke rolled towards Flash, soiling his crisp whites. He flew, back up the ladder and closed the hatch behind him, leaving the good doctor and his assistant to their own devices.

Von Richoff (claimed to have descended from a medieval baron) an old hawk-nosed Prussian, bosun of the Empty State, was busy on foc'sle, beating some hapless seamen to work in typical brute fashion with a short length of knotted rope, of which he was very fond. As Flash approached, he did a sharp about face, in spite of the slippery deck, and made a curt bow to the master with a loud click of his polished heels, as he had learned from years of experience with the German Admiralty.

"Well, how goes it?" asked Flash, wiping some thick soot from each eye.

"Ab-a'ab, ab-ah--!", Rickoff began nervously in a most unintelligible manner, clicking his heels furiously and bowing up and down like a quick action lever.

"Oh lay off that!" Flash cried impatiently. "What are you doing there?" he asked, gestulating toward the bowsprit. Meanwhile, the seamen, who hadn't been observed, were suddenly swept off the trailboards and washed overboard.

The bosun was in the middle of his sixth bow when he observed the vacant Foc'sle and Flash, staring flabbergasted at the lee rail. "Ach, I've failed my command!" he said feebly, fingering a small fid he had withdrawn from his pocket, and gazing with downcast eyes at the foot of the foremast.

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Drag Of The Week

This is one girl who needs no introduction, to especially the Second Class engineers. She is the most known about, most talked about person in any idle conversation.

In case you have not been in the vicinity of Room 220, the girl is Dolores Petke. A certain Mr. Marklein intends to change that name in June 1957. No more will we hear that longing sigh, no more the endless "Marklein, Telephone." But seriously men, this is one girl that merits any young hearts affection. No more charming a girl exists in the vicinity of Glendale, Queens.



The second class wishes Bill and Dee the best of everything in the year ahead.

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Turning The Tables

By Tom Devine & Andy Conklin

Paul Desmond goes on a safari when he blows his way through "Le Souk" on Brubecks' Jazz goes to College" LP. He picks up from Dave's lead and continues on his fanatical interpretation, which in turn causes the rest of the quartet to jump right in and help him hack his way to nowhere. This recording brings out the best of Brubeck and his boys, with Desmond deserving much of the credit. Of course we can't belittle the work of Bob Bates and Joe Dodge, who are also important cogs contributing to the great success of the quartet.

Whatever happened to the coda, which B.G. and his contemporaries used so frequently and so adeptly back in the good old days? Almost all of B.G.'s trio, quartet and sextet numbers were polished off by a gradual increase or decrease in tempo, with everyone blowing on all burners, and this always brought the roof down. The answer may be that it doesn't belong in modern jazz, and it only fits in Dixieland, where it was born.

Louis Armstrong comes up with another murderous treatment on "Mack, the Knife" (?), taken from a show down in the Village, "The Three Penny Opera" (??) If you like Sachmo's singing (???), like we do, you'll go nuts over this one.

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