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Union Program Survey Results Show...

By ROGER KISNER

In a program survey that Mr. Bob Alexander had taken last December, the results were tabulated on an IBM calculator in Berkeley to correlate the information with the person who answered the questionnaire. This survey was taken to get an indication of the interest in the various programs that it is possible to put on in the new Union, and get the program off to a flying start when it goes into full scale operation next semester.

There were close to a thousand questionnaires distributed and 55% were returned. Three-quarters of those returned were filled out by single students, and three-fifths of the students were men. These figures would indicate that this is not a really representative sample of the student body, but may be a good sample of those who will be most interested in and use the facilities of the Union the most.

Jazz concerts, live and recorded, came out in first place, and classical concerts, which were not included in the survey, were a big write-in. The gym has excellent facilities for concerts with the large stage on the north side, and subject to the availability of

money, these will be scheduled as often as possible.

Films, both American and foreign, were highly rated, and it will be possible to show them from the regular theater type projection room on the west side of the gym to large audiences.

Dances will be held in the gym also, which is large enough to accommodate most of the student body, and it may be that many of the schools and all Medical Center dances will be there.

It must be kept in mind that nothing in the activities program is cut and dried, and there will be many more kinds of activities, but everything will be tried to see what is supported and desired by the entire student body. It is our Union, and we will get what we want if we make our desires known. The man to see is the Union Director, Mr. Bob Alexander, of the Program Council which will be set up in the near future.

There is another survey for food service which will be taken in the near future. It will be tried to determine from the results, just what we will want from the cafeteria facilities. Make your desires known; it will be to your advantage.

Your Millberry Union Representatives



Board of Governors, left to right: Dr. Eiler, Mr. Ward, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Bateman, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Gates, Mr. Melmon, Dr. Goldman, Dr. Steninger, Dr. Sciutto, Dr. Sooy, Dr. Weinstein, Mr. Chelli, Miss Daulton, Dr. Morse, Miss Rehffuss, Miss Brugge and Mr. Richardson. Not shown, Don Holsten, President ASUCMC, Dean Johnstone, and Pharmacy — James McConville.

School of Nursing Welcomes New Dean

The University of California School of Nursing welcomed Dr. Helen Nahm as the new dean of the School of Nursing at a tea given in her honor on February 11th. Dr. Nahm assumed her official capacity at the beginning of the spring semester.

Miss Nahm is a former director of several basic nursing programs and has had wide experience as an administrator and nursing educator. A graduate of the University of Missouri School of Nursing, Dr. Nahm received her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota.

Under Dr. Nahm's direction, the faculty is studying basic (a regular training period for student nurses) and graduate nurse programs for possible changes which can be made so this school can continue to be one of the leading schools of nursing in the nation.

The primary objective of nursing education now is to develop and focus on "patient-centered" nursing care. This involves developing a nurse who is deeply interested in the patient as a person; who knows how to care for the patient with intelligence and understanding; who thinks about the patient as a member of a family; who understands the impact of illness on the family; who knows how to think for herself; and who becomes a mature person who is able to work effectively with other nursing groups and other professional groups in the interest of the patient.

The present basic program gives knowledge in every field, and gives the student nurse opportunity to learn the basic care of patients with illness. The basic program then, prepares the graduate for beginning practices in hospital and public nursing. From this foundation, the new graduate can go on to specialize in clinical nursing, medicine, maternal and child care, etc. A speciali-

zation will develop expert nurse in that chosen field—from this level a nurse is ready for supervisory and teaching positions. The principle behind this concept



DEAN NAHM

is that one cannot be a good teacher until she has achieved good expert nursing.

The nursing student body is pleased to have such an outstanding person as its dean. Once again, Dean Nahm, welcome to the UC Medical Center.

Rummage Sale

The nursing student body is planning a rummage sale on May 9th, to be held at Patrick's Rummage Center, 999 McAllister Street, S.F. At present they are collecting any and every thing for this sale. They will be placing collection boxes at strategic places and leaving notices as to where one can bring donated articles or where these articles can be picked up. Notices will be placed on the 5th floor Medical Science Bldg., Moffitt Laundry, Student Health, the entrance to the Library, Dean of Students Office, Nursing School Faculty

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Student Loan Funds Go Begging

University loan funds—student-aid funds which are administered by the Dean of Students' Office at each campus—were utilized on a University-wide basis to only 38.8% of capacity as of June 30, 1957. With \$848,353 loan fund principal available, \$327,718 was on loan at the end of the year, most of it interest-free (interest, usually three percent, is charged only on the balance of a loan outstanding when a student leaves school.)

A portion of these loan funds (that part which is not restricted, by terms of the donation, to use on a specified campus only) is available for transfer to campuses which have a definite need for additional loan fund resources.

Loan fund activity varies considerably during the year. For instance, the first quarter, from July through September, is characteristically the low point of the year. Requests for loans begin to pick up sharply after fall semester registration and into the second quarter. They reach a peak during the third quarter, and taper off toward the end of the year. This pattern manifested itself in 1956-57, during which a total of \$413,517 was loaned.

NEW FACILITIES

On February 21, the U.C. Board of Regents authorized the construction of two more facilities on the San Francisco Campus. Namely:

- (1) A Combined Structure Unit 3 for 64 students, built by the Midstate Construction Company for \$281,000.
- (2) A \$25,407 Radiological Laboratory built by Erbentraut and Summers.

Charter Day Ceremony This Wednesday

On Wednesday, March 19, the Millberry Union will be used for the first time when Charter Day ceremonies are held at 2:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. The Union is not expected to open until July.

Dr. Wendell Stanley, Professor of Biochemistry and Director of the Biochemistry Laboratory on the Berkeley Campus will speak on "The Health Sciences in the U.S.S.R." Dr. Willard E. Fleming, Dean of the School of Dentistry will preside over the entire ceremony. Other items on the program will include Dr. R. Gordon Agnew leading "All Hail" and the University Hymn and Dr. George E. Steninger will sing Sigmund Romberg's "Desert Song," and "I Love Life" by Mana-Zucca.

Another first on the San Francisco Campus will be the Faculty Research Lecture which has been an annual affair on other University of California Campuses. Dr. I. Lyon Chaikoff, professor of physiology in the University of California School of Medicine, will deliver the first lecture at the U.C. Medical Center at 9:15 a.m., Wednesday, March 19, in 214 Medical Sciences Building as a part of the Charter Day event. His subject will be "Lipogenesis: Nutritional and Hormonal Control." The Medical Staff Confer-

ence of the Department of Medicine, usually held at 9:00 a.m. Wednesdays, will be cancelled on this day to permit participants to attend the Faculty Research Lecture.

Dr. Chaikoff, 55, was born in England and holds B.A., M.A., Ph.D. and M.D. degrees from the University of Toronto. He joined the U.C. faculty in 1930 and has been professor of physiology since 1942. He was described by the Faculty Research Lecture nominating committee as "a world authority in physiological chemistry as it pertains particularly to the field of endocrinology and metabolism."

His research has produced basic contributions to understanding of thyroid hormone formation and action, and of the body chemistry of cholesterol, phospholipids and other fatty materials. He was a pioneering user of radio-active tracer methods in metabolic studies.

Traditionally a distinguished faculty member is invited by his colleagues to give a public lecture on a research subject of his choice. The lecture takes place during the week-long ceremonies commemorating Charter Day, anniversary of the legislative act which created the University on March 23, 1868.

Candid Photos Needed Now

The Medi-Cal is desperately in need of candid pictures. The members of the staff would like to make a plea to the various schools, organizations and classes on campus which have not turned in enough candid photos. This plea is particularly in reference to the schools of Dentistry and Physical Therapy.

Your annual has been planned

this year to include many more candid photos than ever before, particularly because this seemed to be what the students wanted. We have deadlines to meet which we are overdue on now and feel that it is up to the students themselves, if they want a good book, to see that the material we need is made available. If you have any candid photos you would like to

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EDITORIAL

CHARTER DAY

Next Wednesday at 2 p.m. the doors of the Millberry Union will be opened wide for the first function within its walls. Wednesday is Charter Day, the 90th anniversary of the University's founding. Classes will be suspended in order that you may attend the ceremony in the huge gymnasium, and then get a glimpse of the Union soon to be opened to you on a regular basis. Plan to visit the Union Wednesday—nothing we could say would substitute for a personal look.

SYNAPSE REPRESENTATIVES

Synapse suffered one financial setback which threatened its existence. This has been overcome and our future success is no longer a dream but a reality—as far as finances are concerned. However, finances will not produce an interesting paper. People are our true security. People not only are news, but help to record news. Recording news doesn't usually take as much time as making news, yet the value of making news is dependent on the audience which can benefit or receive enjoyment from this information. We, here at U.C. are definitely crowded for time, but we all have a little to spare. If we all could do just a little without being pushed we could have a very successful paper.

The time for school and class elections is here. We want every school president to see that a person with enthusiasm is either elected or appointed within his school to serve next year as associate editor. His job will be interesting and definitely not a burden. Also, we want each Class and Fraternity president to elect or appoint a representative. We want these name as soon as possible. Why procrastinate; nothing worthwhile is achieved without effort.

MEDI-CAL DESPERATE

For months now the Medi-Cal has been asking for candid photos in order to make this year's Medi-Cal the best one ever published. The staff has worked hard to achieve this end, but will not be successful unless your spell of lethargy is broken. Tonight when you go home, look through your photos—old and new; pick out ones showing humor, a good time, etc.; print the details such as your name, fraternity, etc. on the back; drop them in the box by the 2nd floor elevators in Medical Science, or give them to Mary Douglass at the nursing dorm or Eud Taylor at Kappa Psi Fraternity. The deadline has already been extended; please get the pictures in now.

Inter-Campus News . . .

By Dave Winegar

At the recent California Club convention, a resolution was passed to institute a weekly exchange of columns between the newspapers of all of the Campuses of the University. This exchange column, it is hoped, will further inter-campus harmony and understanding by broadening the students' views of the entire University. It will include items which would be of interest and importance to the University as a whole. We feel that this is a worthwhile undertaking, and we shall do everything in our power at "Synapse" to make this project a success.

Sites for New University Campuses

The Regents at their January meeting adopted "for general guidance" and administrative committee report which recommends that the sites the University is seeking for its three new campuses be 1,000 acres each, accessible to a large live-at-home student population, and located in and area which will (1) be free of concentrations of heavy business and industrial activity, noise, and smog; (2) offer pleasant year-around climatic conditions; (3) not compete with services offered by nearby institutions; (4) offer promise of an effective working relationship with an interested and cooperative community; (5) not be in a high priced, nor a deteriorating, neighborhood; and (6) offer natural beauty, cultural

activities, and transportation possibilities.

General areas in which the University is seeking to establish its new campuses are San Diego-Imperial, Orange County-East Los Angeles, and South Central (Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara).

At their last meeting, the Regents requested \$7,500,000 as a supplemental budget item for establishing the three campuses.

The committee report anticipated the 1,000 acre sites would ultimately accommodate a student population of 25,000. Slightly more than half the acreage would be immediately allocated: 145 acres for building, 100 for experimental facilities, 110 for student housing, 115 for parking, 40 for athletics, and 25 for service facilities.

Future Development

The remaining 465 acres would be reserved for future development. No part would be allocated for agriculture (which has exacting site requirements) or for "coliseum type" spectator sports facilities.

Provision for housing from 25 per cent to 40 per cent of the students in on-campus or near-campus facilities was suggested. This would support an enrollment of students from a distance and "thereby ensure a cosmopolitan experience for all students."

The report cited the "artificial restriction on numbers" encountered

RESIDENT WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. William L. Weirich, chief resident in surgery at the University of California Medical Center, San Francisco, has been named a Markle Scholar in Medical Science.

Dr. Weirich is one of 25 young medical scientists whose receipt of the highly-prized scholarships was announced in New York yesterday by the John and Mary R. Markle Foundation. The scholarships carry five-year, \$30,000 grants in support of the salaries and research programs of the recipients, all of whom are embarking on careers in medical teaching and research.

The 33-year-old University of California surgeon is now completing his sixth and final year of residency training and will be appointed an instructor in surgery next July 1. His research interests are in heart surgery and cardiac physiology, including changes in circulatory function occasioned by the use of pump oxygenators (heart-lung machines).

Dr. Weirich is a 1947 graduate of the University's Berkeley campus and received the M.D. degree from its San Francisco School of Medicine in 1951. Following a surgical internship at the Medical Center, he entered the University's residency training program. He spent the academic year 1956-57 as a National Heart Institute trainee at the University of Minnesota Medical School. There he spent six months in the heart surgery research laboratories and



Dr. William L. Weirich

during the latter part of his traineeship was chief resident in cardiac surgery.

The newly-appointed Markle Scholar has already made significant research contributions in heart surgery. While at Minnesota, he conceived and developed a technique for controlling an

often fatal complication of open cardiac surgery called complete heart block, in which the heart beats too slowly to pump an adequate amount of blood. The technique involves placing a "pace-maker's" electrode in the heart muscle to stimulate the return of normal cardiac rhythm. It has been credited with lowering significantly the death rate in open heart surgery at the Minneapolis institution.

Dr. Weirich was born in Napa, May 5, 1924, and attended Vallejo High School. During World War II he interrupted his University education to serve as a destroyer escort officer in the Navy. He is the son of Mrs. R. L. Peckham, 608 Randolph Street, Napa.

The new Markle Scholar lives at 81 Homestead Street, San Francisco. Mrs. Weirich, a medical illustrator, is expecting their second child this month.

Dr. Weirich is the fifth U.C. Medical Center staff member awarded a Markle Scholarship since the program was established in 1948. Previous recipients are Dr. T. Timothy Crocken, associate professor of medicine; Dr. Samuel J. Kimura, associate professor of ophthalmology; Dr. Vincent C. DiRaimondo, assistant professor of medicine; and Dr. James A. Merrill, instructor in obstetrics and gynecology.

Probing Human Performance

Laurence E. Morehouse, Professor of Physical Education at Los Angeles, is undertaking a series of studies probing human performance and its relation to fatigue in lifetime efficiency.

Professor Morehouse, in association with Dr. Sanford S. Golden, Beverly Hills dentist, has set up an experimental dentist's office. They will utilize a life-size dummy patient which complains of an "electronic cavity." This cavity records unsteady actions which the dentist is likely to exhibit as he becomes fatigued after bending over a conventional dental chair for long hours.

The dentist is "wired" to record bodily clues of fatigue. An electromyograph charts muscular efforts and tensions. The dentist breathes pure oxygen through a respirometer to measure expenditure of energy. A sphygmomanometer records his blood pressure.

Results of the study may lead to recommendations for revolutionary dental equipment in which (1) the patient is semi-reclining in a couch-like dental chair and (2) the dentist is seated.

tered at Riverside because of insufficient housing and recommended that adequate facilities (University or off-campus) be in being from the inception of the new campuses.

Student Populations

A target date of 1965 was fixed for development of the three sites. Expected student population in 1965, quoting the data in the Additional Centers of Study of T. C. Holy and H. H. Semans, would be 8,300 at the South Central Coast Section site, 12,800 in the East Los Angeles-Orange County area, and 4,500 for the Imperial Valley-San Diego area campus. By 1970, the respective populations would be 11,900, 12,500, and 6,000, increasing to an ultimate of 25,000 at an indeterminate date.

The new campuses will ultimately offer the diversity of graduate and undergraduate programs found at Berkeley and Los Angeles.

The 1,000 acre sites should be accompanied by sufficient acreage (3,000 to 4,000 acres) for the supporting community, and should include a "core" area of 500 acres for development as the educational center of the campus.

Nation's First Navy Nurse Corps Candidate Sworn In

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Feb. 21 — Mary Margaret Douglass, pretty University of California Nursing senior, today became the Navy's first Nurse Corps Candidate.

The Nurse Corps Candidate program instituted recently by the Navy allows qualified student nurses to join the Navy while continuing their education.

The Navy finances the Nurse Corps Candidate's tuition, books, room, board and incidental fees in addition to a monthly pay check of \$99.37.



Miss Douglass will be commissioned an Ensign in the Nurse Corps upon graduation from nursing school and will then serve two years active duty at one of the Navy's hospitals.

Miss Douglass is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gawin E. Douglass of Orangeville, California. Mr. Douglass is associated with Natomas Gold Mining Company. Mrs. Douglass is a teacher at Orangeville Elementary School.

Med. Center and Hastings Law Cal-Clubs to "Get-Together"

Much has been happening within the Medical Center's Cal Club. At a recent meeting held Feb. 26th, due to a record attendance, several new plans were discussed. One being that monthly meetings would be held on the second Sunday of every month, place to be designated later, to discuss channels by which the club could better contribute to inter-campus and state-wide relationships. A "hoopla" was planned with the

chapter at Hastings School of Law which will take place March 15th at 8:30 p.m., at the Phi Delta Chi house. Wives, fiancées and dates of the members will be welcome at this function. During this convening on the 26th a new vice chairman, Pete Ralston, was elected, who will serve with Don Scales, chairman, and Mary Dilley, secretary, for this semester, which should prove to be prosperous and enjoyable for both our campus and Cal Club.

ON THE HILL



by Jack Hockel and Bob Neumayr

These Lovely Towers of Ivory

A UNION IS ADDED: The Charter Day of the newest addition to these ivory towers which will be held next Tuesday is an epochal event, in a way. It will mark the coming of a new era to life-on-the-heights... too bad the graduating seniors won't be able to enjoy it... seems as tho' it won't open 'til July... **OUR UNION!** A place where we can go to relax and enjoy ourselves! There's going to be a gym, a swimming pool, a lounge; just everything one could ask for during his spare time. **SPARE TIME!!** What's that? How many of the people in this Medical Center know what **Spare Time** is? Perhaps one could classify that twenty minutes between the time lunch is finished and the next class, or clinic, or seminar begins as **spare time**. And in the evening, after eight grueling hours at these lovely towers, when one is organizing the next day's activities (or merely recuperating from today's), **THEN** is the time we can relax in the union... **SPARE TIME?** Spare time is rare time, and if it isn't it should be; or so we all believe!!

THE JUNIOR ALLIANCE OF WIVES OF DENTAL STUDENTS: They had a dance in Corte Madera recently. It was a real fine affair. Students from The College of Physicians and Surgeons, as well as U.C., attended. An intermission of entertainment was presented featuring some very talented wives in a chorus-girl routine. Those wives do things up real swell!!

There was a young girl from St. Paul
Wore a newspaper dress to a ball
But the dress caught on fire
And burned her entire
Front page—sporting section—and all.
There once was a scholar named Fressor
Whose knowledge grew lessor and lessor.
It at last grew so small
He knew nothing at all,
And today he's a college professor!

PLACES FEW EVER SEE: San Fran. has many sites both famous and seen by everyone. Here is a place few have seen. It is the old Spanish style fortress called **Fort Point** built on the edge of the bay right below the **Golden Gate Bridge**. Built in 1856, the fort with its turrets and buttresses and open center court yard looks every bit a setting for a **BeMille** production. Originally built to withstand foreign fleets it was turned into a Federal prison until Oct., 1933 when it was replaced by **Alcatraz**. This forgotten fort dwarfed by the **Golden Gate** can be reached by going to the end of 25th Ave. at the **Sea Cliff** District and turning right into the **Presidio** road that skirts along the bay.

NO MORE GOSSIP: This week we were showered with no gossip and also too busy to even look around for some. So we decided to discuss the authors in brief but accurate portrayal. We are two rather handsome bachelors who through no fault of our own are not deluged by feminine fan mail. Perhaps we should place pictures of ourselves at the head of the column but the caricature seems to suffice. As an introduction, **Jack Hockel** is a Jr. Dent Student of rare capabilities who although he likes teeth, can't stand people. He's a born leader, prexy of the **Delta Sigs**, an office he attained, some say, through dirty politics. At least, that's one explanation for his perennial blush.

ABOUT NEUMAYR: He's the lad who helps produce this fine column. A Native **San Franciscan**, Bob can be recognized by his reserved manner, sharp wit, and big, broad smile. Being the more literary half of this duo, you can attribute all of the constructive finesse and piquant humor of our column to him.

CAMPUS MEMO

March 14—9:00 St. Patrick's Dance at 610 Parnassus.
March 18—8:00 p.m. at Kappa Psi House, Saints, Sinners and Skeptics: Rev. Fordyce Eastburn will speak on "The Spiritual Needs of the Sick."
March 18—12:00, Noon Concert in Classroom B, Medical School Building.
March 19—1:00 p.m. Noon Topics, Moffitt Hospital Cafeteria.
March 19—2:00 p.m. Charter Day Ceremonies at Millberry Union Gymnasium.
March 25—12:00 Noon Concert.
March 26—1:00 p.m. Noon Topics.

P. T. Class Ice Cream Party

Lacking only the little white wagon and set of bells, the Physical Therapy Class played the part of "the Good Humor Man," last Friday night.

Starlite West supplied two home-made ice cream mixers, and the necessary directions to get the job done: "Keep cranking or it will never freeze," were her encouraging comments after what seemed like hours of endless turning.

Joan Thompson and Mary Jane Wohletz will probably be eating ice cream and cookies for the next month, for you see, it was in their apartment on Parnassus that the production took place.

It seems that, except for the aforementioned gala event, things have been pretty routine—Neurology, Therapeutic Exercise, Surgical Specialties, "you know what I mean?"

P.S.—Could someone please tell me how to sterilize ice!

PAN AIR STEWARDESS TO SPEAK AT MED CENTER

A Pan American stewardess is the guest speaker for the Nursing Student Body Meeting to be held in the Auditorium of 610 Parnassus on Wednesday, March 19, at 7:00.

Accompanying the speaker will be a 16 mm. color movie filmed by Pan American Air Lines entitled, "Japan—So Small My Island." Japan, being one of the interesting stopovers in Pan Air Flights with its picturesque beauty, this night should prove very interesting.

Also present at this meeting will be a representative of the Rummage Sale Center to answer questions concerning the Rummage Sale on May 9.

SYNAPSE CHANGE IN SCHEDULE

Because of the Easter recess, the next issue of Synapse will appear on March 28th instead of April 11th as originally planned.

We have instituted a new system of mailing a letter and a postcard to each group on campus for each issue. **PLEASE READ THE LETTER AND RETURN THE CARD AS INSTRUCTED.** The time it will take will be insignificant, the result will be a much better Synapse. The **DEADLINE** for the next paper is March 21. New cards will be in the mail tomorrow.

Rummage Sale

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Board, Cafeteria Bulletin Board, O.R. & D.R. Dressing Rooms, and the 610 Dorm. It would be appreciated if all those who have contributions would bring them to the 610 Dorm or leave their names and telephone numbers on those sheets provided if unable to bring articles to the collection spots.

Anything you have is of value to the student nurses for their sale. For example, old clothes, lamps, jewelry, pots or pans are saleable articles. If further information is desired contact Diane Reber or Pam Oliver at Montrose 4-3600, Extension 1902.



ST. PATRICK'S DANCE

The Nursing Student Body invites the Campus to a St. Patrick's Dance on Friday, March 14th. We hope to make it a March 14th that no one will forget. Bring your best St. Patrick's day greetings and enjoy our combo, refreshments, and fun. It is free to all—couples, stags, and stray leprechauns. Wear comfortable, moderately casual clothes, and dance from nine till twelve. Don't miss a good time—610 Parnassus Ave., 7th floor, for a gala St. Patrick's party.

Candid Photos

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put in the Medi-Cal, either put them in the boxes at the elevators on second floor of the Medical School building or drop them off at the Nurses dormitory in care of Mary Douglass, or turn them in to Bud Taylor at the Kappa Psi House.

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Murder and the Social Unit

By YASIN BALBAKY

Recently a Stanford Student murdered a girl because he had an impulse to destroy a member of that society which created and nourished him. His act is beyond any labored explanation which we can contrive so we conclude that he is sick and imply that he is not responsible.

It is obvious that the incident brings to light interesting questions touching on fundamental questions like social order, guilt, punishment and free will. However, there is one aspect of the situation or which I would like to elucidate, which I hope will excite some thought.

In the past people killed for reasons which were compatible with their social setting, for example, many individuals lost their lives for as little as a loaf of bread. But here in one complicated and comfortable society we are facing more interesting motives. The Stanford young man killed in revenge for the one thing, realizing at the same time that he was killing himself. We can follow the old pattern and send him to the gas chamber, or we can be more modernistic and send him to a psychiatrist on the premise that it is society that deprived him of love and frustrated him; that he attempted to destroy himself because the society made life worthless for him. We can contemplate these ideas at our leisure. But what I want to establish is the relationship between the fact that I could be the victim of such a killer and the fact that I am an element in the society which produced him. The gap may appear wide but in my mind it does not even exist. Every one of us is perpetuating a social order that produces such individuals; killers who revolted because they were estranged and lost in the shuffle. They are intelligent, educated,

and sensitive; yet we give them up. Actually by doing that, we are giving ourselves up to their ill-bred whims, but more important than that, is even the "healthy" part of society becomes infiltrated with half-killers who revolt and kill, rape, and destroy in their thoughts. But why do we breed such strangers?

Man in the past or in more "unfortunate" countries may be justified to kill because of hunger or oppression, but murder of the "Stanford style" did not take place under those circumstances because people were knit together in a socio-psychological matrix which did not allow for such degeneration. Here we have wealth, democracy and justice, yet strange murder blooms. There is one central factor which can produce such a result. It is the fact that we live in a community of loose human relations, so loose that absolute strangers crop up, so alienated that life becomes worthless to them, that the rest of the world becomes an enemy to be destroyed. This is the deplorable state of our society in which the social unit is not any more an intimately integrated life, a human being who feels, loves, expresses, and produces; but a "unit" operating to drive the big machine, the big society, the rich clumsy waster who spends his billions a year on destruction apparatus, clamoring on fear, power, and war. We are all in the factory producing bigger cars and bigger bombs. The factory has the soul; and since we can take such a casual attitude toward the meaning of our lives we might as well take just as casually the activities of our "Stanford style" murders, and consider them a by-product of our highly civilized way of life.

Junior Dental Alliance Dance

On March 1st, the students of the University of California School of Dentistry and of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of San Francisco enjoyed themselves at a dance sponsored by the Junior Dental Alliance at the Corte Madera Lions Club. Besides dancing to music provided by Jack Hockle and his fine group from the University of California, a floor show was presented using student entertainment. The Irish-Hawaiian theme, was exemplified by a chorus line, made up of members of the Alliance, dancing to "McNamara's Band" and "Lolo O'Brian." A note of humor was introduced in the last number when the husbands of the participants appeared and attempted to do the same dance as their wives. Jerry Peil of the College of Physicians and Surgeons was Master of Ceremonies. Bob Engman did his outstanding monologue and Clyde Nisheyama performed two Hawaiian numbers. Both are from the University of California.

The Junior Dental Alliance is a group of wives of the students of both Dental Schools, the only group of its kind. It was founded in November of 1955, largely through the efforts of the Woman's Auxiliary to the San Francisco Dental Society. Mrs. Betsy Dawson of the University of California served as its first president, followed by Mrs. Alice Ward of the College of Physicians. This May, Mrs. Beverly Cook of U.C. will take over the gavel.

The purpose of the Alliance is to further the welfare of Dentistry and to promote a spirit of friendliness between the families of the members of the Alliance. Each year they present an award in cash to each College; the award will be presented to a worthy married junior student chosen by the Dean on the basis of need, character, and scholarship. The recently held dance was held with the hopes of raising money to make their award this year.

Pharmacy Professor Returns

Dr. Warren D. Kumler, professor of pharmacy and pharmaceutical chemistry, returned to the campus last week after spending four weeks as a Kemper K. Knapp Visiting Professor at the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy, Madison.

Dr. Kumler and another distinguished University professor of chemistry, Dr. Chester T. O'Konski of the Berkeley campus, are two of the four such visiting faculty members appointed for the spring semester in connection with the Wisconsin institution's 75th anniversary celebration. Professor O'Konski will go to Madison late in April, remaining until the end of the spring semester.

Dr. Kumler's twelve lectures concerned his special field of research interest—the molecular structure of drugs.

The Knapp Professorships were



established in 1945 under a bequest from the late Kemper K. Knapp, Chicago attorney and University of Wisconsin alumnus.

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Ecology Lectures

By "JACQUI"

On Wednesday afternoon, March 5, in the cafeteria of Moffitt Hospital, Professor Winfield Scott Wellington, prominent Architect and Professor of Design at the University of California at Berkeley, spoke on the ASPECTS OF DOMESTIC ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN COMMON TO THE TRADITIONAL FAR EAST AND THE CONTEMPORARY WEST. Dr. Wellington received his training at the University of California, and has had a tremendous influence on Architecture in San Francisco. Our de Young Museum contains numerous rooms designed by him.

The lecture Wednesday was given from a paper which Dr. Wellington had prepared for a panel three years ago. It covered various aspects of architecture and design of Oriental culture which has influenced our contemporary design today. He discussed some of the reasons for this trend, and how Japanese design, which stresses mobility and flexibility of planning, has lent itself to American needs for expansion, and reflects the changing social patterns in this country.

The talk was quite interesting, but a lot was lost because, due to lack of time, the lecture was read rather rapidly from the paper which had been used in the panel discussion previously mentioned.

Next in the series was the lecture given last Wednesday by Dr. Joseph Henderson, Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychology at Stanford University School of Medicine. The lecture was entitled PSYCHIATRY AS AN ECOLOGIC FACET IN GERONTOLOGY, and was one of the best in the group of talks. Dr. Henderson also read from a previously prepared lecture, thus making his

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talk a little rapid, but nevertheless completely fascinating.

He discussed the aged, what they do after retirement, and how they develop the psycho-neuroses which lead them to consult a Psychiatrist. He explained some of the theories and facts put forth by such Psychiatrists as Freud, Jung, and Rank, and he covered facets of the aging process as commented upon by Nietzsche, and Browning.

Dr. Henderson's brief coverage of various methods of Psychotherapy which have been applied in the past, and are being used, today was quite fascinating, but not nearly enough to satisfy the interested individual, who is then goaded to find out more for himself.

There is no doubt that old age, provides a large field for the interested Psychiatrist, but it can also provide a large field for the layman, who comes in contact with "people over 60" and who is in a good position to help those individuals adjust to their changing way of life by accepting them, and thereby helping them to accept themselves.

On March 19th, the lecturer will be George Pettitt, who will speak on THE CHALLENGE OF THE ATOMIC AGE. This will include the historical development of atomic power and its effect upon man.

On March 26th, our own Dr. Jurgen Ruesch will speak on NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION—the word communication includes all procedures by which one mind may influence another. This is the last in the recently scheduled series of lectures.

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