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SPAGHETTI AND ALL THAT JAZZ!

The Second Annual "STRUGGLERS PARTY," attended and enjoyed by almost five hundred students last month, will be a difficult one to "top." However, the Union Governing Board has another special party set for SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, which promises to be every bit as enjoyable.

On the 21st, and beginning at 8:00 p.m. IN THE MAIN CAFETERIA, the Board will feature an event titled, *Spaghetti and All That Jazz*. Guests attending will be treated to a full and complete Italian-style dinner, including spaghetti, a crisp green salad, french bread and California Chianti. (Supervising Chef for the evening will be Mrs. Toni Muti, of the Campus Canteen. Says Toni: "Mio Spaghetti e que bello de la ciatta!")

Music for the Big Night will be supplied by Bob Neighbor's six-piece GOLDEN GATE JAZZ BAND — one of the State's finest Dixieland aggregates. Neighbor's group has been organized for over four years, and is made up of musicians who originally became acquainted and organized while members of Berkeley's U. C. Marching Band. The group has played a number of very successful "Club Dates," including a six-month engagement at the Golden Banjo in Berkeley, last year. While several of their arrangements will be presented as classic "show-pieces," a dance area will be set off and party-goers are free to dance as the spirit moves them.

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Tickets for the Big Night are now available at the Union's Central Desk, with food, dancing and music all included for the low and total price of \$1.50 per person. As in the case of the Struggler's Party, this will be a stag or drag affair, with casual dress suggested.

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Why not get a group together and come over for dinner en masse following the Cal-U.S.C. Game? The party promises to be a good one.

SAN FRANCISCO JUNIOR DENTAL ALLIANCE HOLDS NEW MEMBERS MEETING

The San Francisco Junior Dental Alliance, composed of dental students' wives from the University of California and the College of Physicians and Surgeons, will hold its annual Dessert Party for new members, October 7th, 1961, at the Wowona Club House. A musical program is planned in honor of the new members, featuring a variety of rag and old time favorites.

The Junior Dental Alliance is sponsored by the San Francisco Dental Auxiliary and was organized in 1955. Its purpose is to further the welfare of dentistry and to promote a spirit of friendliness between families of the two Bay Area Dental Schools.

— MRS. GEORGE L. CHINGAS, Publicity Chairman
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"How do you spell 'application'?"

• • • EDITORIAL

Between the hours of 10 a.m. on September 22 and 10 a.m., September 23, five woodcuts of Irving Amen disappeared from the Student Union. The woodcuts had been put on exhibit in the lobby of the Student Union and on the night of the Strugglers party were found missing.

The individuals who wanted those woodcuts so badly that they took them without paying for them have done a disservice not only to the Student Union, but also to the students.

The price of these woodcuts — \$120 — will have to be paid for out of the budget of the Union. This leaves \$120 less for student activities.

Another point to consider is that the reputation of the Union for art collections may be damaged so badly that we may not have them any more.

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The woodcuts taken from the Student Union may be returned by leaving them anywhere on the main floor of the Union. No disciplinary action will be taken.

Mr. Alexander has stated that of the 40 exhibitions of art at the Student Union, this is the first from which something has turned up missing.

BOB COMMER, EDITOR

THE SYNAPSE

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What is Newman?

— BY MARK WESTERVELT

The Newman Club is an organization for Catholic students on secular campuses which is designed to offer its members a program featuring spiritual, educational, and social activities. Our meetings begin at 7:45 p.m. with the Rosary, followed at 8:00 with a short business meeting. A guest speaker then addresses the group and the meeting is concluded with a question and answer session and refreshments.

Some of the meetings are held in the table tennis room of the Millberry Union, while others are held in the Library of St. Anne's Church (Funston and Judah Streets). You will be notified at which of these locations each particular meeting will be held. Meetings are open to all, and non-Catholics are encouraged to attend.

Besides our meetings, we have an Evening of Recollection planned, a tour of some of the San Francisco Social Welfare institutions, a picnic, a Christmas Party, and a Communion Breakfast the week before finals in January.

NEWMAN CLUB OFFICERS:

President: **Mark Westervelt** - Medicine
Vice President: **Don Allari** - Medicine
Recording Secretary: **Marcette Martinez**
- Dental Hygiene

Corresponding Secretary: **Marie Heid** - Nursing
Treasurer: **Jerry Sayre** - Dentistry
Faculty Representative: **Dr. Harold Harper**
Chaplain: **Fr. William Burns**

At least once an issue there will be articles appearing in The Synapse which we think will be informative, interesting, and controversial.

We welcome your letters on these articles and we hope to publish them. Address your letters to THE SYNAPSE, Millberry Union.

— BOB COMMER, EDITOR

Drug Control Bill

— BY FREDERICK H. MEYERS, M.D.,
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PHARMACOLOGY
AND TOXICOLOGY

There now appears to be a definite possibility that the next Congress will approve some kind of drug control bill. The testimony of Secretary Ribicoff before hearings on the Kefauver-Celler bill and the recent action of the Attorney General against the terracycline manufacturers suggest approval by the administration.

The present bill will, without doubt, be modified during hearings but there are now, in my opinion, two crucial provisions:

Drug patents would still issue for 17 years but, after 3 years of exclusive rights, the patent holder would be required to license any other qualified manufacturer and collect 8% of sales as a maximum royalty. This change is intended to restore competition within drug groups in which final cost is unrelated to cost of production. Note that the claim that the drug patent system is abolished is at least a slight distortion. Several other industries have been forced to accept compulsory licensing, but not previously in this country by legislation.

The Food and Drug Administration presently can consider only toxicity of new drugs. This act would allow the FDA to also require evidence that the new drug has the therapeutic effect claimed for it. The new drug would not need to be better than any other drug of its type, but a clinical evaluation would be required before approval. The manufacturers and the A.M.A. insist that only prolonged use of many ordinary physicians can establish usefulness. Others suggest that clinical drug evaluation is better done quantitatively by a planned study under conditions more favorable than day-to-day practice.

NO GERM HAS EVER BEEN
ABLE TO BUILD UP A DEFENSE
AGAINST BEING STEPPED ON!



Other provisions seem to me to be of a lesser general interest or deal with merely legal matters. Most are intended to encourage generic name prescribing.

Since the provisions of the present bill parallel my own testimony before the committee so closely, I cannot pretend to be neutral. Regardless of your reaction to the proposed legislation, you will, I think, agree that the citizenry has developed a suspicious attitude toward the drug industry. If our professional organizations continue to ally themselves with the industry, we are apt to be tarred with the same brush. Basically the success of advertising (which consumes 24 cents of the drug sales dollar) and of drugs of unestablished usefulness is a reflection on us.



*"Why not just name it Pyronolosterzyltynydonerol-
and let it go at that?"*

* NEXT SYNAPSE DEADLINE — NOVEMBER 1

* NEXT SYNAPSE ISSUE — NOVEMBER 15

UNION SUIT

(A gall, divided into 3 parts)

PROLOGUE:

It is a medical student,

And he's stopped by one¹ of three³;

"By thy beard (now deemed imprudent),

Now wherefore stopp'st thou me?

"Millberry Union's open wide - -

You see that this is true;

The guys are playing cards inside,

And someone's studying too."⁴

The ancient doctor's Union dues

Are due; he finds it trying

To find the dues so high (surprise!)

And not know what he's buying.

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CATALOG

"The Union at night is really a sight,"

The boy began his lecture;

"There are few, old buddy, who actually study,

As you may well conjecture.

"The pool tables always are busy;

The TV set never is dead;

The P.A.'s blaring⁵ will keep you from caring

To read what your lecturer's said.

"And these, for a few, provide something to do

(The effect is a general mix-up)

But most of the kids have their minds on their bids,

And are pondering how to take tricks up.

" 'Six of diamonds!' 'I double!' 'Redouble!'

May be heard from these pontile A.B.'s,⁶

The nuclei of the pons disregarding their dons

Are the signs of this vulnerable disease.

"Then pinocle, gin, and some others come in

For a much smaller share of our time;

While poker and whist also rank on the list,"

Said the student, ending his rhyme.

EPILOGUE:

"So they pass each day in naught but play,"

The ancient doctor snaps;

"Well, mark my words, like a house of cards,

They'll see their grades collapse.

And I'll refuse to pay my dues

And let my membership lapse!⁸

. . . Perhaps."

— BY ART BABED

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1) The shade of Hippocrates.

3) The other two² being unmentionable UCMC notables.

4) The dummy, pro tem.

5) Usually, selections from the Mickey Mouse

1 Suite, by Schlemiel.

6) i.e., Bridge Anon.⁷

7) i.e., soon!

8) MORAL: A galling stone tethers no hoss.

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On Friday evening, November 3, the entire Medical Center will be served a rare treat of musical excellence in the form of the unique and well-known *Doctor's Symphony* Orchestra. The full orchestra, fifty-two in number, will be conducted by Mr. Edgar Braun and will perform works by Handel (*Water Music Suite*), Beethoven (*The Violin Concerto* and the *Egmont Overture*), and Mozart (*The Clarinet Concerto*).

The musical interests of individuals in the health sciences has long been recognized, and the *Doctor's Symphony*, composed of Doctors of Medicine, Pharmacists, Doctors of Dentistry, Nurses and other allied professionals, demonstrates a conversion of this interest into a single and polished performing group. The orchestra itself came into being just five years ago, as the result of an idea jointly spawned by a practicing physician and a flutist, then appearing with the San Francisco Symphony. Their idea at that time was to create a musical and recreational outlet for full-time members of the various health sciences professions and their friends. One year later, the group was officially "adopted" by the San Francisco Medical Society and now performs under the Society's auspices, meeting in the Society's Auditorium each Monday evening.

Performing the *Violin Concerto* on November 3, will be George Roth, M.D., a practicing physician in San Francisco. (It is interesting to note here that Dr. Roth will be "assisted" by his wife, Mrs. Roth, a cellist in the group.) Featured soloist for the *Clarinet Concerto* will be Mr. Larry Posner, a fourth year medical student on the Campus. The orchestra and soloists will be led by Mr. Edgar Braun (an attorney-at-law and Certified Public Accountant). Originally a violist, Braun later showed an interest in conducting and was invited to study under Pierre Monteux at L'Ecole.

Although no admission is being charged for the November 3 program, tickets are required and are now available at the Union's Central Desk. Without question, this first campus appearance of the *Doctor's Symphony* Orchestra promises to be one of the most enjoyable and significant musical events ever staged here at the Medical Center.

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Kappa Psi

Greetings and a jolly welcome back to the treadmill from Kappa Psi. I trust that everyone is anxious to get back to the grind after three months of bliss. It's funny how humans are. To the incoming freshmen I say, "Good luck on your first semester here." There's nothing like a few (hundred) tests to keep a person mentally out of it.

So much for the salutations. Kappa Psi has already gotten into full swing, for there are going to be many interesting functions taking place during the next few weeks. We have already had a lunch for the freshmen and we staged our first TGIF of the year. Both of these functions were tremendous successes. We are having a dinner for the freshmen on Wednesday, the 4th of October, with an exchange following on the 7th of October. We are having a closed house party.

Now for all you people who think all we exist for are the social functions, you are only half right. We do have a professional program, in which we invite speakers to our meetings. In the near future we are to have a speaker who will talk on a subject which I am unable to disclose at this time. I will say, however, that his topic must be very interesting because this will be his second appearance at Kappa Psi.

Well, that's about 29 (or is it 30?) for Kappa Psi. See you next issue!

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Lambda Kappa Sigma – Pharmacy Sorority

The Zeta Chapter of Lambda Kappa Sigma, a National Pharmacy Sorority, has been reactivated on this campus after ten years. The initiation ceremony took place on Saturday, September 30, 1961, followed by a luncheon in the Faculty Club. The ceremony was conducted by the officers who were kind enough to come from the Alpha Xi Chapter of the University of Pacific. Of the fifteen pledges, only ten were able to attend the initiation. The remaining pledges will be initiated by our officers at a later date.

Future plans for this semester include rushing functions for new members.

Officers for this year are: President, **Charlotte Hemsworth**; Vice President, **Ellen Fong**; Secretary, **Linda Rapple**; Treasurer, **Jeanette Witbeck**; Historian, **Diana Falkenberg**; Sergeant-at-arms and Reporter, **Patricia Ono**.

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Rho Pi Phi

After three long months, the Ropes were united once again on the 18th of September. It was good to see the old faces again. We all welcomed our vice chancellor Adrian Rossi home after his summer vacation in Europe, and the good old house-mother Bengy from Maine.

The Ropes kicked off the season with the Annual Luncheons. Customarily, we have had just one luncheon each year, but this year we somehow have started a new tradition. We offered a whole week's free luncheons, with guest speakers, to welcome our freshmen colleagues.

There was a big crowd the first day. Our thanks to the Alumni Ladies Auxiliary who helped prepare the exquisite cuisine, as they have done each year. Next day the word got around and more came down to the house. Thanks to Big Bob's mother, who cooked for us – twenty pounds of turkey and seventeen pounds of corned beef. It was quite a new experience, especially the cleaning up afterwards!

We also thank Dr. Ketcham and Dr. Singer from our faculty, and Mr. Pezner, Supreme Chancellor of our fraternity, who came to speak to us. We were all impressed by Dr. Singer's interesting talk on the History of our Pharmacy School.

As to social functions, the Ropes and the Phi Deltas launched the first TGIF on October 7th. It was great. To be more of our own, the Ropes had their own TGIF and dinner party the following week. The turnout again was just great. We have plans for many more to come in the future.

As for professional functions, we have made arrangements for talks by manufacturing representatives in the pharmaceutical industry, detail men and retail pharmacists. So watch for the dates. See you all.

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From the Desk of the Union Director

To: *The Synapse*

From: Mr. R. A. Alexander

Synapse Editor, Bob Commer, informs us that this year he will be publishing on a monthly basis. Accordingly, an attempt will be made here to highlight events coming up between the dates of October 15, and November 15. A run-down follows:

Films:

Friday, October 20: "Ballad of a Soldier"

Friday, October 27: "Stalag 17"

Friday, November 3: "The Threepenny Opera"

Friday, November 10: "Can Can"

Friday, November 17: "Order"

(All films presented in the Medical Science Auditorium beginning promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Admission: \$.40 per person.)

Art Exhibitions:

Ending on October 19 —

"Cross Currents in American Art" I.B.M. Corporation.

"Antique Glass Paper Weights" Dr. A. Hinman.

October 23-November 13 —

"Contemporary Sculpture and Oils"

.... A. Johnson, Santa Cruz.

"Original, African Native Oils" (Tentative)

November 5-November 18 —

"News Pictures of the Year" National Press Photographers Association.

Music:

Monday, October 16 — The Griller String Quartet, in the second of a series of six Concerts. All Mozart Program. Medical Science Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Free tickets at the Union Central Desk.

Saturday, October 21 — "Spaghetti and All That Jazz" (see *Front Page*, this issue.)

Monday, October 30 — Program #3, Griller Spring Quartet. (Selections by Mozart, Debussy, Bach, Brahms and Paganini.)

Tuesday, October 31 — Piano Concert. Union Music Room at 12:00 noon. Guest Artist Miss Rosalie Soo Hoo. Free admission, limited seating.

Friday, November 3 — Concert: The Doctor's Symphony (See separate article this issue.)

Monday, November 13 — Program #4, Griller String Quartet (Selections by Haydn, Bloch and Beethoven.)

Noon Lectures:

Wednesday, October 18 — "California's Changing Environment" Frank Stead

Wednesday, October 15 — "The W. H. O. As a Force In Human Ecology" Karl F. Meyer

Wednesday, November 8 — "Reflections On a Journey Through the Orient" Dr. Maurice Galante

Wednesday, November 15 — "Fitness for Our Environment" Chauncey Leake

Miscellaneous:

• STAG NIGHT — Friday, November 17. See details, special article next issue.

• 1960 MEDI-CALS — Your one last chance to secure a copy of this outstanding publication. Any copies left after October 22, will be returned to the publisher for credit.

• ACTIVITY CALENDARS — We regret the delay and hope you will find this new publication now available at the Central Desk useful and interesting.

• DISH BUSSING — As in the majority of College Unions on other Campuses, our Student Cafeteria operates on a "self-bussing" plan, dependent on the cooperation of all who dine there. It seems that at about this time each year, a reminder on this score is needed. Dish and paper strewn tables are certainly detracting and unappetizing, and your assistance in this basic program is requested and will be sincerely appreciated — by everyone.

I think it is evident to all that this, the fourth year of operations for the Union, has started in a bigger and better fashion than any of the previous years. A brisk increase in building usage is decidedly noticeable and heavy attendance is being realized at all events. The next four weeks will offer an additional broad array of interesting and varied programs and I hope your schedule will permit you to attend as many of these as possible. Your comments and suggestions are always needed as a part of our perpetual aim to make the Millberry Union the "living room of the Campus."

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SPORTS AND RECREATION



Mrs. Susan Sack

also be under her supervision. Susan is a graduate of Lewis and Clark College in Portland, where she majored in music. She has worked for the Oakland Recreation Department and comes to us with high recommendations.

Mrs. Sack began her assignment in July and will remain with us for a year. This summer she has assisted the Recreation Supervisor on several special projects including proposals for a publications and crafts room for the Union, and for a bowling alley and tennis courts. She has also assisted in setting up a student general interest questionnaire to be distributed early in the fall semester.

We are happy to welcome Susan to the Union staff and are sure you will enjoy and appreciate her efforts.



"It's from us."

Staff Notes

— BUD ALEXANDER, RECREATION SUPERVISOR

A new face amongst the Union Recreation Department personnel this year is that of Susan Sack, a recreational assistant.

Mrs. Sack hails from Seattle, Washington, and is the wife of resident William Sack.

Mrs. Sack will handle a variety of responsibilities, though her major assignment will be that of arranging for special concerts and musical programs. The Union bridge, chess, and dance programs will

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