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ALCHEMIST

Well here we go again. Another year of courses, teachers, Labs, Philosophy, basketball games, dances, activities, the "Wurtz," etc.

We, the editors, would like to welcome everyone back, and wish each of you the best of luck in the year to come.

For the seniors, grin and bear it, it's almost over; for the juniors, relax a little, it will probably be your least demanding year; for the sophomores, lots of luck, you're going to need it, and for the freshmen, well, just dig in for a long seige.

Now that everyone is pacified and has decided (we hope) not to destroy this journalistic masterpiece, there are a few things to be said about the upcoming year.

As suggested last May in the Mud Day issue, we, the Editors, will entertain any ideas that you may wish to have publicized. So if you have a gripe, compliment, (sorry- only a limited number accepted) or humorous

event to relate, please, let us know about it. We're so hard up for material it's pathetic.

A.C.S. BRIEFS

Tonight will be the first A.C.S. meeting of this year. Now, since this is exclusively the Chemists club it must be supported by you. So we urge you in all sincerity, to do just that. Attend the meetings and build up the club among other Chemistry majors (particularly Sophomores and Freshman,) be an active member and let's all show some spirit. The second meeting will be held on October 17. We plan to see you there!!! All meetings are held in the Student Activities room on the second floor, Old Main at 8:00 P.M.

NEW PROF!

On behalf of the Chemistry students, we, the Editors of the Alchemist would like to welcome Dr. James Van Verth to Canisius

College. We hope that his stay at Canisius College will be both a pleasant and profitable one and that he will be with us for a long tenure.

DEAR IRVING.....

During the summer the Alchemist was besieged by mail containing threats, protests, complaints, etc.,etc... So, it behooved these editors to recall that long time problem solver, Irving. So, dear readers, he's back!! If perchance you happen to have a problem, large or small, drop Irving a line. He would love to hear from you. After all, if you sat around all day with your thumb in your ear, gawking at the new student Union, a letter or two might help.

The following letters are those received this summer via U.S. Post Office and via rock, tossed through laboratory window.

Dear Irving,

I want to have a successful year. Last year my Q.P.A. was .84; I was tossed out of 6 activities; I accumulated 553 demerits in R.O.T.C. and slept 3/4 of my courses away. Also I never shaved, washed or had my hair cut.

Social Outcast

Dear S.O.,

Being a typical college student I fail to see any problem. You're quite normal. One suggestion: Lay off the coffee before classes I guarantee you will get to sleep faster and will wake refreshed, with no knowledge hang-over.

Dear Irving,

I am taking Sociology this year and have come across a grave problem. Our teacher says we should love and help those who misery has reduced to a state unworthy of a human being. Who

does he mean ?

Wondering

Dear wondering,
Probably the poor degenerate
sitting next to you, lucky
enough to draw this course.

Dear Irving,
Does prime matter really exist?

G. Positivist

Dear G.P.
Sure it does fella...

Dear Irving,
How come the Fr. O'Brien and
Fr. Lehmkuhl cards went so fast?
I couldn't even trade 5 Father
Murray for 1 Father O'Brien.

Upset

Dear Upset,
Perhaps if you had thrown in a
Dr. Kieffer and two Mr. Cush-
mans.....

Dear Irving,
I think we have too much Phil-
osophy.

E.Kant

Dear E.K.,
Mooooo!!!

Dear Irving,

I am a junior Chem major and
am taking physical chemistry.
It so seems that this course
is open to the faculty and one
of its members is taking the
course. This said member also
takes notes and asks questions.
I heard that our P-Chem teacher
knew his stuff, but come on....
What do you suggest?

Scared

Dear Scared,
Did you consider night school,
or even better U.B.?

CHEM ABSTRACTS

Burke's office is now off
limits and there will be no
more coffee and donuts for
students or faculty. It looks
like Dr. Annino will have to
go cold turkey.... Andrulis
says he is going to shoot down
the seniors in seminar. Gosh
Pete, your'e a regular meany...
Can anyone tell us why there
are 13 green panels and 3 blue

ones on the student Union?.....
During the summer Dr. Annino traded in his old wreck on a new station wagon. Speaking of old wrecks, when is Dr. Syzmanski going to get rid of his relic?... Rumor has it that Dave Manzo is breaking all kinds of records at Kansas State.... There are six seniors and six faculty members in seminar. With odds like that it looks like the seniors will be didging flack all year... Now that the student Union is open there is going to be a little research over a pool table....The juniors are now through with organic and physics and into physical and analytical (?)..We told you didn't we guys?Juniors report salmon pink looks like a mixture of cherry and orange jello.... Is it true that Laf is a spy for K.S.F.... We hear that Dr. Erickson has been repeatedly beaten at chess by one particular junior.....

Juniors rumor has it that Canisius has finally won their accreditation in Swiss Bell ringing.... Reported one senior loves Physics.... We hear Jim Dillon refuses R.O.T.C. Good luck Jim....

WANT ADS

WANTED: One (I) key to fit organic stock room.

FOR SALE: Knob to fit forehead. Get one for each one of your friends. Once installed it can be used to attenuate them when they come over too strong. Contact R.Mamone

Wanted: One (I) Kolb. Contact Buster.

WANTED: One copy of , "How to Win Friends and Influence People,". Contact either J. La fonara or Leo

WANTED: A leg of lamb and a flagon of ale. Contact Fr. Cantillon.

WANTED: A place to go where we

feel needed or wanted (sniff).

Contact Chem Majors.

FOR SALE: One hot plate, seven cups
eight spoons, one jar (half full)
of instant Maxwellhouse coffee.

Contact (sniff,sniff) J.Burke

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EDITORIAL: An Initial Step

Often there is much criticism both from within and without, directed at the chemistry curriculum. Of these I shall deal with the former since the latter is usually a product of ignorance.

Every student of chemistry is quite outspoken on the subject of tim allotment for subjects of science. How often that old battlecry is uttered "Too much philosophy, theology, etc. . . not enough chemistry." I do not wish to rebuke those connected with this opinion, for I would only be performing self condemnation. I only wish to halt the conflict momentarily and analyze the situation as it now stands: Has there been any changes in the curriculum that warrants possible salvation from a complete liberal arts take over? I feel the answer to this question is a resounding affirmative.

There are two changes born this year that lead me to suspect that within a short time, drastic changes will occur in our curriculum. One of these is a compulsory course entitled "Differential Equations". The value of this subject will be verified, I believe, by any physical chemistry, physics, or advanced analytical chemistry teacher. The second change was initiated by the philosophy dept. and we all know what that is: an elective in philosophy now exists. Now, many will say as I first did "Big deal! The same number of hours still remain. If they want to sincerely do something

constructive, why don't trim down the required hours. The only thing this does is allow us to pick the nonsense they will indoctrinate us with for nine months."

One of these new electives "Philosophy of Science" however, offers great potentiality. This course is strictly for the science major and unlike all other philosophy courses, its main objective is not one of indoctrination. It is meant, as far as I can see, as an inquiry into a possible link between science and pragmatic reality. Now, I do not wish to go into a description of the course, I just wish to show that the administration may be finally hearing our ever diminutive cry. Why was this course offered? The professor has too much scientific background to appeal to the arts majors. It was, in truth, meant only for science majors. Who ever heard of such goings on. Imagine., a philosophy course not geared for our Latin counterparts! Unspeakable! Anyway I firmly believe that the upper echelon does at least realize that a problem exists in the science program. And I also believe that changes will soon appear as to philosophy in general, sociology, ethics, etc. Too optimistic? Perhaps, but at least the initial step has been taken.

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