

ROTC h a t t e r

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EVERYTIME the deadline turks around the corner, we always feel as if we are racing against time and time is racing against us. And the worst part of it is that whenever their "red letter" day comes we find ourselves facing the blank wall racking our brains out for anything worthy to break into print.

However, we may be able to write some tid-bits of ROTC going-on of the past few weeks.

Heading the list of the Corps of Sponsors this year is the simple, unsophisticated 19-year old beauty, Miss Celestina Rubi of the Secre-

tariat Course. Shying away from publicity the sweet-faced "Queen of the Campus" has only a few words to say about herself and when interviewed by this writer she put up a cute smile and said: "Please limit your writing about myself." (a short write-up is found somewhere in this section.)

This year's ROTC has a new crop of beauties from different colleges chosen as sponsors of the different units. Their presence will boost the morale of the "boys" and be a source of inspiration to the whole Cadet Corps.

Incidentally, a military parade and review will be given in their honor early next month. The date of the presentation is not yet fixed but it is sure to fall on a Sunday. Again the public will witness another glamour parade of the feminine cream of the USC ROTC Corps at the Cebu Normal grounds.

Another bit of interesting news is that the Sponsors this year will have to wear a Sponsor's pin in order to distinguish the units they pin-up for. The pin is beautifully designed with fancy letterings. The center piece is a colorful Moro vinta in the crest of a wave which serves as backdrop. Miss *Miguela Martin*, active adviser of the Corps of Sponsors initiated something new when she revealed that sponsors' uniform will be unique and distinct

from that of the previous years. According to her the uniforms will be in elegant French style. No wonder about it: beautiful sponsors with elegant uniforms will make this Corps colorful.

A joint ROTC parade and review participated in by the various ROTC Units of the city was presented last Sept. 9th in honor of the Area Commander, Col. Juan Causing of the Third Military Area. The occasion was highlighted by the firing of artillery salutes on the 105 howitzer by the USC Cadets. Following closely was the parade and review in honor of Very Rev. Father Rector, Albert v. Gansewinkel, faculty members and administration officials. The presence of a large crowd and lovely sponsors of the corps lent color to the parade and ceremony. The success of the affair was already credited to Captain Antonio Gonzalez, Commandant and Lt. Eduardo Javelosa, Adjutant.

Sponsored by the III MA, a joint ROTC Acquaintance Ball was held at the Club Filipino with the participation of all ROTC Units. Important features of the affair were the contemporaneous numbers and dance contests participated in by the Cadet officers. Among the guests pro-

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Cdt. Major Cesar Jamira
Corps Adjutant



Lt. Col. Arturo Alifan
3rd En. Commdr.

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sent were high military officials and sponsors of the different corps. All in all the evening was wonderful and delightful.

A series of radio programs will be regularly presented by the Cadet Corps twice a month. As a starter, a radio program was aired last week and among the participants were Mr. Danny Holganza popular radio songster and Staff Sergeant Romeo Sta. Cruz of the USC Unit.

Songs, light comedies, humorous anecdotes and portrayal of ROTC personalities and news usually form the repertoire. Cebu City's ROTC units have been requested to participate in these programs. They have been sponsored to appreciate the people of the importance of the ROTC training of our youth and to bring the masses closer to our Armed Forces.

As part of the ROTC orientation training, the Supreme ROTC Fraternity spearheaded by Frank Borromeo, agreed to have an observation tour to neighboring provinces to observe the doings of other ROTC units. If plans do not miscarry the trip will be pushed through sometime in December.

HERE'S NEWS FOR THE SAD-SACK:

Coming from the Commandant's office is an order requiring all cadets to wear proper uniforms whether they are in or outside the parade grounds. OD's and FOD's are given instructions to check on these sloppy cadets and give them demerits. Another special order is that beginning next semester squad leaders will have additional duties aside from being squad leaders. They will have to attend special classes to orient themselves with the different phases of commands and to enhance their efficiency in leadership.

The USC "sad sacks" will no longer go straight to the drill grounds without attending mass on Sunday. The problem of cadets not attending mass was solved by the Department with the requirement that Sunday drillers shall have to attend mass on Sunday or be dropped from the roster of cadets. Officiating on these special Sunday masses is Rev. Father Schonfeld.

NEWSSETTES ON THE SIDELINES:

From among the omphous sights we made out all the luck in the world when a 19 years young Miss Celeste Rubi, obligingly stood up to her full five-feet-four and winsomely honoured us with her con-

WHAT IS RUSSIAN . . .

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"Because the graves are for our dead heroes," indignantly shot back the young woman.

With biting logic the American shot back, "Well, you said Communists haven't any souls, and so

sent to be this year's ROTC Corps Sponsor. Miss Rubi from the Secretarial stools shied from her interviewers but missed to hide the surface fact that she possesses about everything that ought to get this man's army clicking. So simple and unaristocratic, she will remain in an enviable pedestal before the boys and we won't be surprised to get a report one of these days about a guy in the ranks who broke his arm on that rifle just trying to impress her!

We are proud to introduce here our Rose among the "sponsorial" array: Miss Rosario Mercado, 2nd Battalion. When we landed our first sight on her, Spain suddenly revealed herself before us.

And the 1st Battalion is coloured by a cute little package of heartache in the person of Miss Editha Pa. (Did I hear a moan?) Because of her cadet elbowed the man beside him and asked, painfully: Why weren't you born a pretty dame? Amen, brother, we say to you.

Miss Luz Evangelista graces the Corps Staff. That feminine air, that look in her eyes, those cheeks, and . . .uhhh, that figure. Pardon me, but if you insist, she has also that frame of mind that'll floor you. The boys need that, especially in those times when blank is blank.

And here, a declaimer in her own right, is Miss Dahlia Cadell, 3rd Battalion.

M'gosh, fellahs, why don't you just get busy and hunt them up rather than screw me tight for adjectives. I ain't no Shakespeare!

WHAT DO YOU THINK . . .

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● Mr. Manuel Baylisis, College of Law, says: Get a load of this:
Orator: (remonstratingly)

Dear . . .

Wife: After everything, don't master your art on me. I've just about got my right foot home to mother.

Orator: Dear . . .

Wife: Not a word from you!

Orator: But . . .

Wife: Shaddup or I'll . . .

Orator: Lord, even unto mine home, canst Thou bless me with peace?—Now what are we talking about?

these heroes were just animals. Horses and heroes both fought and died for your Revolution. Both, according to you, were animals. Why not erect tombstones over both?

The young girl shrugged her shoulders—the argument was over

Man Not a Free Agent in Communist Philosophy

If there is no spiritual element in man, he is not a free agent. Free-will is simply an illusion and a delusion. If man is but an aggregate of material atoms, obeying the necessary laws of matter, he exercises no more freedom than the sun or the moon, than a plant or an irrational animal. And since man, according to Marxist philosophy, has no free-will, why all this invective against capitalists, who are no more responsible for their exploitation of the workers than is the lion that devours a lamb, or the fire that burns grass? Why all this harangue of workmen, of the proletariat, to struggle against the "bourgeoisie" or capitalists, since workmen in any case are following blind necessity and inexorable laws of matter and can make no free effort to liberate themselves from slavery or oppression? Why, the whole philosophy and practice of Communism is a ridiculous contradiction of the very principles it so blatantly lays down!

If man is not a free agent, but must, of sheer necessity, obey the blind laws of materialistic evolution, let Communists cease to air any grievances or advocate any effort, and supinely allow nature to take its course, for they can do nothing whatever to divert this course. Deny free-will, and human life becomes an absolute farce.

Morality Fundamentally Impossible In The Communist Scheme

According to their own "principles" Communists must admit that there is no such thing as morality, and, indeed, we read in Lenin's own writings the following candid statement:

"In what sense do we deny ethics, morals?"

"In the sense in which they are preached by the bourgeoisie, which deduces these morals from God's commandments. Of course, we say that we do not believe in God. We know perfectly well that the clergy, the landlords, the bourgeoisie all claimed to speak in the name of God, in order to protect their own interests as exploiters. Or, instead of deducing their ethics from the commandments of morality, from the commandments of God, they deduced them from the idealistic or semi-idealistic phrases which in substance were always very similar to divine commandments.

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