

Uconn Welcomes Its Largest Freshman Class

Activities, Sign-ups Begin At The HUB

The Board of Governors of the Student Union has been planning in-training programs, Freshman recruitment and committee organization.

The Fall schedule began with a series of three luncheons in the Housatonic Room of the Commons Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The speaker at Wednesday's luncheon was Dr. Harold Burke, Coordinator of Academic Counseling at the University. He discussed the attributes of participation in HUB committee organizations as a guide to future vocational choices.

Dr. Phillips Speaks

Thursday's guest speaker was Dr. David Phillips, head of the Speech and Drama Department. His topic was the

Student Cabinet Holds Overnight Retreat Tonight

The Student Cabinet of the University Christian Fellowship will meet this afternoon at 1:30 at the Community House to travel to the Church Cabin for an overnight retreat.

All officers and committee chairmen of the Fellowship have been invited to attend the retreat, which will conclude Saturday noon. The Freshman Open House, on Sunday afternoon, will be discussed at the meeting.

Also to be considered are the annual budget and the student financial campaign. Each committee chairman will give a brief report of his activities.

The new UCF Director, the Rev. James P. Carse, will address the cabinet. Rev. Carse arrived on campus Wednesday night. He replaces Rev. David O. Woodard, who resigned to become Dean of the Chapel and Professor of Religion at his alma mater, Denison University.

Those who attend retreat must bring their own sheets, blankets and pillows will be provided.

Open House Sunday

All new students have been invited to attend an Open House program at the Community House Sunday afternoon.

Co-sponsored by the University Christian Fellowship and the Storrs Congregational Church, the informal reception is designed to acquaint students with the Protestant church ministers and leaders on campus.

The reception will begin at 3 p.m.

Women Go West, Retain CEC; Men Head For Hills

The Continuing Education Center will be open for this semester to help accommodate the freshmen women.

Extra bunk beds have been added in some of the larger rooms, and according to Miss McCall, Director of Women's housing, there has been no overcrowding. There are also some vacancies in the dormitory. The Continuing Education Center will be closed at the end of this semester, and the women living there will be assigned to other units.

Also among new developments in women's housing is the opening of two women's dorms on West Campus. The units formerly occupied by Alpha Gamma Rho and Colt House are now occupied by women and are called Alphas A and B units. West Campus will eventually be occupied entirely by women when the 12 new housing units for men are completed at the Tower Quadrangle.

Mrs. Davis and Mrs. McDonald, the Residence Councilors of the new dorms said they have never seen buildings in such good condition. The dorms which had been occupied by men for the last five years required no special repairs or remodeling.

Welcome Freshmen



Jonathan V. Uconn Husky mascot, bids a warm and friendly welcome to the Freshman Class. Before too long, every Freshman will see Jonathan V in action on the Football field.

This coming Friday, Jonathan will appear at the Pied Piper Parade, when all Freshmen are obliged to attend.

Jonathan has been in attendance at all Pied Piper Parades but this will be the first year for the new mascot.

The first official showing of the Uconn Husky will be at the Yale game on Saturday, September 24.

Concert Series Tickets On Sale At Box Office

Uconn music lovers can look forward to a season of top-flight performances this year as the University of Connecticut prepares to launch its sixth annual Concert Series.

Two Symphonies

Willard Sistrare, audition manager, announced that this year's program includes two internationally-known symphony orchestras, one world-famous chorus, and two distinguished soloists. All concerts will be in the Auditorium at 8:15 p.m.

Scheduled to open the 1960-61 season, Oct. 19, is Toronto-born Glenn Gould, described by critics as "the most astonishing and promising young pianist on the continent." The 28-year-old Canadian virtuoso has appeared in virtually every major city in the United States and Canada.

Mr. Gould's recital will be followed on Nov. 28 by the remarkable Yugoslav Chorus under the direction of Branko Krstanovic. This ensemble has won international prizes at festivals at Vienna, Moscow, Llangollen, Wales, and Arezzo, Italy.

On Feb. 13, the Boston Symphony returns for its sixth annual appearance at Storrs. One of the world's most honored orchestras, the Boston Symphony helped open the Auditorium six years ago and has become a traditional highlight of the Uconn concert series.

Shifting from the polyphonic precision of the Boston Symphony, the Auditorium spotlight focuses on soprano Victoria De Los Angeles on Mar. 22. Miss De Los Angeles, a dramatic soprano with the Metropolitan Opera Co., has thrilled opera and concert audiences throughout the world.

Speech And Drama Adds 5 Programs

The University of Connecticut Department of Speech and Drama is incorporating two innovations in this year's theatrical program.

Six full length student productions will be presented, instead of the customary five. Also, according to Dr. David C. Phillips, department head, four special movies will be featured based on successful plays.

The season's curtain will rise on the Department's first student production Oct. 21, when "Clerambard" will be presented in the 114-seat Studio Theater for an eight-night stand. On Nov. 15 the University thespians will offer Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" in the 500-seat Little Theater for a 5-day run. On Dec. 2 the Uconn actors will move onto the stage of the 147-seat Arena Theater to present their interpretation of the ever-popular "Harvey." This show will also run eight days.

The special film series will include: "Member of the Wedding," Oct. 10; "Oedipus Rex," Feb. 20; "Cyrano de Bergerac," Feb. 20; and "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," March 20.

The second semester program opens with "Rashomon" in the Little Theater, March 14-18. The Japanese classic will be followed on April 7 by Henry Miller's provocative "Crucible." This production, slated in the Arena Theater, will run eight days and is scheduled in conjunction with the University's Fine Arts Festival. Ringing down the curtain on the student productions will be "Guys and Dolls." This musical, which is only the second attempted at the Uconn, will run from May 5-13 in the Little Theater.

The program has been conceived, Dr. Phillips explains, to cover the widest possible range of theatrical productions. The movies have been integrated into the playbill to expand the theatergoer's experience.

Under a new package season ticket plan worked out by the Department, non-students can attend each of the six plays and four movies for \$6. Student rates are \$5.

Frosh Total 2,658, 2,080 On Campus: Standards Raised

The largest freshman class in the history of the University has arrived—2,080 beanies-wearers.

The frosh class is bolstered by another 576 first-year students at the branches at Hartford, Waterbury, Stamford and Torrington.

President Comments

"Only 2,638 beginning students including branch freshmen could be admitted," commented President Albert N. Jorgensen. "About 2,000 qualified and admissible applicants could not be admitted. We had more than 3½ applicants for each opening."

Freshmen applications increased 22½% over last fall. This was a jump from 7,800 to 9,500.

Campus population is further swelled by some 200 transfers, 335 upperclassmen from the two-year branches and 250 re-entering undergraduates. This will boost the undergraduate population of the university to about 8,760.

The all-University census of undergraduates, graduate school, professional school and special student enrollments, hit 12,813 for 1960-61.

Nine Per Cent Increase

Enrollment at the University high school also increased nine per cent.

Climaxing the week's orientation activities will be tonight's President's reception for new students. Two receptions are scheduled to compensate for the increased enrollment.

New students at Storrs are concluding a busy orientation week. Highlights included campus tours, placement tests, academic counsel, meetings with residence educational counselors and student counselors. Also, informal get-acquainted parties and gatherings at the various schools and colleges.

Class Of 1963 Sponsors Frosh Picnic Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon from 4 to 6 there will be a Freshman Picnic sponsored by the class of '63.

Edward Goglia, president of the class of '63, said of the members of the class of '63 decided to have an informal gathering for both the Freshmen and the upperclassmen. As you know, freshmen are having a very hectic week. Between rushing to scheduled meetings and having countless things told them, they'll be in a mood for a relaxing afternoon on Saturday.

"Last year, the Freshman Class Council of '63 decided to sponsor some kind of activity for the Freshman Class of '64. After many tossed ideas, we came up with the idea of a Freshman Picnic. Here the freshmen could relax and have no worries about running around or where their next meeting was. Because of the good co-operation we have had with the members of the Class Council of '63, our Freshman Picnic will be a complete success."

Tickets On Sale

Goglia went on to say that tickets are still on sale in the Student Union and they can also be purchased in the dorms from any member of the Class Council of '63.

The picnic will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. tomorrow directly behind Hawley Armory. In case of rain, the picnic will be moved to the Field House.

Goglia said that they hoped many students, both freshmen and upperclassmen, would attend this picnic because not only is it a worth while affair, but it will also give the students a chance to get acquainted with one another.

Frosh Spirits To Get Boost At 'Spectator 60' Program

Freshman spirit will get off to a terrific beginning when Terry Monahan and Donna Carluccio, co-chairmen of the Blue and White Committee, start the action rolling at "Spectator 60." Each group will attend at their assigned time. It will take place in the field house.

Donna Carluccio will introduce the Uconn marching band, lead by Drum Major Vin Paxia. The band is under the direction of Mr. Allan Gillespie.

Terry Monahan will acquaint freshmen with coaches Lloyd Duff, D. Robert Ingalls, John Squires, and Mr. Joseph Christian. These men will introduce our co-captains of the football team Tom Kopp and Bill Minnerly.

The cheerleaders, led by co-captains Rhet Barnico and Prudy Torromeos, will lead

the frosh in a mass session of cheers.

Explaining the purpose of the "Spectator 60," Monahan said: "For the most part all freshmen are interested in athletics. By introducing the frosh to the football co-captains and the coaches, we can hope to get them into the spirit of college. "Spectator 60," which is an exploded pep rally, is utilized for the purpose of raising the school spirit of freshmen."

Co-chairman Donna Carluccio said: "Through 'Spectator 60' we can make the freshmen feel at home by this pep rally. All kids feel at home when they yell their lungs out and this is the place to do just that thing."

Donna and Terry said that their committee has put a great deal of time into this "Spectator 60" affair, and they hope for a completely successful program.

Frosh Invade Campus

The start of four years at college... confusion at its ebb, but there is that certain aura of cooperation from parents, newly-met students and University officials. And here are the typical scenes of most typical freshman in their first encounter with the ever-seeming IBM University: Uconn. Mrs. Ida Cutler helps her daughter Judy carry the "essentials" to her first semester home-away-from-home, Crandall C. Later will come the difficulties of arrangement as posed by Judy's closet which will never seem to accommodate all the clothes brought for a first semester at college.

And while some are performing the drudgery of house warming, others relax and make new friends at one

of the HUB Patio tables. Martin Lilienthal, Meriden; Sandra Garneau, Willimantic; Susan Stanaeu, Old Lyme; and James Kloiber, New Britain, Conn., on their discussion over the familiar University items for Frosh: catalogue, map and song book. Look Mom, that's me in college! (Pictures in this issue courtesy of Uconn Photo Lab.)

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Frosh Cross Country

Freshmen interested in cross country are urged to see Coach Lloyd Duff as soon as possible. Experience is preferred, but not absolutely necessary.

Duff's office is No. 5 in the Men's Gym. Also, a freshman interested in managing the team is needed.

Freshman Football

All Freshmen interested in playing on the Freshman Football team are asked to report to the facilities building at 4 p.m. on Monday.

Managers are also needed for the team. Persons interested in applying should report at the same time.

No Buss Now

Window screens have been installed in men's dormitories to keep out moths and flies. The fine for a damaged screen will be \$6.

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Welcome Frosh

Welcome to the class of 1964... the largest class in the history of the University of Connecticut.

It is not the point of this editorial to delve into the future, and prophesy what will occur to you as you face this future.

It is to show you what you can do to make this place a better University.

Many of the students who enter the University, come with an air of disdain. They don't feel that it is good enough for them. They can often be heard saying, "I really didn't have to go here".

This apathetic feeling causes a lack in school spirit and a resigned position of going to an "inferior school." Where this feeling stems from is not quite clear. In these times of overcrowded schools and colleges, it is indeed an honor to be able to attend a school as reputable as our University. It is a shame that this is most apparent only to rejected applicants and to hopeful out of state students. This school year alone, 34 applicants were turned away for every student accepted.

For many students this is their first time away from their families for a long period of time. With this new freedom, many students will go off the deep end, and waste time socializing and partying, while they should be studying. Never forget that

the first and foremost reason for being here was to get an education. If all you think of is having fun, and granted you can have as much as you want, then you will not be here at the end of this semester.

This all leads to what is called "balancing your time". This is one of the hardest things for incoming students to become adjusted to. It is so easy to find other things to do than study, that school work usually comes in a poor second or third. Each student should try to make out some system where time enough could be spent studying.

Student Counselors in the individual dormitories are available to help in these lines.

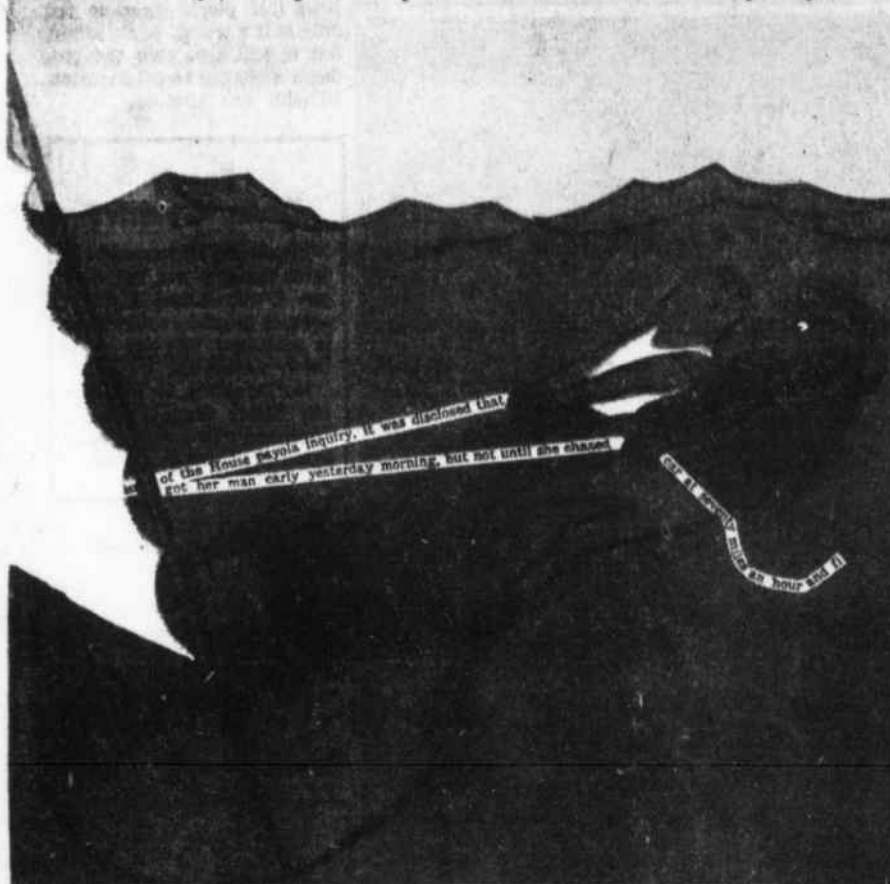
Another problem that faces many students is the fact that they must now live as a part of a community, with its social habits and customs. This does not mean that one must live as part of a commune, where each thought and action is censored and ruled. There is plenty of room for independent thought and action from the student body.

Each one of you should feel proud that you are now a member of the University. If you are proud of your school then many new experiences await you. So go out and join in with the other and older students who are proud of Uconn.



FIRST USE OF DONKEY — Political cartoonist Thomas Nast depicted Democratic sentiment as a kicking donkey in a cartoon of his that appeared in the Jan. 15, 1870 issue of Harper's Weekly, thus creating a symbol for the party which has been carried on through the years.

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Through A Glass Darkly

By PETER ADAMS

IT IS A SHAME that the excitement, anticipation or whatever you want to call it of a "return" wears off so quickly after arrival. It is one thing to look forward to something you experienced in the past but it is quite a different matter to crawl into the old rut.

In any case, the University campus hasn't had any drastic changes with the exception of the incoming freshmen. It's gotten to a point where you have to stand in line for a half hour to get a lousy cup of coffee, to say nothing of the frustration of finding a parking place for the old car. Actually, what the campus could really use is a subway.

WHAT AN INTERESTING and amusing sight it is to see Mother bringing Junior to North Campus residences...

Mother with sons twice the size of the housemother will earnestly ask: "Will you take good care of my Johnnie?"

Or you will hear...

"You mean he has a room on the fourth floor? Way up there? All those stairs to climb?"

Or you will have the mother with the hooked nose who looks as though she just got off the boat asking:

"I hope my Billy has a nice room-mate. He doesn't take to strangers too well. Do you suppose I could see his room-mate before I go?"

And then you have the mother who asks with all the sincerity she could possibly muster: "I want my James to have a private room with bath. Will he be able to take his meals in his room?"

If a housemother should ever decide to write a book, it would certainly be a best seller. I can already picture Elsa Maxwell in the title role for the movies...

ONE OF THE NICE things about living in an independent dorm is that you can always move to a fraternity. And one of the nice things about living in a fraternity is that you can always move off campus...

HAVE YOU NOTICED that this year the freshmen beanies are smaller?

The Golden Mean

Little Ivy Now, But Many, Many Walls

By KEN GOLD

As the confused Frosh looks about... he sees there is little Ivy here... the buildings are modern in decor and function... all is crowded and hurried, long lines, two people where there is room for one, three people where there is room for two... all enough to make you wonder just how many will survive the ever present "attrition rate".

But when the Frosh adapts to the University community, he may start to recognize what President Albert N. Jorgensen has so often termed "a quantity of quality." Although some University departments have yet to escape the stereotype of "state school education," generally Uconn is growing in educational repute. Our School of Pharmacy, for instance, is ranked among the best in the country.

Uconn's come a long way since the start of its first class October 7, 1881, which numbered all of 12 students. Uconn has now grown to be one of the leading state educational institutions, offering a wide range of educational facilities and activities as well as a varied program of extra-curricular student activities.

AS INCOMING FROSH, you're probably quite interested in the background of the University you've picked to call *alma mater*. It was this writer's privilege a while back to interview Walter Stemmons, a retired member of the Uconn faculty who has made a study of the University's history and written one of the most comprehensive books on the growth of Uconn. Mr. Stemmons is a former faculty advisor for the Daily Campus, and was known for his genuine interest in the student body. In capsule form, here is Mr. Stemmons' description of Uconn's growth through the years.

Originally, Uconn was called the Storrs Agricultural College, and consisted of one frame building housing a dozen students on the upper two floors; the lower two floors serving as classrooms. This building as well as several other donated soon afterwards, plus 170 acres of land and \$6,000 were all given by Charles and Augustus Storrs of Mansfield.

WHITNEY HALL, as the first building was later named, was originally built as a home for war orphans; but when they grew up and left, the dwelling was left vacant. The several buildings donated by the Storrs were located in what is now the area containing the Home Economics Building and the large span of grass in front of Koons Hall.

In 1893, after a long legal battle, the Connecticut Legislature voted to transfer Federal Land Grant funds from Yale to Storrs, making the institution Connecticut's new Land Grant College. This was followed by another act of the Legislature, in 1899, that changed the School's name to the Connecticut Agricultural College. The purpose of this change was to make it plain that the institution was a state-owned college, rather than a private school.

As the School expanded, it became necessary to build new

The Fault Lies In Ourselves If We Are Greasy Grinds

Welcome, freshmen! Here you are, all set to embark on an exciting career of work and play at the University of Connecticut. One of the best ways to make your years here more fun and more useful is to join in some kind of student activity. Don't go overboard, but do try to do something to keep from being nothing but a greasy grind.

One large area of activity is communications: the Daily Campus, the Photopool which provides us with all our news pictures, radio station WHUS, the Nutmeg, and the Fine Arts Magazine. Then there is a wide scope of political activity for all budding solons, both male and female, from the individual house organization to the Student Senate itself.

There are also fraternities and sororities; honorary and service ones as well as the better-known social organizations offer many chances for enriching your college life.

Besides all this, there are many clubs, which are prepared to please devotees of everything from fencing to square dancing and from chess to creative writing. There are also many intramural and interschool sports, for those who feel like a more rugged athletic life.

The only word of warning is not to try to spread yourself out too thin. But remember the old adage about "all work and no play," and join some Uconn activity so those four walls won't close in on you!

leadership of President Albert N. Jorgenson, it began the development and expansion of the University which led to its present status.

The University of Connecticut today owns about 3,000 acres of land in Mansfield and Coventry, about half of which comprises the actual Campus. The rest is used for agricultural experimental work.

Of course, this year marks the largest incoming Freshman Class in Uconn's history. Thus, we now have about 8,000 students on campus, a thriving community and certainly a far cry from the 12 students that made up the first class 79 years ago.

Looking At Football



EVOLUTION OF ATTACK — These play diagrams illustrate what Canada started and how the U.S.A. modified the design. The top diagram shows the deployment of 12 players in the Canadian Flying Wing attack, the flying wing being that extra back (W) who is present in the northern game. Notice how the two American attacks immediately below resemble the basic Canadian formation. The double wing formation merely eliminated the halfback in Canada's attack, while the slot back formation is the flying wing without a flying wing. The 11-man attacks, then are only the 12-man formations with the 12th man out to lunch. This trio should enable the fan to see where the attack came from, while the bottom pair of diagrams illustrate the quarterback's movement depending on his pass pattern. In the "pocket pass" he moves straight back with his guards backing to protect him, while in the "roll-out" pass he moves laterally with a guard pulling out of the line to move with him.

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Uconn Faculty Adds Seven New Professors

Geneticist Mutkur

Dr. Balaji Mundkur, a 36-year-old geneticist from India, has joined the staff of the University of Connecticut's Institute of Cellular Biology.

Until recently a special research fellow with the National Cancer Institute for the U. S. Public Health Service, Dr. Mundkur was appointed a Uconn assistant professor of zoology.

Before taking the post with the Cancer Institute in 1958, he was associate bacteriologist at the University of Puerto Rico for three years. Prior to that he was senior scientific officer with the India Cancer Research Center at Bombay. From 1950-53 he was a research associate with the Biological Research Laboratory of Southern Illinois University.

Dr. Mundkur, who also is an

expert electron microscopist, has published a dozen scientific articles in the fields of genetics and electron microscopy.

He received his bachelor of science degree from the Royal Institute of Science, Bombay, and his doctorate at Washington University at St. Louis. He also has held an associateship at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute at New Delhi and received a certificate on radioisotope techniques at the Puerto Rico Nuclear Center of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, located at the University of Puerto Rico.

As a member of the Uconn Institute of Cellular Biology, Dr. Mundkur will divide his time between research and graduate teaching in the fields of ultra-structure of the cell and microbial genetics. He also is expected to act as staff electron microscopist.



BARBARA GREEN, a freshman from Waterbury is seen here purchasing a beanie from Tony Bober, a sophomore from Bridgeport. (Uconn Photo).

Botanist Wellwood

A former U.S. Government geneticist has joined the University of Connecticut Department of Botany faculty as an assistant professor.

Dr. Arnold A. Wellwood, a native of Nova Scotia, has been working as an International Cooperation Administra-

tion geneticist to Nigeria for the past two years. Before entering government service he was an assistant professor of botany at the Ontario, Canada, Agricultural College and a lecturer in Botany at McGill University, Montreal.

While in Western Nigeria, Dr. Wellwood sought to adapt maize (corn) breeding to the needs of that nation.

Dr. Wellwood has also conducted research in several other areas, including the breeding of rhubarb with the use of thermal neutrons and X-rays, and the breeding of fiber flax for disease resistance.

A specialist in cytogenetics, he received his bachelor of science degree from Acadia University in 1939 and his bachelor of arts degree with honors from that institution in 1940. In 1956 he was awarded a doctorate from Cornell University.

Dr. Wellwood is a member

of the Botanical Society of America, the American Genetics Society of Canada, the Genetics Society of America, the Canadian Society for Horticultural Science, the American Institute of Biological Sciences, the Maize Genetics Cooperation, and Sigma Xi. He is the son of Edgar R. Wellwood, Hantsport, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Hobart Joins Staff

Jean G. Hobart, a former assistant professor at the University of Kentucky, has joined the University of Connecticut faculty as an instructor of child development and family relations.

A native of Boise, Idaho, Miss Hobart also has taught at Oregon State College, where she received her bachelor's degree in education in 1954 and her master's degree in home economics in 1957.

A specialist in the area of child development and nurs-

ery schools, Miss Hobart has also assisted in several research projects concerned with marital relations.

Miss Hobart is a member of Omicron Nu, the American Association of University Professors, the American Home Economics Assn., the Kentucky Home Economics Assn., the National Association on Nursery Education, the Bluegrass Association on Children Under Six, the Kentucky Association on Children Under Six, and the Southern Association on Children Under Six. She is the daughter of E. F. Hobart, of Boise.

New Sociologist

Jack Alexander Lucas, a former instructor at West Virginia University, has joined the University of Connecticut Department of Sociology and Anthropology faculty.

A native of Nebraska, Mr. Lucas received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1950 and his master's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1955. He also studied at Michigan State University, the New School for Social Research and Columbia University.

He joined the Uconn staff Sept. 15 as an instructor.

A specialist in the field of the sociology of religion, Mr. Lucas is a member of the American Anthropological

Assn., the American Sociological Assn., and Sigma Delta, national honorary sociological society.

He is the son of Mrs. Margaret Lucas, East Lansing, Mich.

Math Instructor

James D. Pomeroy, Higgins, has been appointed an instructor in mathematics.

A native of Pittsfield, Mass., Mr. Pomeroy received his bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts in 1952 and his master's degree from Trinity College last June. He also has attended the University of Wisconsin.

Before joining the Uconn faculty, Mr. Pomeroy worked as a mathematical analyst. At the University of Massachusetts, he was elected to Phi Kappa Phi, National honorary society.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur V. Pomeroy, of Dalton, Mass.

Boak Joins Home Ec

Mrs. Florence Y. Boak, of Granby, has been appointed an instructor in clothing and textiles in the University of Connecticut School of Home Economics.

From 1953-59, Mrs. Boak

held the post of assistant professor of textiles and clothing at Cornell University's School of Home Economics. Previously she had headed up the Department of Clothing and Textiles at the State University of New York Agricultural and Technical Institute, Canton, N.Y. She has also taught in the Michigan public school system and has been in the field 34 years.

A graduate of Michigan State University in 1926, Mrs. Boak received her master's degree from Columbia University in 1937 and has done graduate work at Cornell.

She is a member of the American Home Economics Assn. and is married to Prof. Irwin S. Boak of the University of Hartford Physics Dept.

New Administrator

Robert E. Miller, South Windsor, has been appointed an administrative assistant in men's affairs in the University of Connecticut Division of Student Personnel.

A native of Guilford, Mr. Miller has been a supervisor at Connecticut General Life Insurance Co., and has lectured in the advanced and graduate education program of the UofC.

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Action, Not Apathy**PLAYING THE FIELD**

By Dave Schancupp

As Freshmen arriving on campus, you are all faced with a graduation from the nebulous world of High School sports to the concrete and ever-present atmosphere of Intercollegiate athletics. Competition which will witness on the green fields of Storrs has much more meaning than just winning or losing each game, or waving the flag for the home town favorite, but it fits into a national picture, one which constantly and controversially is growing and becoming more influential in the sports world.

Unfortunately, a great tradition has seen itself manifested over the Storrs area for the past few years. The calling card of this student custom is labeled "Apathy". This extends not only to sports, but to practically everything on campus. With each new freshman class that enrolls at Uconn, those who do care about what happens on campus hope that this tradition will slowly disappear.

Since this is a sports column, this discussion will be confined to the sports aspect of this problem. You are fortunate in attending the University of Connecticut. Uconn teams have constantly held a position of respect not only in New England, but around the nation as well. Our basketball team has reigned as conference champions for the past ten years, and has ruled the pack twelve out of the thirteen years the conference has been in existence. In football, Uconn has finished first for the past four years, and hasn't been defeated in conference play in all that time. In baseball, the Huskies have been conference champions for the past three years, and have dominated New England Baseball for the past two years, losing only two games to New England competition while winning 23 over that span.

Yet with all these laurels going to Uconn athletic teams, students in general have failed to support their athletes in the manner in which schools of much smaller size and with much less successful teams have supported theirs. Possibly because of Uconn's winning ways, they have become somewhat like the New York Yankees, who had to lose a pennant before they could raise their attendance figures. Maybe Uconn wins too much, and this drives away the fans. These are all possibilities, but somehow they don't seem applicable. No team, no matter how powerful or proficient, can long maintain a winning record without support from its fans. This goes for professional as well as college and high school sports. The situation is at its worst when members of Uconn teams state that they would prefer to play one game before a group such as the fans at Maine, than play all season to spectators from their own school.

This is the problem: where lies the solution? What can be done to create more student support for the Uconn intercollegiate competitors. First, fans must become aware that any team has capabilities and potentialities that it can't surpass. They must realize that our players on the fields and courts are trying their best to bring home a victory for our team. It is unacceptable for a home crowd to "boo" members of its own team for a misplay, or for what they think is not a "team" effort by a player. A "boo" from the stands demoralizes the entire team, not just the one or two players involved. Spectators must also realize that there is nothing wrong with cheering for a team. Our community is not so staid and stifled that it is improper to utter an approving sound when the team makes a good play, or breaks into the lead. Many of you freshmen will be identified as such if you should happen to jump to your feet and cheer at a football game. Don't regret your actions!! Much of the purpose of sports is to provide that outlet for your emotions, so cheer as long and as loud as you wish, and ignore those prudent pressures who accuse you of childish actions when you do it. Chances are they are more that way than yourself for stifling the proper atmosphere which should be present at such events.

Perhaps the most important aspect is often the most difficult. Support your team no matter what the odds are against victory. We can look back a few years at a Uconn basketball team which wasn't given much chance to win the Orange Bowl basketball tournament, but which came home with the championship. We can remember that the same Husky court contingent was paired with Elgin Baylor's Seattle quintet in the first game of the NCAA basketball tournament in 1957, and wasn't expected to be able to hold the same court with that highly seeded team. Yet it wasn't until the final ten seconds of play that Uconn was counted out and then only by three points. These are all instances of cases where support from fans and a driving desire by the team made possible these performances.

So here's a closing bit of advice for all you freshmen. Get out and support your team. Stand up and cheer for the victory. Begin a new tradition on campus of interest in campus affairs in other things as well as sports, and carry it over to the athletic field. It will result in a better sports season for our teams, and what is more important, a better University for us all.



Co-captain Tom Kopp



Co-captain Bill Minnerly

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Date	Opponent	Place
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Oct. 1	Rutgers	H
Oct. 8	Umass	A
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