

A Christ-Centered College

According to the College Calendar, Waterloo University College aims to educate men and women among Christian influences which tend to develop individual talents and initiative, high ideals, a sense of responsibility, spiritual values and devotion to worthy service." We are not ashamed to declare that behind all we do is the consciousness that "Man is a creature of God, the world is God's creation, history is in the hand of God, and man is responsible to his loving Father because of that Love."

Some would immediately declare that conducting a university with such presuppositions would not permit full freedom to investigate the truths of all fields of learning. First of all, let it be clear that no university is able to exist without presuppositions. While many profess to have no faith, yet with a little investigation it becomes clear that they do propagate a faith. Coleman, for example, points out the tenets of liberal rationalism in the university: "A belief in progress, a rejection of the doctrine of original sin, a naive view of objectivity, a mistaken faith in science and education, an uncritical worship of reason, and a bourgeois evaluation of 'success'."

Rather than our generation having lost faith, it has merely transferred its faith. Instead of looking to Christianity for the abundance of life, we tend today to look to the scientific laboratory for the abundance of goods. No longer do we fear the damnation of God; we fear rather the condemnation of the dean, the rejection of our girl friend, the possibilities of being declared a Communist. We bow down to a myriad of gods, some as ancient as sex, others as fleeting as

this week's song hit. The stadium, the laboratory, learning and romance. All sorts of campus gods are contending with each other and arouse warfare among their worshipers.

Secondly, it should be made clear that when convictions are omitted from teaching and the atmosphere of learning, the university is not being neutral; it is being negative. It is teaching that convictions do not matter in the intelligent life, it implies that such decisions are not urgent; they are considered as luxuries, private fancies. If the university does not take the responsibility of developing a philosophy of life along with the abundance of data, of equipping men and women with the will or the way to use the knowledge which has given them power, then it has been derelict in its primary task: it has refused to *educate*.

Waterloo believes that it is within the setting of the Christian faith that man can make the deepest search into truths. Christianity has always held the life of the intellect in highest respect. One day the smart men of his day went to Jesus with trick questions. He answered them so cleverly that they had to slink away red-faced and stammering. Ever since then Jesus' followers have admired the clear head and the good brain. Christianity considers the community of learning as ordained of God for the wholesome pursuit of knowledge; and it serves God well when it does well its proper work, scholarship.

Moreover, the doctrine of justification by faith (that man is saved by Christ's love and not by any kind of wisdom) frees man to search for all truth. As Alexander Miller points out:

"We need not fear to be wrong and may go about our work of inquiry garrisoned by the conviction which is born of the Gospel, that we are not going to thrust beyond the reach of the inexorable love of God by following the facts where they lead." As God has ordained the university to search for truth, then even those who are not professedly Christian are joined as comrade-in-arms to fight in the Holy War on the front of scholarship and competence, even though they may not realize it.

How much better it is to place the community of learning in the total purpose of God than to depend upon such uncertainties as one's own knowledge or self-price or self-respect. Undergirded by the presence of the eternal God as revealed in Christ Jesus, we can with certainty and honesty and dedication to our task search out the many truths available in all branches of learning.

The major task, then, for the student is to be a student. He goes to his desk as to an altar. He studies with his whole heart and a single mind because God has called him to that vocation. Christian students must be open to all truth. Truth is one. It comes from One who is anxious to communicate it in all its fullness. Anyone who is afraid of facts is afraid of God. All truth is God's truth, since "without Him was not any thing made that was made."

And this means that the student is willing also to search the truths of Christianity, to experience its worship, to know its teachings and to be willing to face the decision of dedicating one's life to Christ. This, the Christ-centered college offers.

Message from The President

It would, indeed, be difficult to assign a president a more hackneyed theme than the welcome to new and returning students. Having received that assignment on the very day I had spent fifteen minutes welcoming the new students in person seemed to dictate that half of the readers would find the article redundant. The other half — returning students — have been taking every opportunity to welcome me to the campus, several having tried most earnestly to help me register. Inasmuch as acceptance of new applications had been terminated a week earlier, I felt their welcome to be genuine. I gratefully acknowledge the warmth of their spirit and promise to inform them before next autumn how it is possible to by-pass the registration lines (including the bursar's).

It is easier for us to welcome one another through the medium of print than to do it in person. The latter takes more effort and demands more from us. It may be inconvenient at the moment, or we may not like the shape of the other person's nose. However, the size of this student body makes it unlikely that I shall be able to speak with each of you individually within the first few weeks. So I shall take this opportunity to greet you as warmly as type will permit. As the year passes, I hope to meet each of you in person.

However, the student body of which you are a part, and particularly your own class, is of greater importance to you than the president. Rubbing shoulders with other students in classes and residences requires a high capacity for getting along with those nearest you. Have you welcomed your fellow students?

It is easier to love humanity as a whole than to love one's neighbour. There may even be a certain antagonism between love of humanity and love of neighbour. A low capacity for getting along with those near us often accompanies a high receptivity to the idea of the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. How is your capacity for relating to the student down the hall or at the next desk?

Something over a hundred years ago a Russian landowner named Petrashevsky studied his environment and observed: "Finding nothing worthy of my attachment wither among women or among men, I have vowed myself to the service of mankind." He became a follower of Fourier, and installed a phalanstery on his estate. The mode of its reception by his neighbours, the peasants, might have been anticipated. They burned it.

The capacity for getting along with our fellows depends in large measure upon our capacity to get along with ourselves. We were created to glorify God and respond to His goodness by our service to fellowmen. To glorify ourselves and "use" our neighbours for self-aggrandizement initiates corrosive conflicts within us, lowering both our own self-respect and our capacity for accepting others.

Perhaps you might resolve some conflicts by working earnestly this year to realize the full potential of the capacities and talents God has implanted in you — not for your glory, but for His. Be grateful to Him for the opportunity to study here. You can show you mean it by lending a hand to fellow students. You may live more easily with yourself and find other people more interesting than you thought.

This business of welcoming, if it is worth anything, has more depth than cold type of a curt greeting. It is a way of life that begins with ourselves, our relationship to God and that "odd ball" for whom Christ died.

The worst tyrannies of our day are pledged to the service of mankind, yet can function only by pitting neighbour against neighbour, student against student. The all-seeing eye of a totalitarian regime is the watchful eye of neighbour and fellow-student. In a Communist state love of neighbour or fellow-student as an individual may be considered counter-revolutionary. To truly "welcome" one another during this academic year may be as good a way as any to block the development of totalitarianism in the Western world. It could get to be a way of life, and who knows where this student body might export it before the close of the decade?

Welcome, new and returning students!

Humphrey Spooner Back Again

Old here today gone tomorrow Humphrey Spooner will be with us again this year.

Humphrey, the darling of last year's Frosh class claims he left us to attend the University of Siam because our standards are too low. It is doubtful that this is the case; in fact, there are rumours to the effect that the passing away of Elmer Spooner (Humph's father for the information of the illiterate frosh) followed by the intimacy between sister Ruby Spooner and a certain professor so and so were all he could bear.

Soph President Paul Enns, who owes much of his political success to Humph, sent a letter beseeching Humph to return. The following is an excerpt from his reply.

"... if you can raise my fare home Paul, I will gladly return. I have picked up some good election pointers here and maybe we could Padre McLeish president of the I Phelta Theta fraternity. I hear there was no money left in the treasury after Louis bought his suit. Oh well maybe some of last year's initiation beanies still in Mike's possession could be salvaged. Of course the Royals could sell their uniforms or has John already sold them? Why don't you raise the freshman initiation fees to \$10 a head and sell the heads to stray Science students. Well if all goes well look for me in the Torque Room under a table..."

If Humph returns, and certainly the Sophs will raise his fare, let the whole Soph class "Get over the hump with Humphrey Spooner," their mascot.

Of Cabbages and Kings and . . .

This column appears for the first time in our *Cord Weekly*. All students desirous of making a contribution can submit typewritten or script-written items, signing them, and then put in Mail Box under R, addressed to TOM RAMAUTARSINGH. The aim of this column is to bring some sunshine in your LIFE and have you SMILE while you are at WATERLOO UNIV. COLLEGE. Any suitable wit, puns, humour, etc., can be shared with others if only you will submit them. I know all WATERLOOANS will look forward to this column when it appears SO . . .

A Brooklyn teacher instructed her fourth grade children to write an essay about animals. Bobby chose rattlesnakes and wrote, "A rattlesnake is a big woim wit an exter long tail and a bad poisonality."

The Cord Welcomes You . . .

The *Cord Weekly* staff would like to extend a hearty welcome to all incoming students and wish everyone the best with their studies. We know you

will soon feel at home here and will enjoy your time at Waterloo (with the exception of initiation week). We hope you will be as proud to become part

of the Waterloo University College family as we are proud in having you for fellow Waterlooians.



Pictured above are some of the main people on campus concerned with the interests and personal well being of the students. *Left to Right:* Dr. W. J. Villeneuve, College President; Dean of Students, Prof. D. Morgenson; Dean of Women, Miss E. Brandon; Director of Student Activities, Wm. Haggstrom; Chaplain, Dr. M. Dolbeer; House Mother of Conrad Hall, Mrs. Binhammer; Dean of Men of Willison Hall, E. J. Barnes.

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The *Cord Weekly* Office, Room 105 in Willison Hall, will be open starting Monday from 9 - 10 a.m. and 1 - 2 p.m. every week Monday through to Thursday. This is for the convenience of anyone working on the staff or any student who may wish to make a contribution to the paper.

Editorial . . .

We would like to impress upon the freshmen that your purpose this year is to obtain a well rounded education. It is very important to get your year but it is equally important to take part in the athletic and extra-curricular activities and to meet and learn how to get along with persons of various backgrounds and ideas.

Each student is encouraged to take part in at least one outside activity. Taking part will help in finding new friends and acquaintances, a vital part of college life. There are nearly 30 different organizations from which the students may choose and with this wide selection, there is no reason for anyone to miss out on the extra plus in campus life. With a well budgeted schedule, there is no reason for outside activities to interfere with the academic studies.

It has been said that youth is the opportunity to do something and become somebody and no time affords a better chance to start moulding your career and setting your sights on the future than your first year in college.

The great statesmen of our times stress the fact that no nation can remain aloof from the world situations and this is so ever much more true of individuals. Get involved, for what we learn outside the classroom could quite possibly be more of an education than what is taught in the lectures. Approximately 60% will pass the first year on what was taught in the lectures but no one should fail in what is to be learnt outside of the classroom.

Get involved, work hard in all things, budget your time, and you shall succeed.

FOOTBALL

Our Waterloo University College Golden Hawks will be winging into grid iron action against the Rams of Ryerson on Saturday, October 7th. This will be the season opener for both clubs. It will be a big first in a number of areas for our Golden Hawks:

- the first appearance in a number of years of a football team carrying the purple and gold colors of W.U.C.
- the first football game of the season at home.
- the first public appearance of the team's new uniforms.
- and lastly but far from least the first public appearance of Mr. Bob Celeri as the Hawks head coach.

The Golden Hawks head coach is a quiet, good natured young man who you would not take for a football player at first meeting. Yet his background in the game reads like a history book of the sport. Twice All-American quarterback at the University of California where he played in two Rose Bowl Games. Upon graduation he played three years in the National Football League with the New York Yankees and the Dallas Texans before moving to Kitchener where he ably quarterbacked the Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen in the Ontario Rugby Football Union until that club folded two years ago. Four times he was chosen most valuable player in the O.R.F.U.

This backlog of knowledge he brings to our campus where he feels that the forthcoming season will be full of interesting surprises.

The rest of the season reads as follows:

- Oct. 14 Royal Military College here.
- Oct. 18 W.U.C. at Hamilton Institute.
- Oct. 21 Hamilton Institute here.
- Oct. 28 W.U.C. at Royal Military College.
- Nov. 4 W.U.C. at Ryerson.

This is your team don't let them down, be at every game cheering them on . . . they won't let you down . . .

Have you heard about the patient who, when he first entered the hospital, was so thin that instead of X-raying him, the doctors simply carried him to a window and held him up to the light?

Like Student Activities

Yes, we've got them here on campus. Organizations and activities for everyone.

If you got printers ink in your blood there's the *Cord Weekly* to be put out and the *Student Directory and Handbook* and even the yearbook, commonly called *The Keystone*.

Talk about clubs why there's the:

- UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY . . .
- ANTHENAUM SOCIETY . . .
- INTER - VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP . . .
- LUTHERAN STUDENTS' MOVEMENT . . .
- PHI DELTA PI . . .
- WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE OF CANADA . . .
- WESTMINSTER CLUB . . .
- CANTERBURY CLUB . . .
- CHRISTOTYROS . . .
- THE AMBASSADORS . . .
- NATIONAL FEDERATION OF CANADIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS . . .
- NEWMAN CLUB . . .
- PSYCHOLOGY CLUB . . .
- PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY . . .
- PURPLE AND GOLD SHOW . . .
- LIBERAL POLITICS CLUB . . .
- PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE POLITICS CLUB . . .
- SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO FAULTY MEMBERS . . .
- CIRCLE K CLUB . . .
- GLEE CLUB . . .
- GERMAN CLUB . . .
- LETTERMAN'S CLUB . . .
- SPANISH CLUB . . .
- FRENCH CLUB . . .
- PHILOSOPHY CLUB . . .
- FAITH AND LIFE COUNCIL.

If you can't find the organization that suits your interest well then let it be known and perhaps we will organize one with you as president.

Every one of our present clubs and organizations is a functioning spirited group that wants to meet you. Why not stop by at their next meeting . . . ?

Chiaroscuro

What liberal arts campus could exist without a literary periodical to publish students' creative writing? And at W.U.C. we have such a magazine. It is called *Chiaroscuro*, which is an Italian term having something or other to do with subtlety and sensitivity of light and shadow in painting.

Well, we don't publish paintings; but we did think the word could be suitably borrowed from art criticism to express, as the title of a magazine, an elemental objective in creative writing.

Chiaroscuro began several years ago as a poetry magazine by the students of this campus. Its originator was John Robert Colombo, now poetry editor of the *Tamrack Review* (Toronto) and a member of the staff of the Ryerson Press. But the magazine did not survive more than its first three years. Last year it was revived, and expanded to include prose articles and short stories. The complete printing of 755 copies is now dissipated, we are happy to say; it was picked up here at the College by students, and copies were sent to other colleges in

Canada and the U. S. So we stand a fair chance of making a name for ourselves.

But nothing can be achieved if students of the College don't write. And little at all will be achieved if the quality of writing is not as high as possible. The "market" is competitive. The poet and the story-writer who are sincere about composition do not lead an easy life; but an achievement can be made if there is devotion to work.

It is a safe presupposition that there are students around who want to write. And who is to say that they are found only in literature courses? There is a magazine ready and waiting to publish. There are people available who are willing to read and criticize whatever is offered. But the students have to do the writing first.

We simply will not take No for an answer. There will be a meeting of all interested students on Wednesday evening, October 11, at 8 o'clock; come to the Faculty Lounge in the basement of the Arts Building, and bring your determination with you.

P.S.: Refreshments will be available.

Extra-Curricular Activities

College life can contain a certain emptiness which is often overcome by the participation in extra-curricular activities and each student is encouraged to take part in at least one activity. There are nearly 30 various groups and organizations operating on the campus besides four college publications and of course our administrative body, the students council.

The *Student Directory* and *Handbook* serves as the telephone book for college students as well as containing descriptions of all the college organizations.

The *Cord Weekly* enables each student to express his opinions on any topic and operates as a service for the students by presenting clear reports, informative and humorous columns and items as well as taking stands on important issues and by fully and accurately presenting all sides in any question. *The Cord* reflects the life and spirit of the students and is an integral part of campus life.

The Keystone is the college yearbook and is a priceless record of the campus activities. It contains many, many pictures and reports and the students are invited to contribute in compiling this matchless work.

The Chiaroscuro is an annual publication of poetry, prose and satire. It is under the supervision of the Poetry Club but individual students are asked to contribute.

Aside from the student council, the Undergraduate society, which serves as a clearing house for all clubs organizing activities for the year and the Athenaeum society which plans and co-ordinates many dances during the year are also groups to which the members are elected.

The college campus is a proving ground for Christian character and

MEETING OF ALL INTERESTED IN WORKING ON THE CORD STAFF
MONDAY OCT. 2
7 p.m. Music Room

there are many religious clubs to join. The Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship is inter-denominational; the Lutheran Students' Association is for Lutheran students; the Westminster Club is for Presbyterian pretheological students; The Canterbury Club is especially for those of the Anglican faith; The Christotyros is designed for Lutheran pre-theological students. The Ambassadors is a club for United Church members and the Newman Club is for those of the Roman Catholic faith.

Phi Delta Pi is the women's undergraduate society and is mainly to promote friendship and to look after the women's interests on the campus. All girls are encouraged to join this organization.

The National Federation of Canadian University Students is the Canadian Union of students to which all students automatically belong having paid their 50c. membership fee. The organization maintains a full time staff in Ottawa which keeps in touch with the government and is responsible for obtaining additional loans and scholarships for needy students. NFCUS operates a cheap travel service for tours in Europe and is also a member of many international organizations such as UNESCO.

The World University Service of Canada is engaged in a world wide mutual aid program aimed at helping students to help themselves. Another service group on the campus is the Circle K Club which operates under the sponsorship of the Kiwanis. The Circle K holds the annual Christmas banquet as well as annually providing a student bursary.

The largest student effort every year is the presentation of the Purple and Gold show which varies between plays and variety shows. Many students annually take part in this gala production which utilizes the talents of many and brings out the hidden talents in many others.

This school year will probably see our first model parliament. Because of this, it is becoming exceedingly important for students to take a stand on certain issues and the three major parties, the New Democratic, the Liberals and the Progressive Conservatives have campus associations which hold open meetings for everyone to attend and also offer membership to any students desiring such.

There are also several clubs on the campus whose main interest is one particular academic field. Among them are the Geography, Psychology, Philosophy, German, Spanish and French Clubs.

This is a partial list of the different organizations open to the college men and women and we hope that each and everyone will take part in at least one of these activities which aid in garnering a well rounded and full college education.

Athletics Ltd.

We got them large and small, big and tall. A sport to match anyone's interest and ability.

Intercollegiate there's the big ones: FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, and HOCKEY. And in the not so big ones, there's TRACK, HARRIER, GOLF, TENNIS, CURLING, TABLE TENNIS, BADMINTON, SKIING, SWIMMING, VOLLEYBALL and even SQUASH. All of these sports will see a tem representing Waterloo College. Watch the bulletin boards for notices concerning when and where tryouts will be held.

Intramurally speaking, if there's an interest in any sport from basketball to tiger hunting, there will be schedules set up and areas found in which to participate.

And to keep the little ladies happy, the Women's Athletic and Recreational Association is planning big things in the way of PLAY DAYS, GAME TRIPS, and other invitational athletic events. W.U.C. plans to host teams in this area in BADMINTON, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL and other activities wherein the interest lies.



Pictured above are Waterloo's four "most wanted" men, the heads of the major campus organizations. Seated, L. to R., Fred Jacobi, Undergraduate Chairman and Tom Freure, Students' Council President. Standing, L to R., are John Erb, Students Council Vice-President, and Peter Homenuck, *Cord Weekly* Editor.



Brenda Good, an IVCF guide, points out a place of interest to a group of eager freshmen during one of the many campus tours.



Professor Morgensen is caught in the act of aiding two freshettes during the psychological tests.