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DEAN SEES NEED FOR CURRICULUM CHANGES

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Dr. Grover, the new Academic Dean, has plans in the offing for changes in the curriculum. These changes are aimed not only at accreditation, but at broadening and upgrading the whole scope of education at C.M.A.

Knowing that such an undertaking is not to be left to chance, Grover feels that there is a need to define the objectives and to determine which direction we want to go with regard to curriculum and the needs of the graduate.

Grover sees the field of "ocean transportation" as a "growth industry" and wants to involve the Academy in training for industries in this field and those closely related. He stated that an elective "system" with up to perhaps 20 hours offered in electives, would allow the midshipmen more scope in selecting the type of training he wants. Minors in such fields as oceanography, maritime economics and management are then possible. Grover expressed his desire to see C.M.A. graduates go into the "industry" and become instrumental in building it up.

The professional program is also to have changes made, by way of consolidating existing subjects, deleting obsolete practices, and adding courses necessary to update the Academy to the standards of a modern merchant marine. It will also be brought up to meet the demands of the U.S.C.G. license examinations.

Grover's proposed changes are going to take cooperation from both midshipmen and faculty. Grover feels that feedback from the midshipmen is important and that more will be asked of the students to determine their needs. Dr. Grover's ideas on renovating the curriculum are sound and promise to greatly improve the quality of training at C.M.A.

DECK DEPARTMENT MONOMOY RACE - J. Dwyer

On the last day of August, the first of a planned series of Monomoy races was sponsored by the Deck Dept. In a near calm, against a flood tide, 4-D sprang to an early lead in a blistering (?) charge across the starting line just ahead of 1-D's boat, leaving 2-D and 3-D battling viciously for third position. As the fleet was bearing toward #15 buoy beyond Mare Island Strait, mishap struck. The rudder on 3-D's boat came adrift and had to be replaced by the sweep oar. In 2-D's craft the drain plug made a strange disappearance but all was soon under control thanks to a sock. The first boat to reach the buoy and finish was 3-D, closely followed by 4-D and 2-D. 1-D was unable to finish due to mechanical failure. Though the weather was uncooperative, all returned in excellent spirits.

WHAT IT'S REALLY LIKE - M. Dindio

The shifting program at C.M.A. has been advanced to the status of a mandatory, credit-carrying course for which 20 days of sea time must be accumulated. This program is an excellent means of learning what the merchant marine is all about and what it is really like. It is a tremendous aid in understanding what is taught in the classroom, as the correlation between practice and theory can be seen. The coordinator of this department is Mr. Schmidt, to whom one applies for a shifting. Cooperation with Schmidt is requested as it takes a great deal of time and effort to set these up. "No-shows" are strongly discouraged. Orders are obtained from Schmidt, as well as a report form which must be turned in to get credit. Shifts are available either for dockside or short shifts; or for longer ones of several days or weeks. Both Deck and Engineer profit by taking shifts which are both enjoyable and rewarding ways of finding out what it's really like.

C.M.A.'s FIRST ANNUAL "ICEBREAKER"

J. I. MacLeod

In a gala kick-off for this year's activities, the Propeller Club is sponsoring what can only be termed as an "icebreaker". Besides the main attraction (girls) highlights will include swimming, sailing, softball. A bank will also appear. Help is needed to pull this off. Many girls go to school in the adjacent area but the problem of transportation arises. Anyone who might be able to load their car with luscious maidens, please contact MacLeod or O'Neill. Participation is reserved for Propeller club members only; however, if you are not a member yet, there is still a chance to become one. Certainly you don't want to miss such a fabulous fling.

ANYONE wishing to contribute to the BINNACLE please submit copy to Eichenberger, Room 303.

When a women's libber was asked about the use of Ms, she stated: "It will cover all the broad issues."

Some New Yorkers feel that Women Only hotels are discriminatory and must go. First thing you know, instead of YMs and Yws, we'll have Y Nots?

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