Mr. Kelly Speaks In Student Lecture Series

Subject: Russian Statistics Misleading

by William Moran

On Wednesday, October 17th, a group of students assembled in Room 245 to hear Mr. John Kelly talk about the reliability of Russian statistics. Mr. Kelly's lecture was the first one of the Student Lecture Series sponsored by the Literary Guild.

Mr. Kelly pointed out that the Russians are releasing much more statistical information concerning their economy than in the past, but it is often misleading and incomplete. Information concerning the production of synthetic rubber, uranium, and oil is noticeably absent. The Soviet Union is especially secretive about the distribution of goods. They do not release any figures on the percentage of the population that is the recipient of what is produced.

The idea that the Soviets are compiling two sets of figures, one for their use and one for propaganda purposes, was rejected by Mr. Kelly. The reasons he gave were: Western economists, by comparing a given set of figures, would be able to spot inaccuracies; reports from foreign observers and escapes show that the information released is factual; unfavorable statistics, such as agricultural setbacks, are also reported.

Between the years of 1928 and 1955 the Soviet Union claims that its production increased 15% per year. For the same period, the United States has a 3.7% increase per year. To the average person these figures apparently show that Russia is out-producing America. Mr. Kelly stated that he thinks the Soviet claims are misleading. He said that he does not think that the statistics released are deliberately falsified, but rather, that the Russians use a different technique to attain their figures. A problem arises because they rarely tell us how they arrive at their conclusions and therefore it is difficult for Western economists to use their statistics. Through the use of charts Mr. Kelly proved that by using two different methods of compilation the same numbers will give conflicting results.

In concluding, Mr. Kelly made the following statement in regard to Soviet statistical data. "When the information is expressed in physical weights, tons, bushels or the like, it is probably accurate; when it is expressed as an evaluation of price, the wisest thing to do is to forget about it." He suggested that Robert W. Campbell's book, Soviet Economic Power, be read by anyone interested in this topic.

Mr. Kelly has a B.S.S. degree from Fairfield University. His doctoral thesis, on the economy of the Soviet Union, is near completion. He is an Instructor in Economics at Marist.

Mr. Kelly spoke at the request of the Literary Guild. The Guild believes that the faculty of Marist College is a storehouse of untapped knowledge. It has arranged for one discussion a month. Each speaker will talk about a topic that he cannot fit into his class schedule but that is of special interest. On November 29th, Mr. Milton Teichman will be the guest lecturer. He will discuss the Old Testament as a literary work.

Mrs. Ethel Bears Speaks On “Team Teaching”

by Thomas Troland

A series of lectures on new ideas in education was opened Friday night, October 19th in the college auditorium. Mrs. Ethel Bears, Principal of the Franklin School of Lexington, Mass., was the guest speaker.

A film, "The Influential Americans", was shown to illustrate some advances made in education in recent years. Among these innovations was the unique broad-casting of television lessons, via airplane, to Midwest classrooms and "Team Teaching", a system in use at the Franklin School since 1957.

Mrs. Bears' talk outlined the workings of "Team Teaching" as it is employed at Franklin. The system is based on the division of pupils into three "teams". They are Alpha (1st and 2nd grades), Beta (3rd and 4th years), and Omega (5th and 6th). Each pupil is assigned to a team for each subject. Thus, it is possible for a student gifted in some subjects to study those subjects on the Beta level even though his age may be that of Alpha team students. A gifted student is given every opportunity for advancement in this system. Likewise, "team" teachers are divided into groups. Team leaders, (cont. on p. 4)

Brother Felix Shurkus: Teacher and Proctor

by Peter Kearney

Brother Felix was born and raised in Waterbury, Connecticut. Before his assignment to Marist he was a teacher for almost seventeen years at various high schools. Among them were Mt. St. Michael (Bronx), St. Agnes, (Manhattan), and Central Catholic (Mass.). He has two principal duties at Marist. He is an instructor in sacred theology and a resident student proctor on the third floor of Sheahan Hall.

Brother Felix began teaching when he received his B.A. degree from Marist. He later performed some graduate work in English at Saint John's University. He has also obtained a Licentiate degree in Theology from the Lateran University in Rome.

When questioned about what he thought of Marist he replied, "I am extremely impressed by the good behavior, manners, and friendliness of the students. They are good Catholic gentlemen. It is a pleasure to deal with them."
An Invitation

The purpose of this column is to create interest in the functioning of the Student Council. The decision of the council are of immediate importance to you, the students, because their decisions have a definite effect on campus life. All the students, through their organization, are able to have their voices heard at the annual meeting of the council. Every council meeting takes place on Sunday evenings, it would be advisable to have the council meeting of the meeting impossible since the President of the Student Council has made known that he was not a student of the previous suggestion.

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Second, it is not feasible that the representative on the Student Council be a student and have only a voice, but also a vote, to equal one half the vote of an actual Student Council member. This would increase the representation of each organization on the Student Council, but it is a move that is against democratic government if any student interested enough to participate could easily be recognized to speak at a meeting. This would increase participation and interest without necessarily making the direction of the meeting impossible since the President of the Student Council could still limit discussion and decide who was to be recognized.

Third, considering the fact that Student Council meetings now take place on Sunday evenings, it would be advisable to have the meeting at a more reasonable hour. A council meeting at Marist College written while events are actually taking place could be of great benefit to students.

Fourth, it might also be worthwhile to have a copy of the Student Council Constitution, the By-Laws, and minutes of the every meeting since the foundation of the council made available at the reception desk of a central location such as the Spalding Library or Greystone.

Fifth, and finally, the purpose of the class representatives to the Student Council is literally to 'represent the classes.' Therefore, if any student wishes to see the previous suggestions, or any of his own views expressed, pressure should be brought to bear on the student council members to adopt your suggestions, or any others of his own adopted, pressure should be brought to bear on the student council members to adopt your suggestions.

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More than the sound of basketballs has been coming from the Marist College gym of late. A new spark has been added to the hoop squad in the person of their new coach, Tom Wade. The veteran mentor out of St. Mary's of Manhasset has been making his presence known via his booming voice and general basketball prowess. It is the considered opinion of your noted scribes that Wade's presence may be the springboard to a more surprising campaign for the Marist hoopers.

Wade has at his command a very impressive array of new talent to add to the nucleus of last year's club. Leading the newcomers are John Oulett, Tom Finucane, Gerald LaForge, Hap Miller, Bernie Dooley, Jim Wright and Denny O'Brien.

Added to Fred Weiss, John Romeo, Tom Trojanowski, Ron Franks, Wally Barisonek and Dave Flynn of last year's team, which showed an admirable 6-7 record, we could see .750 ball played on the campus this season. The only difficulty could come from injuries which may be incurred via the loose tile on our field house floor.

Glad to see that the organization of the intramural system has been taken over by students. We hope now that the anticipated spirit will come true. The Varsity Club will be directly in charge and we look for some type of dorm-day and interclass rivalries to develop.

Random thoughts: Ray Williams continues to bury Ed Moetzinger as was evident in the two cross country meets this season. The home harriers have had this year. Revenge is sweet.

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The Marist College Cross-Country Team had its first two meetings of the season this week, and is still eagerly looking forward to its first victory. On October 10th, the team travelled to New Paltz and Orange Community College. The team was at a disadvantage because they had never run the course and it was also their first race as a team.

Among the scorers for Marist were Ray Williams, Ed Moetzinger, Richie McKay, Jerry Dunkel, and Vincent Sheridan. The course was very rough, and rain on the previous afternoon had made the footing very slippery. The competition was very strong and the Marist Team showed an admirable 6-7 record, we could see .750 ball played on our field house floor.

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The association has the approval of the President of the College, Br. Linus Hoy and the Director of Athletics, Br. William Murphy. Varsity letters will be awarded the participants based on the same requirements as for other varsity sports.

Tracy Flanagan who has had much experience in competitive sailing and instruction, and Coach Sal Mula are offering bi-monthly sailing instruction to members of the association.

This coming weekend the club will be guests of the Croton Yacht Club. They will practice in the boats which they will use in their first competition.

On November 3rd the association will sail in its first invitational regatta at United States Naval Academy to race in a regatta on the Potomac on April 14th, 1963.

Social events scheduled for the Spring of '63 are two extended cruises on a 70-foot sloop on Long Island Sound for members and their dates.

The first five finishers for Marist were Ray Williams, Ed Moetzinger, Richie McKay, Jerry Dunkel, and Mike Ward. The race was easily won by the visitors at the cost of our young squad.

Next Tuesday the team hopes to even the score when the Dutchess team returns to the campus for a rematch. Perhaps the determination and experience gained from the first meet can be combined for the first victory of the year. Revenge is sweet.

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