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## Prelude to Revolution: The Radicals Speak | Meeting for McCarthy Kicks Off Campaign

By PAUL B. SIMMS

A forum entitled "The Future of American Society" was held last Thursday in the Grand Ballroom of Finley Student Center, with more than 300 students and faculty members present. The forum was the third in a series entitled "Prelude to Revolution." This series is sponsored by the City College Christian Association, with cooperation from Observation Post, The Onyx Society, and the Education Society.

The participating speakers were Professor Sandra Levinson, of the Political Science Dept. at City College and a staff member of Ramparts; Nat Hentoff, columnist for the Village Voice and author of "Our Children are Dying;" Carl Oglesby, co-author of "Containment and Change" and a major spokesman for the New Left, Roy Innis, director of the Harlem Commonwealth Council and Associate National Director of CORE; and Ira Sandperl, pacifist.

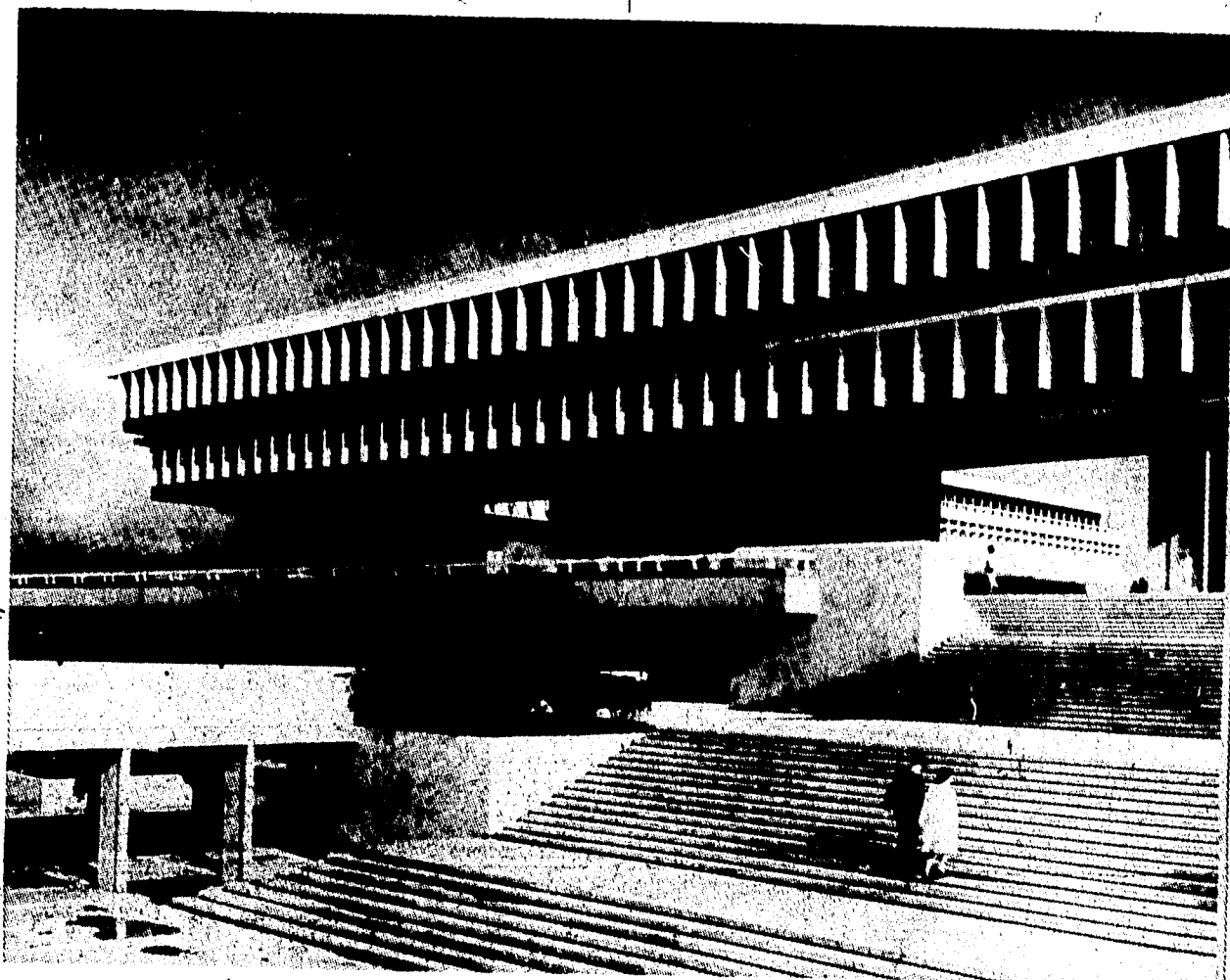
Oglesby began the forum by speaking on the three crises facing America today: Urbanization and its effects, the War in Vietnam, and Racism. Oglesby defined America as "... not livable places. America is one dreary succession of Pittsburgs, Daytons, Cleavelands and Newarks. ... And we all remember the day that Johnson sang 'We shall overcome' — and the movement has not been able to sing since."

Oglesby further stated "Our society is abandoned without history. We are marooned with the hodge-podge of American cities created by our ancestors, and we are marooned with our racist problems created by our ancestors."

Nat Hentoff was much more pessimistic. "I'm afraid that these people who are supporting McCarthy or Kennedy will drop back into their own world or graduate school, and become what I call auto-anesthetized — that is, cut themselves off from the rest of the problems of the society. ... A liberal has great and deep feelings for other people, but the radical knows that he is in trouble too. ... But there is no telling how much time there is!"

Mr. Hentoff was very sure about the path for the black people in this country, "If you are black, the question is simple — the Black Power route." But Hentoff was less definite about the white society in this country, "If you are white, your problem is how to stay professional and radical; and to see the need to control your own schools and politics and economics of your neighborhood." Between crises, according to

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The physical plan for The City College will be, in part, based on theories developed at Simon Fraser University. That college was the first megastructure campus built on this continent, in 1966. Simon Fraser's academic quadrangle is shown above. The college, in Barnaby, British Columbia, has been the prototype of many new urban college campuses.

## Designing A New City College: Functional Flexibility Wanted

Architect-Planners Reveal Ideas and Discuss Urban Campuses

By ROBERT KALISH

Community interaction, better transit access, and a logically arranged flexible campus are among the principles being incorporated into the new physical master plan for The City College. The newly appointed architects of the plan, John Carl Warnecke and Associates, outlined urban campus problems, presented solutions at other campuses, and applicability of schemes to The City College in a conference with the School of Architecture last Wednesday. The conference is one in a series that the firm will conduct with the School of Architecture in order to shape their paths of thinking. The result, the College's first master plan, will be released next January.

Eugene Cohen, Hirschel Post, and John Smythe, three representatives of the Warnecke firm, told last week's gathering that our College has poor student interaction, atrocious subway connections, a lack of meeting spaces, unfunctional buildings, and bad community relations. These problems, they stressed, are not unique to The City College but occur at most urban colleges. They cited Temple

University in Philadelphia and Columbia University in New York as just about the worst institutions in these respects.

### The Prototypes

With a series of slides, the architectural representatives demonstrated how urban college planning was progressing in this country. They emphasized that the old ideal of separate boxes for every discipline spread out over green lands is being abandoned in favor of the tightly knit, functional campus. They pointed to the University of Illinois at Chicago, Scarborough College of the University of Toronto, Simon Fraser University in Barnaby, British Columbia, and Forest Park Community College, St. Louis as examples of good urban campuses. All of these have been built within the last five years.

A modern megastructure, the Place Bonaventure in Montreal, was cited as offering the most clues as to what The City College would be like in the future. (A megastructure is a large, multi-functional, self-contained building.) The Place Bonaventure contains a subway station, two railroad termini, an exhibition hall, shopping, movies, high-

way connections, parking, a merchandise mart, office space, and a hotel. All of these functions are logically arranged and easily accessible within the super-block. There is no such equivalent structure existing or planned in New York City.

A City College megastructure might contain parking, subway stops, theaters, lecture halls, classrooms, labs, libraries, lounges, cafeterias, stores, student offices, administrative offices, faculty offices, and dormitories. All of these could be arranged, according to Warnecke's men, in a flexible way so that if there were perhaps a need for more parking, it could be added almost overnight. Ditto with offices, classrooms, etc.

### Simon Fraser

The first flexible megastructure campus to be built in this hemisphere is Simon Fraser University in British Columbia. Located within the metropolitan Vancouver area, this new college occupies 50 acres of a 200 acre site on a mountain; the rest of the land is being left forever forested. Entry to the college is from underground parking and bus-stops into a central

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By STU SCHARF

The Students for McCarthy group at the College held a successful organizational meeting on Thursday, March 21, during the club break. The room was packed, with hardly any standing room. At least 250 people were present. The meeting was covered by reporters from the New York Post, The New York Times, WNEW, and WCBS TV.

The main speaker was Steve Weinberg, who is in charge of the Students for McCarthy groups at all the colleges in New York City. In order to win the 190 New York delegates to the Democratic National Convention, Weinberg said that two aims must be achieved: 1) make sure that pro-McCarthy delegates are elected from the local districts (three delegates from each district) and 2) try to influence the New York State Democratic Committee, which will appoint 67 of the delegates.

In response to a question, Weinberg admitted that the Committee is controlled by John Burns, who is a Kennedy man, and therefore, probably all 67 delegates appointed by the Committee will be for Kennedy at the convention. However, students could work hard, canvassing and campaigning for McCarthy locally, which would hopefully win some delegates for him at the convention. "There's McCarthy sentiment all over the city — there's no doubt about it," Weinberg also emphasized that there are many areas throughout the state where McCarthy has strong support, or where Kennedy is not liked.

Weinberg also pointed out that volunteer help is needed in Connecticut and New Jersey. A fund raising campaign will be conducted at all the colleges in New York City, in an attempt to raise \$10,000 for McCarthy's campaign in Wisconsin.

Professor Bernard Bellush (History) and Prof. Leo Hamalian (English) spoke to the group, Prof. Hamalian bringing regards from the Faculty Committee for McCarthy. Prof. Bellush was "tremendously impressed by the fact that you are making history. You are destroying the myth that an incumbent president is automatically renominated." As an adult, he thanked the young students for showing that there is still some spirit in America, and that political dissent cannot be suppressed, even by the president.

Prof. Hamalian expressed similar ideas, and was roundly applauded when he declared "We're going to win this election for McCarthy, despite Bobby Kennedy." Both men received enthusiastic ovations.

Steve Orenstein, chairman of

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# Student's Account of McCarthy N.H. Campaign



What happens when four inches of rain falls on a college lawn? It turns to mud.

What happens when a delivery truck pulls up to the back of Finley Student Center, illegally transversing the lawn, after four inches of rain just fell? You guessed it.

This Galton Paper Company truck had to be towed out by the Department of Sanitation last Monday. The Buildings and Grounds Department claims that the truck should never have made a delivery there, "It isn't a delivery area."

... to which the truck driver replied, "There ain't no delivery areas on this goddam campus!"

Well, if it isn't huts, it's trucks.

## Summer Means Europe For Many Students

By HELEN COHEN

Don't you give a big sigh when someone says, "I'm going to Europe this summer"? Have you been giving Summer '68 any thoughts? The years at college are said to be the most impressionable years of your life, so traveling is more important now than ever. Many agencies now organize summer flights to Europe specifically for students.

One such program is offered by the Russian Summer Seminar for a course in Russian and of the Russian area. Knowledge of Russian isn't required for beginner classes; but classes are held on all levels, with instructors from the University of Leningrad. \$198 suffices for hotels, meals, sightseeing, and the diploma at the end of the course, which lasts from July 1-19. This group, not restricted, has meetings with Russian students at coffee houses, theatres, and other places of interest. Sandra Hano at 4548 Banner Drive, Long Beach, California, sponsors this linguistic trip under the auspices of the Education Department of Intourist.

Also, French students (having a year of College French) can go to Nantes for an intensive six week language program. Scholarships and other financial aid is given by the Study in Europe Institute of European Studies at 35 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

### CORRECTION

In our last issue the name Professor Auther Vigdor was erroneously included in the list of those who contributed to the support of the correspondents in South Vietnam. TECH NEWS regrets the error.

But what about those students who want to leave their study problems at CCNY? There are about 100 different round trip jet flights for \$220.00 and up, arranged by Mr. Murphy (682-5844), who is not officially affiliated with the College. Other such services for students, not necessarily under the patronage of the College, include the Student Advisory Service, Student Travel Information Service, Student's International Travel Association, and Student Travel Guild. Some give chartered flights, while others conduct guided tours for about \$500-1100, including the stay at youth hostels.

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation offers a summer course during August, given at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The Student Zionist Organization is a special entity endorsing "A Summer in a Kibbutz," with special tasks in communal settlements for six hours a day, Hebrew language instruction, discussion on Jewish history and current developments in Israel, and other cultural activities for a period of ten weeks. \$695.00 pays for the round-trip jet flight; students of ages 18-25 may participate in this program. Also under B'nai B'rith, and for the same age group, the Israeli Summer Institute offers a seven week field trip for \$945, which includes camping and hiking excursions, seminars and lectures on aspects of Israeli life. It also includes two weeks of Kibbutz work and a chance to meet Israeli youths in many settings.

The AIA (American Institute of Architects) offers a round trip discount flight to its members and their families from

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By JEFF GOODFRIEND

You're wrong. You think of the people of New Hampshire as gruff, narrow-minded conservatives with a slight taint of bigotry born of a sense of superiority. They live on farms and in small towns amidst a preponderance of bars and churches. No. Their two most singular characteristics are courtesy and honesty. Take the people of Portsmouth, N.H.

We waited a half hour to be served in a Portsmouth restaurant as people around us were being served and "checked" out.

It is a town that is slowly dying as the Naval Base, which employs its men, is slowly closing down. When the last clerk is fired and the last sailor is transferred, the jaws that have been raking the jugular vein of Portsmouth will shut tight. When these people voted in the New Hampshire primary on March 12, they voted against President Johnson, upon whose deaf ears their pleas for assistance fell unheeded. "Close the base if you must, but give us time to attract some new industries and help us if you can," was the sentiment their representatives conveyed to the federal government, to no avail.

This act of brutal bureaucratic insensitivity caused the people of Portsmouth to vote 195 to 0 for Senator McCarthy.

In giving every vote to one candidate, Portsmouth is unique, as primary towns go. However, in its troubled economic condition, it is typical of the area around the coastal city of Dover, N.H., in which I campaigned for Sen. McCarthy in the five days before the March 12 primary. The major industry there was the shoe manufacturing, which is being hit hard by Japanese and European competition. Sen. McCarthy proposed a small, temporary, protective tariff, which would be rescinded as soon as vital new industry could be brought in to set the state economy on firm footing.

### Humble Accommodations

A group of about 30 of us left by bus from Columbia University on Friday, March 8, with high hopes that were to be realized beyond our greatest expectations. There were people from Columbia and City College, and a contingent of three girls from Douglas College in New Jersey. After six hours of traveling, we arrived in Dover, sleeping bags in hand. While the girls were put up in the homes of various professors of the University of N.H., the males were accommodated luxuriously in the Dover Recreation Hall. We slept on the floor.

Not overly anxious to sleep, I struck up a conversation with the fellow next to me, Aarlo Lyucksula, late of the Finnish Army and Columbia Graduate School. Aarlo was muttering some pretty Finny curses under his breath. It seems that political campaigns in Finland are eminently simple. The supporters of the party in power crowd into the neighborhood bars and get themselves thoroughly smashed to the tune of campaign slogans and patriotic songs. They then pour into the streets in search of communists and spend the night jovially assaulting and battering. I promised to help him start a brawl sometime soon and went to bed. Not, however, to sleep. The human body demands motion

while it sleeps. It helps the blood to circulate. I spent the evening alternately sleeping on my back and stomach, with my pelvis in rebellion. Go lie down on the floor. Go ahead. Now turn from your stomach to your back. Hurts, doesn't it? With each additional bruise, I received a moment's wakefulness, amplified by Aarlo's snoring.

### House To House

The days that followed brought the volunteers in close touch with those whom they had grown to admire. Initially, I was canvassing door to door, talking to the people about McCarthy. You can't radically alter a person's political views in a few moment's conversation. The importance of ringing doorbells is that you let the people talk to you. Show them that you care. The literature that you leave behind with them is crammed with facts about the McCarthy campaign. It is the presence of the volunteer in the home which is the personal touch that lends a very important warmth to the campaign. Each person is classified on a 1 to 5 scale, with "1" being solidly for McCarthy, "3", unsure, and "5" solidly for LBJ.

A master list is then made up of one's and two's and these people are then reminded to vote, come election day. The central office offers any assistance necessary, be it a ride to the post office or a baby sitter.

Canvassing is a key method in the campaign. Voters were visited by volunteers and, if the voter was not at home, he was later telephoned. In a larger population this would be impossible, but in N.H. it enabled the campaign to leave the ground in the best possible way.

### McCarthy's Assistance

There were two parties for the volunteers in professors' homes. I cannot overemphasize the warmth with which we were received. To illustrate, the night before we left a friend found a professor who had three extra beds. Never has such a combination of mattress and iron looked so good. The next morning the professor and his wife went poll watching, and left us breakfast. They told us just to close the door, not to lock it. Yes, not to lock it, a sacrilege in every sense of the word. Please don't tell too many people, but residents of the state of New Hampshire don't lock their doors.

McCarthy received three times the vote he was expected to receive because of the appeal of this man to the New Hampshire people, who saw a man of integrity, who talked to them in their factories and streets, and from their TV sets and radios.

Paul Newman and Robert Ryan secured votes for the Senator by focusing attention upon his candidacy, and a group of clean-shaven, well-dressed college students did much the same.

The Johnson machine, led by the state's governor and Democratic Senator McIntyre, helped by using harsh tactics and alienating the Democratic votes. The suggestions that McCarthy was some shade of Communist, and the "Hanoi Candidate" were refuted by the man they were meeting on their streets. There were many who did, indeed fear that each vote for McCarthy means five more divisions for Hanoi, but an equal number were repulsed by the Johnson candidacy. They were angry

that the Democratic machine had encroached upon their right to vote freely by sending around pledge cards, pledging their votes to Pres. Johnson before the primary. Although not binding, it was an encroachment upon their rights, as was the use of party money and workers in active support of Pres. Johnson before the Democrats had a chance to voice their preference in the primary. Result... 42% vote for McCarthy, not the 15% grudgingly conceded by Sen. McIntyre before the election.

### Viet Nam Issue

Of particular interest to the voters was the war in Viet Nam. Almost all the voters I talked to were Democrats, since the McCarthy headquarters in Dover had obtained a list of registered Democrats with which we worked. There is an equal number of Independents, a phenomenon of New Hampshire politics that reflects the nature of some of its people. A registered Independent most probably has not voted in previous primaries, for if he takes a Democratic or Republican ballot he is immediately registered as such, and remains so unless he moves. This is not often, for most of the people own private homes, which they often build themselves. From the Independents we received a courteous but firm "No" to our query of whether they'd like to tell us what they thought of McCarthy.

The majority of the state is Republican, and the majority of Rep's. voted for Nixon, who is a hawk. Yet the people want peace. Several factory workers stopped to talk to us as we handed out leaflets. They want peace in Viet Nam and "will vote for anyone who can get us out of there, now." One burly truck driver told us he was from Maine, but his wife was registered to vote in New Hampshire, and "... you can be damn sure that she'll vote."

Senator McCarthy campaigned against the war, offering the country a positive alternative, in his words, "Let us not negotiate out of fear, but let us not fear to negotiate."

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# Master Planners Reveal Ideas for College

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transportation nucleus. This nucleus, in the center of a main connecting spine, affords easy access to classes and faculty offices (to the north), student center and lounges (above), the auditorium (to the west), and dormitories (to the south).

This simple, formal movement system was termed "the key to success of any campus system." The central gathering place on campus is a huge court and garden between student offices, the college's auditorium, library, and administration. It is covered by a tremendous plastic roof and is thus usable even during the very heavy rain storms frequent in the area.

Each classroom is fitted around an academic court (pictured on page one). All the departments are closely related around the court. As more space is needed for classrooms in any given department, a new unit is wheeled onto the existing ones. Each department rambles in a line down the side of the mountain. Faculty offices are above the classrooms.

In addition to the student interaction and functional system of space at Simon Fraser University has wrought, the aesthetics and the mountain site of the college have been highly praised. Undoubtedly it is a well-designed, beautiful campus.

## Scarborough College

A second megastructure campus opened in 1966 near Toronto. It is the University of Toronto's Scarborough College, and it will eventually contain all of that institution's undergraduate work.

Scarborough College is one megastructure which winds along a wooded ridge and can be expanded at either end. This college will probably supply our campus with its basic design system theory. The theory first used in Toronto is that the spaces which the most number of students will occupy for the least amount of time are at the bottom. Small classrooms are above this. Smaller classrooms and conference facilities are above this. Then come the labs and specialized research facilities. Faculty offices are at the very top. Vertical access is very frequent and convenient.

The Warnecke representative said they were thinking of such a system and additions to it for The City College. One addition, they said, could be dorms at the top of the campus. These, based on the idea of the Place Bonaventure hotel, would run along the perimeter of the megastructure with a secluded series of gardens, pools, trees, recreation areas, and lounges between the living quarters.

## Unique Situation

Many of the solutions to The City College's plan will have to stem from some of the unique things about The City College. These, essential to the success of The City College as it will be, were outlined as follows:

- The City College has a tradition of deep political involvement and debate.
- The College is and always will be a commuter school al-

though dorms are definitely being planned.

- The College has to exist with the surrounding underprivileged community and must recognize and foster the services that the community offers the College and, in turn, must offer much more to the community.

- Trees are important to the students, as are lawns.

- The College cannot expand into the community without arousing heated opposition and is thus essentially restricted to its present area.

The planners said that they would like to draw the community and its services into the college and, through its own development, effect rehabilitation and renewal in the community. They said that food services such as Sol's, The Greeks, and Lorenco's could be within the college. Harlem residents could be offered a share of facilities such as auditoria and sports facilities. Students living in dorms above the college (safe from any crime in the streets) would contribute economically to the neighborhood. "The College and the Community should get to know each other; then we can let the community know how redevelopment will benefit them," said one of the planners. "We can't go in and condemn a house because it's a slum; a man's rundown shack is still a home."

## With The Community

The planners rejected, in this way, the prevailing expansion tactics of Columbia University on Morningside Heights. Columbia buys apartment houses in blocks, tears them down (moving the long-time residents out of the area), and then puts up a walled facility of their own for their own use. Columbia doesn't consult with the community on anything it does.

The new planners will work with the community, not against it. They said it would be a difficult task because of stereotypes that people hold of expansion, building, and The City College. They urged a step-up in public relations to complement the start of their new plan.

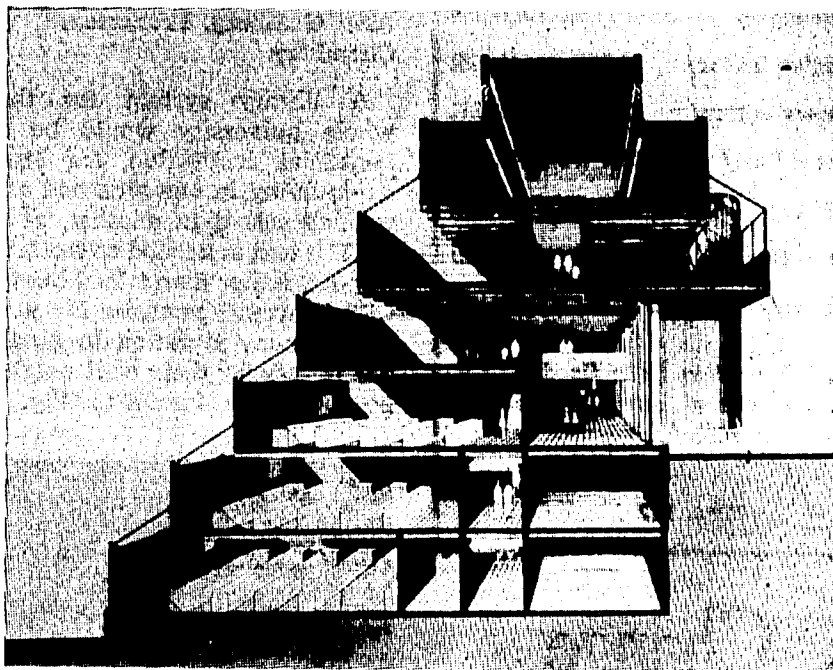
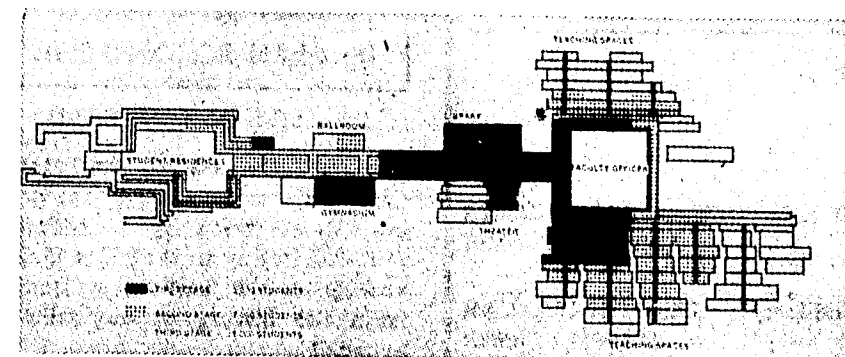
The Warnecke representatives noted that it was "unfortunate" that they had to plan around such existing follies as the Cohen Library, the Administration building, and the proposed Science and Physical Education Building.

[The Science and Physical Education Building, to

# McCarthy Supporters Say Johnson Must Go

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Students for McCarthy here at the College, announced that on April 25, music students who support McCarthy will hold a "Concert for McCarthy." There is also the possibility that McCarthy himself will come here to speak. As the meeting closed, many of the people pressed forward to hand in cards with their names and free hours, or to sign up for the several coordinating committees.



These are the plans of two urban megastructure campuses. Upper plan is of Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, British Columbia. Lower plan shows the spine of the University of Toronto's Scarborough College as it winds across a wooded ridge.

be built on Jasper Oval, was planned by Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill — a New York architectural firm — long before the Warnecke firm was hired to do a master plan.]

## Most Confused Place

Eugene Cohen, a vice-president of Warnecke's New York office, said that Cohen Library was "the most confused place I've ever been in." He envisions hiding its ugliness by "enveloping it in ramps and walks." He was non-committal when asked about the proposed Convent Avenue tunnel which is planned with the Jasper Oval building.

When questioned about Music and Art High School, John Smythe — the Warnecke project designer for the College, said that it would probably remain where it is for political reasons [ie: It is a fully integrated school].

Hirschel Post, the project manager, said that his firm will not plan to build to satisfy the needs of one department at a time and then leave that department stuck in a building restricted in size and function. "We will build for the whole

college, on a flexible scheme for immediate expansion when needed . . . a modular campus."

Aesthetically, the three men agreed that a high degree of control over the design of the parts of the campus will be needed. [More than one firm does the design work under the master planner's scheme, ac-

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Hentoff, it is easy to lapse back into liberal thinking.

Referring to the difference between Johnson and the late President Kennedy, Hentoff remarked, "There would be much more style and wit, but we would still be guilty of killing a lot of people."

"The problems between blacks and whites existed in this country before it became an imperialist power; the black-white problem existed before the problem of urbanization or the War in Vietnam," began Roy Innis. "If we were not fighting in Korea or the Near East; and the real war is at home." Innis tried to explain why "... we should not mess up the problems of blacks and whites with the problems of other peoples . . ."

Miss Levinson believes that the two problems — Black people in this country versus the War in Vietnam — cannot be separated. "There are a lot of good arguments for Black separation. Black people have held a position of being expendable in this country while whites are not; all the goodies in this country are for white people only. But, the connection with the war is obvious — the war is syphoning off Black men, more so than white men."

cording to Board of Higher Education protocol.] They said they wanted continuity and might specify the materials and details to be used throughout the College. "Not every building has to look alike though," Mr. Cohen added.

## In Good Hands

The designers invited student inspection of all phases of their work as it progressed throughout this year. They will return to the College for more conferences with the School of Architecture. They will present a three-dimensional "grid," which will control all future development at The City College, in January, 1969.

The firm of John Carl Warnecke and Associates was founded in San Francisco and has designed campuses in California. They later opened Washington and New York offices. According to Mr. Cohen, The City College master plan is one of their largest and most prized commissions.

Student and faculty reaction to the conference can be summed up by the words of Alan C. Cordingley, an urban design and theory teacher at the School of Architecture: "We're in good hands."

The Warnecke representatives said that the plan could be implemented almost immediately after its issuance due to a new C.U.N.Y. funding arrangement. The financier, the State Dormitory Authority, is allowed to issue bonds without monetary limit for such purposes. It is doubtful, however, that the construction will be a one-shot affair.

According to the Christian Association, the series of forums intends to suggest that: 1) we are quickly reaching the breaking point in America when those, both Black and white, who have been denied their human rights, will attempt to change the present social order. What we have witnessed in the cities may be indicative of what is to come; and 2) there is a crisis of values in our society which demands that those in the University focus their energies and resources on new, creative directions for American life.

Thus, "Prelude to Revolution" attempts to focus on the issues of urban education, civil conflict, U.S. military involvement, and the mass media.

## ELECTION

A Student Government by-election will be held this Thursday and Friday. One executive position and two council seats will be contested. Steve Baumohl '69, Adam Kreiswirth '70.5, Gary Schmidt '69, and Halona Wexton '68 are running for Secretary. Two Council seats, one for the Class of '68, and one for the Class of '69 are also open. Elections will be held opposite 152 Finley and opposite Knittle Lounge in Shepard.

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## Time For A Change

Throughout the past few years, and this year especially, a considerable amount of criticism has been levelled at the seemingly inept and irregular proceedings of Student Government's Fee Commission. The bulk of the criticism has been almost totally directed toward the various personalities involved at the time. The unfortunate consequence of this is that a disproportionate amount of attention has been diverted from the structural defects in the system of allocating funds. Every semester, especially before elections, we must put up with the "wheeling and dealing" for political support in return for increased fee allotments, and all the other traditions of petty politics at The College.

The most common defense of the present system is that no one seems to be able to suggest a better one. However, there has been no encouragement on the part of Student Government for possible alternatives.

One proposal worthy of consideration is the creation of an independent Fee Commission with the authority to hear requests and appeals, and make final decisions on the allocation of funds for organizations and programs (a function currently exercised jointly by Fee Commission and Student Government).

This new Fee Commission would be headed by a chairman and composed of a specified number of students. A certain proportion of the members would be elected by the student body at large; another proportion would be chosen by Student Government; the remaining members would be selected by the chartered student organizations, with each organization having one vote to further assure the smaller groups a fair representation at Fee Commission hearings.

This method of election, perhaps accompanied by a system of staggered terms, would all but eliminate the opportunity for any group to exert inappropriate pressure, as has been the case in the past. Another advantage is that the Fee Commission would have as its sole purpose the allocation of funds and as a result would operate more efficiently.

This proposal, although better than the present system, is not necessarily the best one. It is important that other alternatives be brought forth and that they be given serious consideration by Student Government and the entire student body. It is also rather doubtful that Student Government will take any steps in this direction without considerable encouragement from the students. For if the function of allocating fees were removed from its domain, as things stand now, there would be very little reason for the existence of student government at all. If any change is to be made it will have to come from the students themselves. It is up to them to take the initiative.

## The Roamin' Forum By ALAN SCHOENFELD

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QUESTION: Should an Inter-City University library system be created whereby a student enrolled in any unit of The University could borrow a book from the library of any other branch?

Alan Goldberg, Freshman,  
Chemistry

A library system for the whole university would be a beneficial institution for students living in one area and attending school in another, as I do. If a text is needed at the last minute, rather than travelling to City, it would be easier for students in my situation to go to the library in their own neighborhood and return it to City.



Goldberg

Wilpan

Seth Wilpan, Freshman,  
English

Yes. A collective library system would avail a larger scope of service and utility to all CUNY students. For instance, students in one college may find a deficiency in a certain section of their respective libraries. If all libraries were open to those students, they would have, perhaps, a better chance of finding what they want in another school, while students from that school might avail themselves of a superior service in another school, etc.

Barbara Lekatsas, Sophomore,  
English

Yes, for one the facilities of the City College library are limited. The process of taking a book out becomes extremely tedious and time-consuming. Whereas if an inter-collegiate library plan was instituted, one would have a better chance of acquiring the books he needs. The added advantage would be familiarizing one self with the materials of other school libraries that might be necessary or helpful for future reference.



Lekatsas

Pinto

Joe Pinto, Sophomore,  
Electrical Engineering

Yes. As comparatively few students live in the CCNY area, and are greatly inconvenienced by having to travel to Cohen or Steinman libraries just for a book. It would be a great convenience if we were allowed to borrow at, say the Brooklyn Queens College Libraries. After all, we are part of the same university system.

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## LETTERS To The Editor

### Only Following Orders

14 March 1968

Editor, Tech News:

It is now time for some of City College's better informed students to put their foot down and shout "Enough!" It is time that the question as to whom to scold, if any scolding is appropriate concerning the war in Vietnam, is at least partially answered by those who know, instead of those who think they know. I, considering myself well informed, am not going to answer the question as to the direction the criticism should go. Rather I want to demonstrate as to where it should not be directed — the military leaders.

Mr. Grossman felt himself justified in attacking General Westmoreland in such a cheap manner. After all, the general is the one in charge of the American Troops there. Mr. Grossman however, forgets that General Westmoreland has his own bosses to worry about. He also does not know, or forgets, that the military is in the hands of the politicians and not vice

versa (sic). Nor does he know much more about war other than the fact that people die and property is destroyed (he deserves a prize of some sort). I now will reward him with a fundamental piece of information — the definition of war. Earl von Clausewitz, a noted German student of war, defined war as being "only a part of political intercourse, therefore by no means an independent thing of itself . . . war is nothing but a continuation of political intercourse with a mixture of other means."

Therefore, Mr. Grossman, although the war is fought by the military, it is controlled by politicians. As you can see, and I hope you do, criticizing our men in uniform is not allowing your frustrations to be directed in the right direction and is more than a "Gross Saying." I am not necessarily supporting the conduct of the war but I am supporting that of the military (sic) who follow orders of politicians even though it can only advise.

Biagio Mignone

## Dining Out

### Crock of Gold

"A pot of Irish coffee in the land of sauerbraten . . ." This well describes the **Crock of Gold** (1708 Second Ave.) Located between 88th and 89th Streets in the Yorkville section of Manhattan, this small restaurant offers a refreshing change of pace from the preponderance of German-style kitchens in the area.

With candles for illumination, and small tables in the wood-beamed back room, an extremely comfortable atmosphere has been created. The front room has been divided so that the few tables-for-two share company with the bar. The inner room is hung with ceramic mugs and copper serving trays. The total effect of the size, lighting, and decor is one of quiet intimacy.

A homey touch is added by having the "Specials of the Day" printed on a blackboard on the wall. These included stuffed mushrooms, steak and kidney pie, stuffed pork chops, and veal parmigiana. The food is extremely good and the prices are moderate. The "Specials" range from \$2.50 to \$3.75 (for an excellent steak).

After dinner coffee (be it Irish or not) is accompanied by live music. A duet sets up in the corner and entertains with pop songs on accordion and guitar.

Whether the **Crock of Gold** is really at the end of the rainbow is hard to say. But if your rainbow goes through Central Park, follow it to the East Side and eat hearty.

## THE CLASSIFIED

Classified ads may be placed at the TECH NEWS office, Finley Student Center Room 337. The cost of such an ad is 25¢ per line.

One thing can be said for those huts, the builder wasn't wasting the city's money on soundproofing.

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The Ruptured Antenter Files Again! THE BLUE BEAVER is HAUNTING HARRIS '71 & OTHERS.

Dear Dr. Goode:

You should take note of what your comrades are doing and follow in their footsteps. Last week, Dr. (or is it Prof.) Turk threw four students out of his 10:00 o'clock lecture. It's a shame he missed the other students reading the Daily News.

Love,

The Shadow

God is dead.

— Nietzsche

God never existed.

— Locke

Nietzsche and Locke went to hell.

signed,

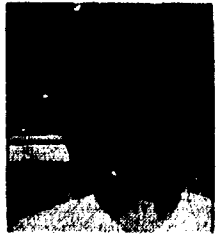
God

Rockefeller . . . you disappointed us!

— Harold Stassen

## Tech Life

By JAY MICHLIN



An issue or so ago I had a few things to say about the bodies that handle the fiscal side of student organizations, i.e., the student government and the business office. Well, it seems that I made one small error in that column, an error which has a number of students up in arms and has me running for Miss Technology (!!!). At that time I said that the business office was made up of a bunch of arch conservatives whose only intelligent act was the drawing of a cartoon called "The Masked Marble." I guess I should have known that even that miniscule act of erudition was beyond these people, for I have found out that the cartoon is composed by one of the student aides in the office. Needless to say, I meant no slur to this girl, since I feel that the student aides have it bad enough in general without my adding to their travail.

For the uninitiated, the student aides who are largely responsible for many of the college services we take for granted are perhaps the most trodden upon group on campus. They are paid at a ridiculously low rate, they are asked to work funny hours, they receive no credit for the work they do, and so on. I have no specific, up-to-date information on the plight of this unfortunate group, and I fear that if I ask one of them about it, I may be lynched on the spot after the "Masked Marble" debacle. Anyway, perhaps a pointed letter to the editor of this paper from one of the student aides will get the idea across better than I can in this column. At least it will keep my neck in one piece.

The Miss Technology contest seems to be going well. Gene Schlossman (Vice President of Technology Council, the organization sponsoring the contest) can be seen on Thursdays standing outside of Cohen Library passing out entry forms to all likely females passing by, and according to a Tech Council source, a large number of entries have been received. Contrary to the malicious rumor being circulated by certain parties, I will not compete in the Miss T contest, much to the disappointment of my vast following.

To publicize the Miss T debacle even further, Mr. Schlossman plans to put a twenty-foot-long banner on Lewison Stadium saying something to the effect of "RUN FOR MISS T." He also plans to fly eighteen foot diameter helium filled balloons all over the campus with the same message.

Anyway, the program is a fine endeavor both for Tech Council, and for the participants, and I seriously recommend it to all eligible females. If for no other reason, it's worthwhile just for the sake of meeting the ubiquitous Gene Schlossman . . . and his equally ubiquitous wife.

As you may know, one of my favorite topics is student involvement in on-campus activities. Unfortunately, this topic usually elicits the least reader response, perhaps because I have not been able to make a concrete, tangible case for it. I think now that I do.

I am now in the process of graduating which means getting a job and going to on-campus interviews and participating in plant trips. As a matter of fact, it looks like I may even delay graduation until January so that I can accept one of the more lucrative offers available. But in any case, at a job interview, the company representative will invariably first check for class standing, then go on to extra-curriculars which often comprise the bulk of the discussion. The reps are particularly impressed with the articles I have written in **Vector**, the fact that I write for **TECH NEWS**, and the fact that I was once president of the Amateur Radio Society. The implication is clear. Extra-curricular participation goes a long way toward convincing a company that you are capable of performing as a responsible member of their engineering team. Even if you have a high index, remember that most companies interview several hundred graduating seniors during the recruiting season, so that they get to see many high averages. If, as is the usual case, there are only a limited number of positions available, extra-curriculars may well be the deciding point. Besides, if you join a club or organization or two, you may even enjoy it.

## Notices

### BIKING

The City College Bicycle Club will bike to Hook Mountain State Park, near Nyack, on Saturday, April 6th. Cyclists will meet at 10:00 A.M. at the George Washington Bridge (181st Street and Broadway). Bring food and drink.

For further information, place note in Cycling Club's mailbox in Finley Student Center or phone Larry Reilly (GRove 7-8816) or Mario Olivas (HYacinth 2-8954).

### BALAAM'S ASS

This spring, a new literary magazine with the unlikely name of **Balaam's Ass** will be published at The City College. The magazine hopes to provide a forum for critical essays about all types of literature. In addition, poetry, short stories, and humorous articles will be accepted. The deadline for contributions is Wednesday, April 10. Submit copy to the **Balaam's Ass** mailbox in 152 Finley. Name and telephone number must be included. The co-editors-in-chief are Martin Elsbey and Jerry Mesmel.

## Roamin' Forum

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Paul Medina, Junior,  
Sociology

It's a very good idea. I didn't know that I couldn't go to Brooklyn College and borrow one of the books in its library. Such a change would probably help people who live closer to branches of the university other than the one they attend, and also, it would help to provide additional copies of hard-to-get books needed for reserve book readings. However, the demand for one book could be so great, relative to the number of copies available, that maybe the copies should remain in their original libraries. The University itself would encounter some interesting problems. If a City College student borrows a book from Brooklyn College, that school will have disciplinary authority over him, as well as the problem of locating the book. I don't care about the administrative problems; they can be overcome easily. I favor the idea.



Medina

Reed

Jim Reed, Junior,  
Pre-Law

Yes. An Inter-City University library system should be created since the CCNY library cannot possibly house all the necessary books essential for proper scholastic endeavor. Allowing those in the City University to use the facilities of an amalgamated library system certainly would be beneficial to students, saving them from the drudgery of long hours in various libraries without the fortune of being able to take out books.



## Gross Sayings

BY JEFF GROSSMAN

And it came to pass that on the fifteenth day of April I filed my Income Tax return. And lo, it was less than a fortnight later that the postman rang my bell and spake unto me saying:

"Hey man, there's a letter here for you from the IRS."

I immediately thought that I had neglected to pay my annual dues to the Irresponsible Rascals and Scalawags, and was relieved to find that it was merely a letter asking me to make an appointment with an examiner from the Internal Revenue Service.

Before going down there I acquired all the necessary documents, i.e. W-2 forms, parking lot receipts, bursar's receipt, grocery bills, movie stubs, checks returned for "insufficient funds" (my own), etc. Feeling confident that I had the proper proof, trusting in the deviousness of my mind and flapability of my lip, and praying like hell for a mistake on their part, I strode into the office at exactly nine A.M.

When I was called in to see the examiner, after having downed a delicious lunch, I figured I would play it straight and innocent.

"Now, it seems that you've claimed two dependents. Who are they?"

"Well, I claimed myself and my mother."

"But your father claimed your mother on his return, so how can you claim her as a dependent?"

"Well, she depends on me to take out the garbage two or five times a day."

"I see. Now about this deduction under Medical costs. What does that include?"

"Three cases of brandy (for medicinal purposes), of course there's a deduction for drugs, and a \$500 present for my doctor."

"How do you justify giving your doctor a \$500 gift?"

"I'm 4-F, ain't I?"

"Uh-huh. You have deductions here as business expenses, but you're a full-time student, aren't you?"

"Right, so those expenses cover my card playing in school."

"Nobody can lose **this** much!"

"Yeah, well most of it is for legitimate business expenses."

"Like . . . ?"

"Like . . . a lemonade stand?"

"I can't accept that. Let me remind you that it will go harshly for you if you do not tell the truth."

"Okay, okay. The major portion of that deduction was for production costs of my home movies. And that's the truth. I happen to be very interested in that phase of artistic expression and the money I need to support my work is a business expense."

"How about this Charity deduction?"

"Yeah, how about it? Isn't it a beauty?"

"Exactly. Would you care to explain it to me?"

"Sure. First there was a contribution to the **TECH NEWS** retirement and pension fund; a donation to the Astoria chapter of Students' Civil Rights Union; and a contribution to Students for Stassen."

"Is there anything else that you've deducted for?"

"Certainly. I have deductions for my education: lunch money, which includes Day-Glo paint; carfare, which includes the cab driver's tip; and, of course, textbooks, which includes my subscriptions to **Evergreen** magazine and **Playboy**."

"Yeah, and that reminds me, I really think you ought to include a deduction for Sex."

"Why?"

"Well, after all, it can be a very expensive proposition."





# Game of Graffiti Gives Girls Great Gratification

By POLLY FLONDER

Inherent in the charm of Graffiti is its anonymity. The sport is enjoyable for spectators and players alike. For the spectators, Graffiti holds the piquant mystery of the identity of the players. For the players, it provides the satisfying release of a burden without the penalty of discovery.

Under the guise of anonymity, thousands of women of all shapes and sizes enter the portals of the modestly titled Ladies' Retiring Rooms of Shepard Hall, the Woman/Ladies' Rooms of Finley Center and others like them all over the campus. Mild-mannered, sometimes sporting horn-rims before they enter, the ladies, left to themselves, become veritable love-tigresses, poetesses of the downtrodden, as they vent their emotions in the creative act of Graffiti.

Using the simple tools at their disposal — keys, pens, fingernails, and magic markers (a drastic departure from the red lipstick of the fifties) — they scratch out love thoughts, political homilies and not-so-mild invectives on available walls.

Graffiti is widely practiced in the college's ladies' rooms, but the nature of the material varies from building to building. This

is due, no doubt to the different "majors" at the college and the buildings in which they are housed, (ie, Mott Hall — English, Classics; Wagner — History, Political Science, Economics; Finley Center — HPA, IFC, Onyx Society).

For example, a recent investigation of a Graffiti den in Mott Hall revealed a derogatory statement alluding to the erotic practices of Lord Byron, the first line of Virgil's *Aeneid*, "I sing of arms (weapons) and the man . . .", altered to read "I sing of my man's arms (extremities) . . .". A popular wall inscription is "William S. and Rozzie, forever."

A few hundred yards away, in Wagner, the mood changes. In addition to songs of praise to President Johnson, odes to Hubert Humphrey and a eulogy of Lady Bird's Beautification Program, nipped before the bud when she married, there is an extraordinarily plaintive note. One Graffitiist wrote a tear-stained, "I LOVE YOU, CHE!" Although economic themes are limited, another wise Graffitiist noted that the "GNP (Gross National Product) is a big put-on."

Moving on to the heartbeat of City College, the Finley Center, where students may relax

and/or pursue their extra-curricular interests, one finds abundant activity and variety of Graffiti, ranging from "Peace" to the "Eighth Day of Pond's Seven Day Beauty Plan." Although House Plan names and greek letters adorn Finley Center, it is best known as the home of the Graffiti Dialogue, a technique known to more aesthetic devotees. In the "dialogue" method, one Graffitiist poses a question, usually of a love-advice nature, and within a short time, she can expect to receive, anonymously of course, answers from a few knowledgeable sources. I know of instances, though, when absent-minded Graffitiists have run

from den to den, seeking to relocate their questions. They often become as frantic as some motorists who forget where they parked their cars.

Entire debates have been written by Graffitiists concerning the draft, Vietnam, student power and the purpose of a college education for women. With unrelenting zeal, Graffitiists have spoken out on the issues concerning the hip, female student at C.C.N.Y.

This obviously points up the fact that Graffiti is not merely a stimulating and satisfying pastime. It is a mode of intellectual and emotional expression. The student who refuses to sign a petition out in the

open minces no words when confronting an issue under the cloak of privacy and anonymity. Therefore, although strikes and sit-ins are effective emergency-outcry measures, allow me to suggest that a careful periodic investigation of Graffiti by the administration will reveal the true student mandate at CCNY. If administration officials will consider Graffiti as such and continually act in true accordance with it, smoother relations in the college will, no doubt, ensue.

In the words of a "Cohen" Graffitiist, "Graffiti of the world, unite against white-washed walls!" We have everything to gain.

## S.G. Compiles Survey Results

By ANDY WOLF

40%, or over 4000 students have sent back information on their courses of last term, to be compiled for the Student Government Course and Teacher Evaluation handbook, which will be published either at the end of this term, or the beginning of next term.

According to Student Councilman Alan Milner '70, the survey will provide students with "as much information as possible before they can decide which courses best fit their individual needs. The College Handbook and the Student Government Course and Teacher Handbook supply this information. The former provides a general description of the area covered by a course, while the latter supplies the student with a description of how individual instructors treat individual sections. Thus, a student may decide which of two engineering courses he should take on the basis

of their general description, and which of two sections they should take, on the basis of the instructor's own descriptions of how they intend to treat the subject matter.

"It is, however, just as necessary to provide the student with an evaluation of the instructor's classroom performance. If a teacher cannot teach, a student has a right to know it before he incarcerates himself in the section. If he stresses lectures, and frowns on classroom discussion, a student more interested in discussion than indoctrination may find himself out of place in the section. Students, especially on the college level, have a definite and unquestionable right to information of this nature." Milner is director of the current self-help evaluation program, and has assisted in the coordination of this program.

There is some concern in SG over the rumor that one of the College teachers' unions is plan-

ning a lawsuit to prevent SG from publishing the results of the survey, citing "invasion of privacy." These rumors remain, at this time, unconfirmed. Milner charged that a lawsuit to prevent publication of the handbook would not "be in the best interests of the student, the good instructor, or the College. I wonder, therefore, whom the union is trying to protect. I think perhaps, the union might be laboring under the misapprehension that the College is run for the benefit of the faculty.

"There could be a valid objection only if the evaluation were one that might threaten competent, untenured instructors with dismissal because of a poor showing. Competent instructors should not, however, receive poor evaluations, and if they do, it will not materially affect their chances for tenure. Such things are more political than educational."

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## Europe...

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Washington to Paris or from Boston to Paris for \$297 and \$258, respectively.

Outside of room 230 Finley, there is a leaflet about Strichting's 7th Summer Course for Vocalists from June 23 to July 13. The course is of the "Nederlands Impesariaat" in Amsterdam, and it enables singers who had sufficient background both in musical theory and in practical experience, to qualify themselves further in the field of opera, oratorio, and lieder.

For those with enough background in music to qualify, music teachers are needed in high schools and colleges in Turkey, India, Japan, and other countries by an organization called "Action" located at 475 Riverside Drive, New York 10027, who provides the round trip transportation, basic salary and housing.

Even though the Bursar's fee keeps on increasing and books become more expensive each term, the money saved by going to City College could easily be invested in travel abroad. What one experiences and discovers on a trip away from the everyday humdrum will never be forgotten or regretted.

# Marines Find Viet Nam Is Not The Place To Be...

## The Cook's War

By LEE DEMBART

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DANANG — "These were just American boys. They did not want that valley or any part of its jungle. They were ex-grocery clerks, or ex-highway laborers, ex-bank clerks, ex-schoolboys, boys with a clean record and maybe a little extra restlessness, but not killers.

"They had volunteered; they had come into the Marines with their eyes open. Yes, but they had joined the Marines to see the world, or to get away from a guilt, or most likely to escape the draft, not knowingly to kill or be killed."

So wrote John Hersey 25 years ago in his story of a World War II patrol, *Into the Valley*. He could have been describing today's Marines.

More than half of all American combat troops in Vietnam are here in I Corps, comprising the five northernmost provinces of the country. It is here that a guerilla war is fast becoming a conventional war as two armies face each other, and it is here that American military leaders expect the Big Battle to be fought.

I approached I Corps, or Marineland as it is sometimes called, with trepidation. Surely I would have trouble talking with these Marines, hardened on Parris Island, taught to kill, imbued with a hatred that was to last them through a year's battles in Vietnam.

"You'd better get your hair cut before you go up north," I had been told in Saigon. "The Marines, they don't like guys with long hair." I dutifully got my hair cut.

"Shit," said the Marine corporal in Phu Bai when I told him about my haircut. "We'd love to see a guy with longer hair; would make him look like a civilian."

It was the beginning of my awakening.

"Just between you and me," a Marine sergeant told me after we had split a chicken-and-noodles C ration, "there's no reason for us being here. I can't see it. A lot of the men can't see it. This is the cook's war and it shouldn't make a cunt hair of difference to us who wins."

## So They Joined

They want to know everything about the States, the land of the great PX. Had I heard the new Beatles album? What were all the students going to do about the new draft rules? Is it true that everybody is smoking pot? What is Bobby Kennedy up to?

Cards are the great pastime. Not poker, but hearts. And they pass the queen of spades off on each other with a flourish, a smile, and a friendly dig.

Some have kind words for the Marine Corps. Others would rather be out than in. All express contempt for "lifers," the not-too-endearing term for career military men.

What is most astonishing is that in or out of uniform, it is impossible to distinguish the Marines from any group of 20-year-olds in the States. Only when they pick up the M-16 and

scan the road ahead for VC do they look or talk or act distinctively.

It is much easier to condemn them from the States than to condemn them from here. The various draft-dodging ploys were unknown or unopen, pressure from family to "make something of yourself" built up, political concerns never existed, so they joined the Marines.

"What a jerk I was to get involved in this crap," said one private. "Sure, I had to get away, but now all I want to do is get back and get to school and learn to do something."

The sentiment was echoed by others. "Never should have quit high school," a corporal lamented. "Should have stuck around and moved to the Village and had a grand old time and let some other sucker come over here to get his ass shot at."

## A Complex Breed

The intensity of last month's fighting, especially around Hue, has turned some of the Marines somber. "Sometimes I look at them zipping up 18- and 19-year-old guys in body bags, and I wonder what in hell we're doing here," a sergeant thought aloud, gazing into a warm glass of beer. Other times it just makes me so mad I want to go out and kill every lousy Commie around."

They are a complex breed, and any attempt to characterize them falls flat. That's just the point. The remarks quoted here are far from typical, but they with that puzzled conviction

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were said, and they were said that marks a man who has just discovered a world he never before knew existed.

There are many who are straight out of the Westbrook Pegler school. Others know little and care less, love to fight, and make up the standard collegiate view of the Marine Corps.

Most are the proverbial "average guy," burying petty and not-so-petty annoyances at the scowl of society and the demand to fit in.

The vast majority at least say they are interested in finding out why Stateside protestors are protesting. They call them names, but they don't dismiss them.

Within those broad outlines is found every kind of human being from apple-polishing valedictorian to acid head. "I became an Existentialist a number of years ago," said a 40-year-old sergeant who reenlisted last year after a long stint out of the Corps. "I do all the protesting I want, but I don't tell anybody about it."

"That's the trouble with you kids. You think it's not real protest, real sacrifice, unless you go and tell everybody what you are doing."

"You know," said another, awarded a purple heart after being shot through the arm and chest three months ago, "even when you're in contact with the enemy and all hell is breaking loose, you figure, 'hell, no bullet can hit me.'"

"But, Christ! That time I heard six shots and felt pain and started throwing up my guts."

They don't talk of their dead or of anybody's dead. Sometimes they will tell you of how they narrowly escaped death themselves, or of who was killed in their place, but they never dwell on the subject. No "he was a great guy" routine. No En-

signs Pulver mourn the deaths of Masters Roberts.

Cruelty may be the way of war, but cruelty is not the way of their lives. One soldier says the only person in the world he hates is his commanding officer, and that's because last week he suggested he cancel his subscription to *The Evergreen Review*.

It used to be a lot easier to tell the good guys from the bad guys, the war profiteers from honest men, sincerity from sham.

What is becoming increasingly clear is that no one deserves to be judged guilty and no one deserves to be judged guiltless. We are all in this thing together.

# ...Prisoners Also Don't Like It

## Detention Camps

By RALPH PALADINO

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CHU LAI —

Certain subjects are not discussed in Vietnam. The people would not understand, they would misinterpret, world opinion would be unfavorable, and it is easier to ignore the people than explain facts to them. The existence of American-run detention camps for Vietnamese is one of these subjects.

Ask any Information Officer from Saigon to the demilitarized zone if the American Army runs camps for Vietnamese civilians for any reason, and he will tell you that only the Vietnamese government runs such places. Ask him about Prisoner-Of-War camps, and his answer will be that only the Vietnamese government runs them. Find one that has heard of either of the two types of camps, and he

and apparently the Geneva Conventions are rigidly adhered to. The other six inmates are in the process of interrogation.

## The Designation

After interrogation they will be categorized as either innocent civilians (IC), prisoners of war (PW), or civilian defendants (CD). Their fate depends on their final designation. If they are innocent civilians, they will be returned as quickly as possible to their home villages or to their point of capture. It is seldom a long process. Most of these people will be returned to their homes within 24 hours of being picked up. Few will remain in the camp over 48 hours.

PW's on the other hand, face an extended stay in American hands while Intelligence conducts a full interrogation. These prisoners are immediately separated and placed into the nearby PW compound.

The last category, CD's, includes paramilitary types, terrorists, and VC supporters.

Traditionally, it has been easy to determine the difference between those enemy men who fell in the categories covered by the Geneva Convention and those that did not. A uniformed soldier was a PW, a non-uniformed one a spy or terrorist. But this war is different. What is a guerilla in his black pajamas, a Viet Cong wearing a red armband, a uniformed terrorist? The American interrogators must decide, for CD's are turned over to the Vietnamese government for criminal trial, and may be hanged or shot.

If not luxurious, the camp's facilities are adequate to the needs of the detainees. Prisoners share a hut which provides sufficient shelter from the sun and rain. Jerry cans of water sit in the shade. There is no floor and no furnishings. Each hut is separated from each other by a fence and barbed wire. Two sheets of paper are posted on the wall of each hut with some simple translations and some blunt warnings.

The warnings tell the prisoners that those who attempt to escape will be shot, no talking between huts, no exchanging things between huts, and in case of riots, gas will be used. If the prisoner needs something and no one who speaks Vietnamese is available to translate, he can simply read the English from the second list (assuming he can read), "I have something to tell you," and then, "I need an interpreter," or "I need to use the latrine," or "I am sick and need a doctor," or "We are out of water."

The detainees keep their own

areas clean, cook their own food, and do odd jobs around the compound. There is a shower which they can use during certain times of the day, an indoor latrine that they must be taught how to use (otherwise they will stand on it and squat instead of sitting). There is a kitchen in which selected prisoners cook the camp's meals of rice and shrimp or chicken. There is a supply room from which they are issued soap, candy, pajamas, and cigarettes. In the evening they are issued a cot and a blanket which will be taken away at 5 a.m. the next morning, unless they are ill.

## Even Friendly

There is little opportunity for the prisoners to be mistreated. Thirty military police guard the compound, and in fact live next to it. A separate Military Intelligence unit conducts the interrogations. The six interrogation huts are lighted and have only half walls. An MP views the procedures from a guard tower, with instructions to notify his commander if he hears verbal abuse or sees evidence of physical abuse. The interrogations are low keyed, even friendly. The prisoners are usually very young, hardly more than 16 years old, and do not seem to be fighting the interrogators verbally.

During the five-day Tet offensive, 279 Vietnamese were processed in the collection center. Most were picked up in enemy-held villages after a battle, or in sweeps of areas from which mortar and rocket fire came. Out of the 279, 33 were designated CD's and turned over to police authorities, 27 were declared PW's, and after interrogation were transported to one of the Prisoner of War camps operated by the Vietnamese army, and 219 were found to be innocent civilians, and were returned home. The average stay at the camp was four days. The average stay for innocent civilians was just under two days.

The camps stand as one of the less comfortable aspects of the war. Innocent people caught in the crossfire between two enemies find themselves taken at the point of a gun far from home. Often their wives and families will be unaware of their plight. The farmers do not understand where they are going or when they will be home again. They will be treated correctly, but probably not kindly by an alien people. But within the confines of the situation the field commander is faced with, there seems to be few alternatives to the continued existence of the camps, and they are, for the moment, a necessary evil.

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