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TECH NEWS' LAST ISSUE?

Offer New UES Courses

The Faculty Council of City College's College of Liberal Arts and Science has approved 14 new courses in the college's Department of Urban and Ethnic Studies, including offerings entitled "Ethnic Leaders," "Chinese-American Heritage" and "The Puerto Rican Community."

Approximately seven of the new courses will be introduced this spring. City College students are now being polled to help determine which courses will be offered initially.

The course in "Ethnic Leaders" is designed to familiarize the student with current ethnic world leaders. It will examine the roles of Afro-American, Spanish-American, African and Afro-Caribbean leaders within their own ethnic groups and nations.

The offering in "Chinese-American Heritage" will deal with the history of Chinese-Americans from the Gold Rush days to the present, along with their struggle for full participation in American life.

"The Puerto Rican Community" will focus on the migration of Puerto Ricans to New York City and other urban centers, along with the economic, social and cultural implications. Field work will include the study of agencies serving Puerto Ricans in the areas of education, housing, health services and family and community development.

City College's Department of Urban and Ethnic Studies was established last September with Professor Osborne E. Scott as Chairman. A total of 186 students are currently enrolled in the department in courses in "Afro-American Heritage" and "Hispanic - American Culture (Puerto Rican)." Approximately two-thirds of the students are white.

The courses are in addition to some 26 other courses in various aspects of urban and ethnic studies offered by City College's College of Liberal Arts and Science through the departments of English, History, Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology.

Other new courses in Urban and Ethnic Studies include: "Negritude as a Cultural Movement," including a study of Afro-French literature.

"A Survey of Literature of Black French-Speaking Countries," focusing on the literary and artistic concepts expressed in the works of Afro-French writers.

"African Dance," studied within its cultural, social and psychological contexts.

"Urban Dynamics in Black Africa," focusing on patterns of migration and urbanization.

"Socio-Dynamics in the Urban Community," an analysis of communication patterns between groups in the urban setting.

"The Afro-American Child in His Urban Setting," dealing with the psychological, sociological and educational problems of Black and Puerto Rican Children.

"Major Urban Community Issues," a critical examination of topics of importance in the urban community.

"The Black Revolution," a survey of the forces shaping the current unrest in the Black community.

"Creative Research in Urban and Ethnic Studies," a course open to a limited number of highly qualified students who will work on independent projects under faculty supervision.

"Puerto Rican Folklore," including the songs, dances, customs and beliefs of the Puerto Rican people. A working knowledge of Spanish is a prerequisite for the course.

National Teach-In

Plans are now well underway for a nationwide Teach-In next spring, Wednesday, April 22, on the grave crisis facing the quality of the environment and the quality of life in America today.

A national headquarters and staff to organize, coordinate, and service this effort is now established in Washington. The address is Room 600, 2100 "M" Street, N. W., Washington, D.C. 20037.

The aim of the National Teach-In is to encourage students across the country to take the initiative in organizing April 22 environmental teach-ins on their campuses, and associated efforts in their communities.

Successful teach-ins on all campuses on the same day will have a dramatic impact on the environmental conscience of the nation. They will be immensely effective as an educational effort in arousing public opinion concerning necessary steps to protect our environment and establish quality on a par with quantity as a goal of American life.

There is no question that in the long run, the environmental challenge is the greatest faced by mankind. Distinguished scientific authorities have been warning for years that mankind is rapidly destroying the very habitat on which he depends for his survival.

In addition, population continues to increase worldwide — while scientists warn that we may have already passed sustainable population levels. All

across the country, and world wide, increasing numbers of citizens are voicing the same intense concern as has been so eloquently expressed by the ecologists and other environmentalists.

Yet, many are still not aware of the environmental problems being created by our advancing technology. Federally-financed projects — such as the supersonic transport plane — raise grave questions about possible new environmental dangers. Many respected scientists and national leaders have indicated that although some positive steps have been taken, toxic, persistent pesticides are still accumulating in the world environment, wreaking destruction on fish and wildlife — and threatening man himself. Is the price we pay for these products in terms of their effect upon our environment worth the benefits we obtain from them?

The pollution of our rivers and lakes, and of the air in our urban areas continues to accelerate. Suburban sprawl continues to destroy vast scenic and recreational resources, with little heed being given to plans to create workable environments. And the millions trapped in our urban and rural ghettos continue to suffer the worst of the massive air, water, land and noise pollution.

We look forward to the April 22nd event and ask your support and leadership. We are convinced that, if young people put their energy, imagination and idealism to work on this issue, they will help write a bright new chapter in the struggle for a livable world.

It has not been often that an elected official of Student Government has actively, willfully and maliciously, for reasons unknown, sought the destruction of a legitimate, viable campus publication. Though it behooves us to make such an accusation, the events of the past term, culminating in Wednesday's proposed Student Senate meeting, have far transcended the realm of pure coincidence.

Barry Helprin, the eventual victor (Student Senate Treasurer unendorsed by TECH NEWS), vowed to "put TECH NEWS out of business." It was not long before the attempt began.

The allocation committee, headed by Treasurer Helprin, met at times when Ralph Goldwasser and Paul Simms, both sympathetic to TECH NEWS, were unable to attend. Neither Ralph nor Paul were present at the vote. The committee gave Campus and OP about \$5,000 apiece; TECH NEWS, receiving only \$3,000, was forced to cancel two issues to insure its publication for the duration of the term.

Internal difficulties forced TECH NEWS to switch printers after the second issue of the term. A weekly publication with a weekly deadline works against time. Printers do not work without contracts; contracts need to be signed by the printer, the Editor, the Dean of Students, Bernard Sohmer, Dr. Meisel, and Barry Helprin for student government. With a Wednesday night deadline TECH NEWS was able to get all the needed signatures by Wednesday morning with the notable exception of Barry Helprin who claimed that he, "needed more time to think about it." While Helprin stalled for about two weeks in an attempt to hold up publication, the printers started to work in good faith; they didn't have to. To that point Helprin had not succeeded in damaging TECH NEWS as greatly as he would have liked.

The next blow fell in December when Helprin had TECH's printer notified to cease publication on the grounds that there were insufficient funds. True, part of the bookkeeping snafu was TECH's fault; yet TECH NEWS was not notified of the pending suspension, nor was it notified of the actual suspension. Word came into the office four days after the action was completed, and then, by the printer. The bookkeeping cleared up, TECH NEWS was once again down to the Wednesday night deadline without a printer. Though he had full authority to do so, Helprin would not give TECH NEWS' printer the go ahead until Jim Landy could be found. Hours passed and Jim was found. He took one look at TECH NEWS' books and decided immediately to let us print. Helprin still refused. Why? "What if you should run into debt," his feeble argument ran in the face of a financial statement over \$1,000 in the black. The decision to print was made by Dr. Meisel and Mr. Landy; once again Helprin was conspicuous in his absence.

"Is that the paper you want to fold?" A friend of Helprin's injudiciously let slip in a conversation with an editor of this paper.

Wednesday night's meeting which a reluctant Student Council held at the insistence of Helprin merely harbingered another stab which Helprin intends to take at TECH NEWS as part of his insane vendetta.

It is obvious from the case presented that Helprin, the megalomaniac of SG, intends to gain some measure of personal satisfaction of the hard times he is inflicting upon TECH NEWS.

In view of the actions, past and present, of this power crazed official there is no course of action open other than to ask Helprin to resign from his position of trust. If he does not do so, impeachment proceedings should be instituted against him.

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Classified

Hey girls — Wiley '73 has an apt.

To Rhonda —

Two souls in a city
Adrift from this world
Have made for each other
A world of their own.

Their own private heaven
Where life is not breathing,
Only loving is living.

—L. J. G.

My dear B and K,
May you get frostbite from your
toilet seat.

—Mae

Engaged to be married — LG and B

Dearest Mae,
May you think that you stepped in
mud and find out you really didn't.

B & K

L'etat, c'est moi! — Harry Halpin

Ralph:
Your athletic finger is making broad
jumps.

—Joyce

Dear Ann P.,
Give me back by athletic supporter.

—mkm

1970 may not mark a decade but it's
been ten years since 1960.

Person who wrote "Poem written . . ."
Please come to TECH NEWS (P337)
We have read your manuscript. You
can pick it up anytime the door is
open. Look in current file.

Mom:
What's a sex drive?

A trip to a motel.

—Mom

Radiation is good for you.

—AEC

Gung hal fot ch'oy.

Dear crossword fans,
Due to oversight, the solution to
the crossword puzzle will not appear
in this issue.

—ed.

For that matter, it may never appear.

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By MARK KRAMER

TECH NEWS is dead. Long
live TECH NEWS.

The TECH NEWS I know
started dying in June, 1968. It
will be pronounced officially
dead before next term they tell
me. But as far as I can tell it
died some time in the past year
and a half.

It died because it had no will
to live. It lost its purpose, its
reason for being. When I entered
City College in September,
1965, TECH NEWS was not a
good paper, but it served a purpose.
Four pages every other
week, half filled with recruiting
ads and press releases for technical
books run under the head,
'book reviews.' But it was the
paper of the School of Engineering
and Architecture. Notices
about north campus meetings
and editorials the engineers dug
(when they happened to read
them), seven or eight stories on
the front page because 250
words was a long story for our
reporters.

Then we came. Half of our
houseplan, Himmelstein '68,
joined the staff of TECH NEWS.
Then others joined. The office
saw its first hearts game. Very
often a reporter couldn't get
near the only working typewriter
because a dozen guys
whose names happen to be on
the masthead for one reason or
another wouldn't move until
they finished their lunch. Somehow
the work got done.

But we had a purpose. We
were building TECH NEWS. We
bought the rights to stories from

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Behind Specs

By MICHAEL MARKOVITZ

It is little more than a term ago that the BHE turned
a mild, beloved botanist into a tough, hated college president.
Though the circumstances were unusual, many thought,
and probably still think, that the appointment was made
in one of the BHE's frequent fits of lunacy.

The politicians at the BHE may have gotten more than
they bargained for because the current rumor whistling
around the newspaper offices is that they are not at all
happy with their appointment. Joseph Copeland turned out
to be a man with guts and a mind of his own; a man who
does not dance to the music of the politicians who appointed
him. Professor Copeland, however, cannot be acting president
much longer. The BHE must either make him the
official president or find a new man. The outcome of the
current power struggle within the BHE as well as the now
open posts within the BHE left for Mayor Lindsay to fill by
appointment, will determine the future of the CCNY presidency.
At a recent press conference, Dr. Copeland has indicated
his willingness to remain with CCNY as president if
the BHE shall ask him to do so.

Meanwhile, one could not call Dr. Copeland a bad president.
The school has functioned, and there have been only minor
disruptions which have been dealt with coolly and
efficiently, not in the Hayakawa like fashion that many
expected. Our only complaint could be that the extreme
security at registration has aggravated an already impossible
situation.

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We may well wonder what happened to the drug bust
that was rumored during all of December and a good part
of November. Members of this staff have already spotted
Sgt. Sullivan on campus nonchalantly reading a magazine —
True Crime Confessions no doubt — and pictures could be
made available of several narcotics agents who regularly
hang around campus. Happy hunting.

As long as we're blowing the lid on everyone, grab this:
Growing on the grapevine is a story about a teacher in the
school of Ed. who is really an undercover cop. It shakes
one's faith in education to find out that a guy who doesn't
know anything is teaching. This in itself isn't so bad; it's
that he's getting away with it that boggles the mind.

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Have you ever wondered who pays for the school newspapers?
At the beginning of each term the papers submit
to SG a projection of how much money they will need.
Roughly half of this figure has to be met by advertising
revenue; the other half is met by SG. The man who heads
up the allocation committee — the committee that decides
the difference between what you need and what you get —
is the Treasurer of SG, Barry Helprin who, coincidentally,
is also the president of Hillel.

The stories vary as to why Ralph Goldwasser and Paul
Simms, both editors of this paper and both members of the
allocation committee, never got to meetings of that committee;
Barry tells it one way, Ralph and Paul tell it another.
But what matter? Justice shall triumph; after all, is she
not blind?

To make a short story shorter, Campus and OP each
got in the neighborhood of \$5,000. Tech got \$3,000. Could it
be that blind justice did not see a thumb on the scale?

All this happened after we did not endorse Mr. Helprin
for his second term. Should he run again, we are making
preparations to go photo-offset. Save this issue of Tech News;
it may be the last.

Poetry Corner

Did you ever love a child-
woman?

One who is at once lover and
daughter;

A little princess who skips
down the street

Then turns to greet you with
a kiss of fire.

Her passion for teddy bears is
exceeded only by her
womanhood.

So now she is both child and
woman —

Will she remain so

Or like so many others, obsess
Herself with growing up?

I hope not for I

Am a child-man.

Richard Feczko

In The Mail . . .

To the Editor:


It has been alleged publicly
that the recent decisions not to
renew the contracts of eight
members of the Sociology Department
at City College were
substantially determined by the
opinions of these faculty members
in regard to either Open
Admissions or the so-called
Five Demands or by the supposed
"activism" of these eight
faculty members. In answering
these allegations, we reconstruct
the events after the fact
relying on what is common
knowledge in the Department.

So far as we are aware, the
entire Department of Sociology
favored and continues to favor
Open Admissions in one form or
another. Open Admissions obviously
could not have been a
criterion for renewal since of

those who favored Open Admissions
some were renewed and
some were not.

Like many other Departments,
the Sociology Department includes
faculty members who favored the
Five Demands, faculty members
who opposed the Five Demands in
whole or in part, the faculty members
who — to the best of our knowledge
— made no public commitment
in regard to the Five Demands.
In each of these three categories
some were renewed and some were
not.

To those of us who are personally
acquainted with all eight of
these faculty members, the charge
of "activism" seems peculiarly
inappropriate when applied
across the board. In any case,
among those renewed in
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Letters . . .

To the Editor:

Your recent end of decade editorial entitled "Turning The Page" is somewhat premature considering the fact that the decade will end not this year but on January 1, 1971. The current Gregorian calendar (being only a trivial revision of the Julian calendar) began with the year one not the year zero. Thus, the end of the first set of ten elapsed years was celebrated on January 1, 11. Analogously, the screaming sixties still have another year to run.

I unequivocally propose that a major attempt to end this confusion must be mounted immediately least the blundering masses celebrate January 1, 2000 rather than January 1, 2001 as the end of the second millennium and toot their horns a full year ahead of schedule.

Furthermore, for technical reasons too esoteric to delimit here (e.g. the incommensurability of lunar and solar cycles

affecting the date of astronomically set religious holidays and the inequality between the Gregorian and tropical years despite intercalary interventions) and to avoid sundry confusions such as which months have 30 days (excluding Febru-

ary in leap years excepting all but leap centuries evenly divisible by 400), I favor immediate adoption of the only calendar ever developed in human history that works: the Mayan Calendar. Moreover, unless acting President Copeland expresses

his immediate desire to begin implementing the Mayan Calendar on campus by the start of the spring semester I intend to seize a building.

Very Respectfully Yours,
Larry S. Liebovitch
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Book Review

"Sound is so much a part of our environment, such a vital part of our lives, that one might assume that it would be taught, learned, analyzed, and understood from early school years on. Architects and engineers, particularly, might be expected to be especially familiar with the nature of sound and the techniques of sound control. Yet there is a lamentable ignorance of the subject, even among professionals," observes Lyle F. Yergeon in the Preface of his book, **Sound, Noise, and Vibration Control**.

The book, written in the idiom of the practicing professional, presents the meaning of sound as a vital part of the surrounding energy which determines our environment. According to the author, the acoustical performance of a machine or a building is rarely the result of careful original planning and design. Much more often, he notes, sound and vibration control ("noise control") are something stuck on or added as an afterthought or in a desperate attempt to mitigate a serious and unforeseen problem.

Sound, Noise, and Vibration Control proceeds from the subjective — the human factors — to the objective — measurements, definitions, and solutions to the human problems — to help the professional forecast the consequences of all decisions before the results of these decisions are materialized in a structure or a building.

The book is divided into three principal sections. The first covers the basic, essential theory of sound and vibration necessary for a real understanding of the effect of this form of energy on people and environment in which they live and work. The next section discusses the broad general principles of sound and vibration control, including the types of materials, systems, and constructions used for this purpose. The final section is devoted to important data, organized into tables, detailed drawings and sketches, and checklists for easy reference.

All material in Section II (Sound Control) and in the tables and charts of Section III is arranged in the order in which

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