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Workers in the South Campus Cafeteria went on a three hour wildcat strike vesterday.

The brief strike was sparked when one of the workers, Luis Feliciano, was told he was being transferred from the South to the North Campus Cafeteria, a move which he opposed.

But with the support of students, including members of the Students for a Democratic Society and the W.E.B. DuBois Club, the 20 striking workers were able to close the concession down. In the three hours of the strike, less than 25 people purchased food.

In addition to demanding the end of involuntary transfers, the workers sought a minimum wage of \$100, full wages for the school holidays, and the right to inspect the financial records of the cafeteria

The strike ended at 1 PM, when union representatives persuaded the workers to return to work and allow them to begin negotiations with the Board of Higher Education.

Blacks and Puerto Ricans Demand That BGG End Racism at College

Black and Puerto Rican students yesterday began what promises to be a tense confrontation with the Administration over demands aimed at ending racism at the College. After meeting in the Finley Grand Ballroom during the club break, the Committee of

Ten issued five demands to alleviate what it called "condition that deny the very existence of the black and Puerto Rican community."

The committee includes representatives of Onyx Society, the black students' group, the pre- of all entering classes reflect the baccalaureate program, and Prisa, the politically-oriented Puerto Rican club. The committee's president, Henry Arce, is a candidate for Student Senate president.

Besides calling for the immediate creation of a school of black and Puerto Rican studies, the committee demanded:

• "a separate orientation program for black and Puerto Rican freshmen;

• "a voice for students in the setting of all guidelines for the SEEK (Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge) program, including the hiring and firing of all personnel;

• that "the racial composition black and Puerto Rican population of the New York City high schools," and

• "that black and Puerto Rican history and the Spanish language be a requirement for all Education majors."

Insisting that President Buell G. Gallagher "utilize whatever means necessary to meet these demands," the students said they would reassemble next Thursday at noon in front of the Administration Building to hear his reply.

Reached late last night, I. E. Levine, the College's public relations director, said that he would not inform the President of yesterday's action until he returned from his vacation sometime next week. Terming some of the demands as "extremely vague," he said he thought that others had been answered by the President in a reply to a petition circulated last term by members of the W.E.B. DuBois Club.

A committee member, Rick Reed, asserted last night that



President Buell G. Gallagher On Vacation

"the racism that is perpetrated on black and Puerto Rican people we de not consider negotiable." He refused to comment on whether he expected support from white students.

"If our demands are not met, the Black and Puerto Rican Student Community will have no choice but to move onto the next stage of our struggle," Reed said, reading from a statement approved by the committee.

After the meeting, which was (Continued on Page 3)

Suspend Five Commune Students

Five members of the Commune have been suspended from classes for periods totaling more than one year by the Student-Faculty Disciplinary Committee.

The students were charged with disrupting Military Science classes, impeding Placement Office. interviews, and defacing college propedty during demonstrations in Lewisohn Stadium.

The latest in a series of decisions was included in a detailed report, mailed late last week by the committee to three of the students - Ron McGuire, Jeff Steinberg, and Charles Zerzan.

The real significance of the report is included in its conclusions. The committee conceded that it "is not fully convinced that the members of this sub-culture demonstrate with the intention to disrupt" and attacked the Young Republican Club members who served as guards at a recruitment interview last term.

Given three month suspensions, Steinberg and Zerzan were both found guilty on a charge that they "impeded and interfered with a legal college activity" — a guest lecture being given to Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) cadets in Harris Auditorium last October.

McGuire was found guilty of the same charge and suspended for only two months, since he was not charged with failing to obey a college official.

For climbing on the roof of Finley Center and through a fourth floor window to disrupt interviewing by a Hughes Aircraft recruiter, McGuire and Steinberg each were given suspensions lasting five weeks, three weeks of which they served in December.

Josh Chaikin was previously sentenced for 11 weeks on charges of defacing college property, failing to obey a college official, disrupting another ROTC lecture, and removing two rugs

from a Finley Center room. Mel Freedman was found guilty of spraying paint on a wall of Lewisohn stadium and suspended for two weeks.

All the suspensions are presumably to begin on February 17, but only two students, Freedman and McGuire, will be affect-

registered for classes this term. The sentences will be enforced once they re-enter.

Commenting on his third and fourth suspensions within the last 16 months, McGuire said, "The hypocrisy of the committee makes it all the more reprehensible. This committee understands its ed. The three others have not role and continues to play it."

Henry Arce:

Third World Students Awakening'

By JONATHAN PENZNER

The entrance of the New World Coalition (NWC) ticket into the usually boring student elections has aroused a flurry of excitement on Campus. The hack Student Government politicians are being challenged by an integrated group of issueconscious students in the first Student Senate race.

"Black and Puerto Rican students are beginning to awaken," the NWC presidential candidate said in an interview this week. "And we've got a big fight ahead."

Henry Arce (pronounced ar-seh) is not running a popularity contest. His means and his goal are simultaneously directed to the same thing - an end to racism at the College. Rather than becoming the first Senate president, he is more interested in "mobilizing primarily black and Puerto Rican students on campus."

"In order for there to be a struggle for everyone to be free," Arce said, "there must be a struggle against racism . . . Racism keeps white people from seeing their own oppression.

"This campaign is being used to show the political nature of the struggle and the corporate nature of the university," he continued.

The formation of Arce's slate has ob-



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-OPhoto by H. E. Weberman

vious significance. Not only has its political basis and seemingly incidental interest in the Senate seats shaken student politicians, but it also signals an active role in campus politics for students enrolled in the College's SEEK (Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge) program. Only two terms after Student Council extended the right to vote in SG elections to include SEEK students, they comprise a majority of the NWC slate.

SEEK, known as the Pre-Bac Program at the College, brings ghetto high school graduates with college potential to the senior colleges of the City University for a learning experience designed to make up for the ghetto school experience.

Pre-Bac students at the College have long felt estranged in the "normal, white" college. "We want to make it so we know what's going on inside the walls of the College," Arce said. "You're [white students, faculty and administrators] in my place, my country. You've been jiving and shucking, shucking and jiving and keeping me out of this place - the College - this place right here. What we see is wrong is that this institution is not catering to us, even though this institution was started for us . . . the poor."

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Arbeit Macht Frei?

The Army Post at Fort Dix, N. J., looks like a summer camp. The neat cottages of white-washed wood have green doors and shutters. There are a few ponds and a track. There is a golf course and an arts and crafts building.

The Army stockade at Fort Dix looks like a concentration camp. Composed of about 15 cottages, it is surrounded by a double fence and snarled with barbed wire, and sentries with live ammunition. A sign on the fence asserts "Obedience To The Law Is Freedom."

The cells in the segregation block are 8 by 6 by 8 feet. There is one light bulb and a wooden bench to sleep on, The diet consists of bread, water, and lettuce for energy.

Among the guests is Private William S. Brakefield, the AWOL soldier who sought sanctuary among anti-war students at the College last November. He is serving a sentence of six months.

Brakefield was court martialed January 21 and convicted of being absent without leave from his unit at Fort Devens, Mass. He had been arrested in the Finley Grand Ballroom, November 7, with the 163 others who were giving him sanctuary.

Brakefield, after waiting for his court martial for two months in solitary, was granted a five-day emergency leave to attend his father's funeral. When he returned on time he was transferred to Cell Block 60, where conscientious objectors and returned deserters from Sweden are confined. Three weeks after the court martial, he was returned to segregation, ostensibly "for his own protection."

Unless he is granted a discharge, Brakefield will be sent back to duty after serving his sentence, a possibility he views with little pleasure. Obtaining the discharge does not seem likely, according to Lt. Wigert, his military lawyer. The commander of Brakefield's unit, Major Rekowski, would have to recommend the discharge to initiate the process. It seems he has no intention of doing so.

Lt. Wigert suggested that professors and students write letters-to the Major and General Collins. The letters should stress that Brakefield has been court martialed twice and has demonstrated his sincerity in not being able to serve in the Army, and that it is absurd to hold him further. Letters should be addressed to: Major Rekowski, Commander of S.P.D., Fort Dix, N. J., and General Collins, Commander of Fort Dix. Fort Dix. N. J.

'Get Yourselves Together'

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Arce, who is a SEEK student, outlined NWC's platform, which, he said, included a demand for the creation of a "School of Third World Studies." He defined the Third World as "all peoples colonialized and oppressed by white people." The school would be run by blacks and Puerto Ricans and have the same status as the other schools at the College.

Noting that there is great dissatisfaction among blacks and Puerto Ricans with the regular college curricula, Arce criticized the Art and History departments in particular. "Did you know, for example, that the only painting by a North American artist in the Louvre is by a Puerto Rican? But they didn't tell me that. I'll think I'm important if they tell me that.

"It's a beautiful history," he said of his Puerto Rican heritage. "But the history courses missed the 90-Year War in Puerto Rico. . . . The History Department doesn't give a shit about us. 'Here! We discovered you,' and that's it."

According to Arce, creating a a School of Third World Studies would remedy these gaps in the regular college curricula.

The slate's platform also demands expansion of the SEEK Program to give all graduates of New York City ghetto high schools the opportunity to attend a senior or community college and the appointment of a majority of blacks and Puerto Ricans to the administrative staffs of the colleges and the Board of Higher Education.

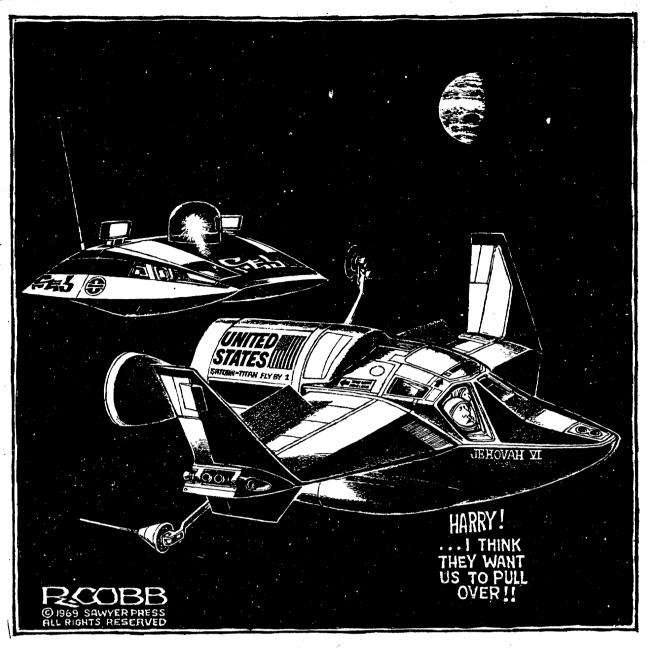
"I would say that a black or Puerto Rican person would be more responsive to the needs of blacks and Puerto Ricans," which he said comprise more than half of the public school students. Arce said in explaining his proposal, "The administration would be more responsive to the needs of the community."

The platform also demands

ROTC off campus; revision of the Master Plan by students, faculty and the ghetto community; an end to complicity with racist recruiters and companies with large interests in the war.

Arce also wants Proposal C "enforced" and made "relevant to the needs of blacks and Puerto Ricans . . . Unless the Student Senate takes Proposal C, it'll be the same mishmosh," he said.

The New World Coalition draws its candidates from the Onyx Society, Prisa, SDS and the DuBois Club. Arce sees the coalition working out to everyone's benefit - black and white. But to whites who ask him, "What can I do to help you?" he replies, "Instead of trying to help me, why don't you get yourselves together?"



Worthless Books Yield Higher Profits

Spending \$12.50 on a huge biology book (of which you hardly read one third during the year) can destroy your pocket book or wallet, considering that at least 30 more dollars will flow before you are finished buying the political science book, the literature books, the math books, the pens and paper. But you are consoled in remembering that at the end of the year, you can sell the book again, for maybe as much as \$5.

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And the physics book you've got to buy is another \$12. And then there's this term's economics book and . . .

The students are losing plenty of money piling up pound after pound of never-to-be-touchedagain textbooks while the businessmen find new ways to change edition number 68 to edition number 69. (Let's change the cover to a psychedelic poster, Charlie; then we'll look modern as hell.)

If they are going to change the editions year after year, maybe they could introduce some imagination and truth into these modern version of Medieval torture racks. But it is doubtful that the revised political science book will change any of the rubbish they've been shoving down our throats all these long years. However, even an introduction like this would be satisfactory:

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Protesters Entering Pleas; Behr Faces 5 Days In Jail

Almost all of the 164 persons arrested in the Sanctuary bust of last November 7 have had their day in court, but a large number will be returning for trials.

For Peter Behr, though, the next time he returns, it may be to begin a five day jail term. A student at Columbia University, he pleaded guilty to the charge of second degrée criminal trespass and was sentenced by Judge William A. Shea to serve the jail term or pay a \$50 fine.

If he fails to raise the money by mid-February, he will become the first person to be jailed for participating in the sanctuary.

Previously, persons who had pleaded guilty were given either conditional or unconditional discharges, depending on the whims of the judges, and their charges were reduced to third degree criminal trespass, all with the consent of the assistant District Attornev.

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Exact figures are not known, but those pleading innocent have been given trial dates beginning March 3. Pleas of innocence have been entered by staff members of Observation Post and The Resistance, an anti-draft group which supported the Sanctuary.

The action of the courts serves as the only form of discipline against the participants of the 7-day sanctuary. President Buell G. Gallagher had decided not to use the school disciplinary system because more than half of those arrested are not students at the College.

A week after the mass early morning arrests, Dr. Gallagher said, "The only basis in which you could deal with them equitably is to do it through the courts... I'm not prepared to let a lot of outsiders come here and do what they did and let them go scot-

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Robert Eberwein, a freshman at the College, is currently serving a 30-day jail term in Washington. Of the five students from the College known to have been arrested at the counter-inaugural demonstrations, he is the only one who has been jailed.

Eberwein was arrested on Inauguration Day, January 20, and charged with throwing a brick through the window of a police car. Held in \$300 bail for "destruction of federal property," a felony, he spent that night in jail, awaiting arraignment. The charge was reduced the next day to a misdemeanor, "obstruction of public property." but the bail was raised to five thousand dollars. Two days later, a bail bondsman agreed to supply the necessary bond. Eberwein was released with the restriction that he remain within 35 miles of the city until the trial, which consisted of the conflicting testimonies of Eberwein and his arresting officer.

At the same time, he was to have appeared in Manhattan Criminal Court to answer charges of criminal trespassing and tampering being pressed by Associate Dean James S. Peace against Eberwein and four other students.

In addition, he faces a charge of inciting to riot at last October's rally for George Wallace at Madison Square Garden. A German citizen who came to the United States 12 years ago, he might be deported because of his tangled legal situation although he applied for citizenship last year.

month, are divided between two parts of the Criminal Court. Judge Dennis Edwards, Jr., permitted those charged solely with second degree criminal trespass, a misdemeanor, to plead guilty to the same charge in the third degree, a violation. They then re-The arraignments, which have ceived either unconditional or con-

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Demands ...

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barred to whites, the students marched to Dr. Gallagher's office to present the demands. Each of them had a copy of the demands and proceeded to leave copies around his outer office.

The issuance of the demands coincided with the disclosure of Dr. Wilfredo Carty's appointment as an English professor at the College and as coordinator of plans to develop a black studies institute by next September.

A scholar in African, Caribbean and Latin literature, he will coordinate the efforts of black students who are designing curricula, examining textbooks for traces of racism, and determining the needs of the black community on campus.

Dr. Carty said that in creating the institute, he will not cut himself off from any potential avenue of help. He plans to meet with student groups on campus, including the Experimental College, SDS, Onyx Society, the Du-Bois Club, to elicit their views on a separate black studies depart-

Talk of the possibility of a separate department began among the SEEK faculty early last semester, when it was felt that the climate at the College was right for demanding such a program from the Administration.

The new unit will also operate as a research agency, composing a bibliography, and forming a library. It will recommend pedagogical techniques, and, most important of all, courses to be taught at the College.

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Convocation to Probe 'Nature of University

A weekend conference of students and professors who will plan a two day convocation on "the nature of the university" is being organized by Dean of Students G. Nicholas Paster.

The convocation, which would involve a recess in classes later this term, was proposed by the dean at an emergency meeting of the General Faculty convened during the recruiting crisis in December. He originally called for a three day break in classes but has apparently been forced to reconsider by critical administrators.



Following discussions with the Policy Council, which advises President Buell G. Gallagher, he quietly has been laying the groundwork for the planning conference of ten faculty members and 20 students during the first weekend of March.

If the planning group's suggestions are accepted by the Policy Council, the convocation would then be held within a period of two or three weeks.

According to the dean, the participants in the convocation, which would ostensibly be open to all members of the College community, would deal with the personal commitment of students and faculty members to the College, its future course, "disrupsues which were raised last term UBSERVATION

- the Reserve Officers Training Corps and the recruitment policy,

Several deans are known to be withholding support for the convocation, fearing that students will take advantage of the twoday recess by staying home. One faculty member expressed the simple concern that no one would attend.

This view, however, does not pervade the entire administration. Dean Doyle Bortner (Education) said he thought improved understanding among students, faculty and administrators, as well as guidelines for College policies could be among the beneficial results of the convocation.

In his address to the faculty group last term, Dean Paster said that during the class break, "We would have the largest part of the College community spend its time in ongoing and almost continuing dialogue, discussion and debate in a common search for goals - what is the college for? - and examination of process — what is relevant to education today? — and determination of how we live together campus governance!! - and any other matters deemed important to the moment."

The Policy Council, which will meet again next Tuesday to consider the dean's request, was created after the Campus Governance referendum as a tripartite body that would consult with Dr. Gallagher on matters of policy. Its 15 members, drawn equally from the student body, faculty and administration, are serving until the Faculty and Student Senates are established and choose their representatives. The Council's meeting next

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week will be its third. At its last meeting, Dr. Gallagher had revealed the appointment of Dr. Wilfredo Carty, a scholar in African culture, as an English professor and the eventual head of a department of black studies and Hispanic culture.

The council has also discussed the possibility of the College dropping its charges against the persons arrested at last term's Sanctuary in the Finley Grand Ballroom. Several Council members tried to persuade Dr. Gallagher to drop the charges by mentioning that he would have to testify and face stiff questioning during the trials of persons who had plead not guilty.

Apparently reluctant to appear in court, the President said he would take the matter into consideration. He is currently on vacation.



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