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—Langston Hughes

So we stand here
on the edge of hell
in Harlem
and look out
on the world
and wonder
what we're gonna do
in the face of
what we remember.

Crisis Over Relocation of SEEK Dorm

SEEK Directors Meet on Dorm

By GWENDOLYN DIXON

Directors of the SEEK programs throughout the City University met with students at the Board of Higher Education last week to determine what action could be taken against the eviction of the 200 students at the Alamac Dorm.

The Alamac Hotel, on the corner of 71st St. and Broadway, which has served as Dormitory facilities for SEEK students, was sold by its owners to a private concern which expects to remodel the hotel.

This resulted in an eviction notice being served on the City University to take effect this past February 1st. B.H.E. officials bargained and received a February 29th extension.

The Dormitory Crisis Committee, made up of Directors and SEEK students, submitted a written proposal to Chancellor Kibbee this past January 16, which outlined the seriousness of the situation and recommended Long Island University's Willoughby Street Dormitory as a possible relocation.

Julius Edelstein, Vice-Chancellor for Urban Affairs, which handles City University's special programs, wrote a letter to Louis Walker, Director of the SEEK Program at Brooklyn College, stating that the possibility of obtaining space in L.I.U. was positively favorable.

But the letter explained that it would be necessary to screen the students from the dorm during their transfer in order to eliminate "undesirable elements."

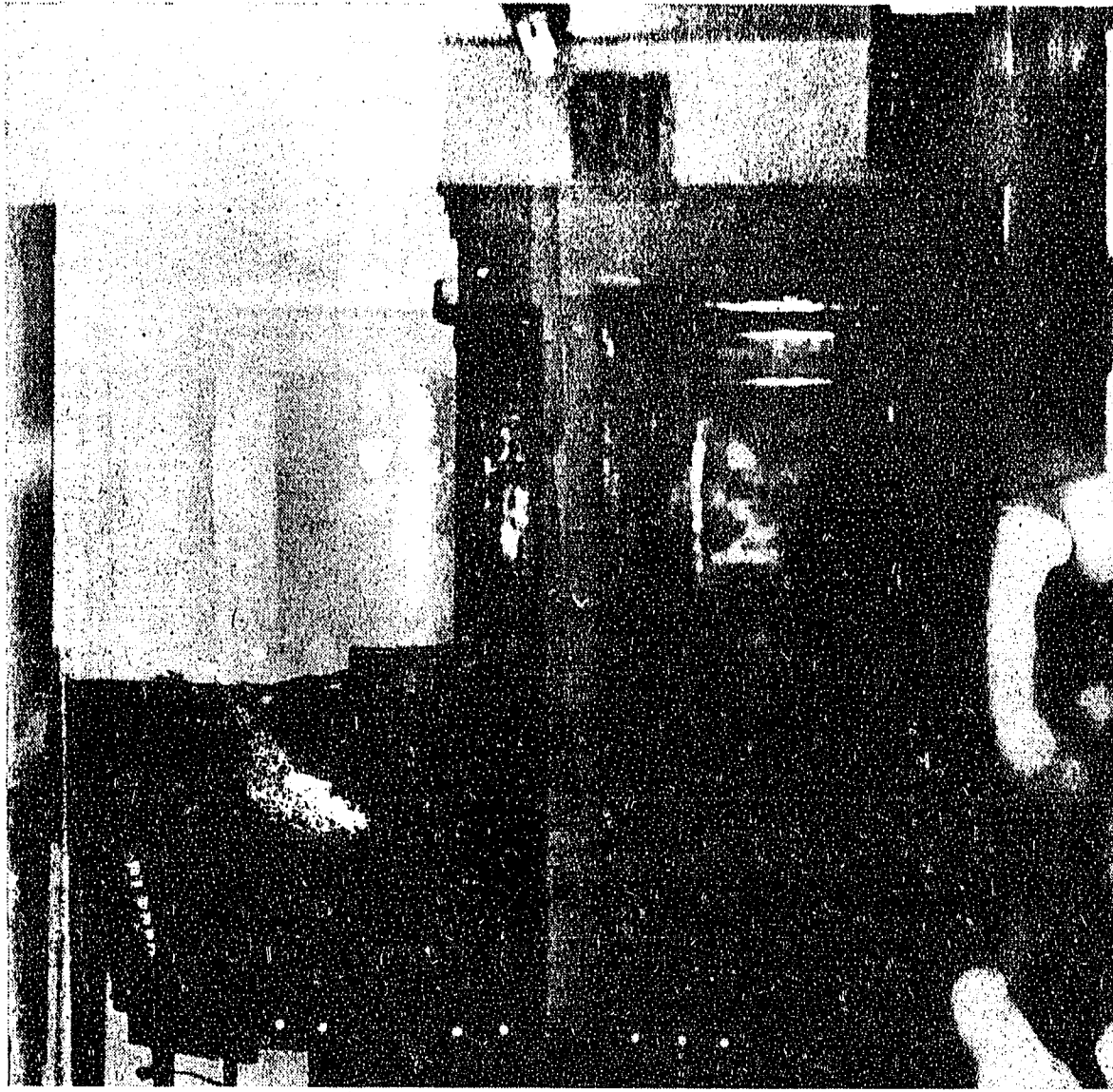
The screening of students was interpreted by the body of directors as having to do with individual academic standing.

As of last Monday, the proposal had not been approved by the Board of Estimate. The SEEK Directors wanted to see the proposal on the agenda of the next Board of Estimate meeting this Feb. 10. They also agreed to write a letter of petition to the members of the Board of Estimate, which would include Mayor Lindsay, and each of the borough presidents.

Mike Joseph, of Hunter College SEEK, also suggested a face to face consultation with Manhattan Boro President Percy Sutton. According to Joseph, the proposal has to go through a sub-committee, headed by Sutton, before it reaches the Board of Estimate.

The Directors' main concern was to solve the immediate crisis and then work to save the dorm on a long term basis. They noted that the Black Congress-

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Double exposed shot of the SEEK Dorm with the Exit sign depicting the future plight of SEEK students at the Alamac. The Paper/Ray Frost

Cafeteria Workers Strike

Full Time Or No Time

Workers at the College's South Campus Cafeteria have gone on strike in response to layoffs of six workers and a reduction in working hours. They are being supported by picketing students who are helping enforce a boycott of the cafeteria.

Beginning on Monday, January 31st, the cafeteria closed at 2:30, and the working time was cut to 20 hours. Workers, who make between \$1.85 and \$2.75 an hour, charge that they can not support their families on the reduced time, and have demanded a restoration of 40 hours of work, and a reinstatement of the workers fired.

The College argues that it is not possible to maintain the cafeteria at its regular hours, since it is already losing money on its operation. Mr. Morley, Business Manager of the College explained in an interview that the cafeteria is under the direction of the Food Services Dept., a separate part of the College with its own funds. He argued that, given the new policy, the cafeteria might be "out of the hole" and capable of running a regular schedule in "a few years." However, he admitted that that time may never come.

Workers argue that they can not live on the hours offered, and that the reduction in hours will leave fewer people in the cafeteria at one time to take care of the work. "We would have to work like dogs," says one worker.

The union is not supporting the strikers. Mr. Luis Feliciano, Shop Steward, who is with the strikers, says "We are striking against the Union and the management both." A union representative came to a union meeting a week ago, says Mr. Feliciano, at which time he took notes and said he would report back. Now he says that the union can do nothing for the workers, as the contract allows the management to do as it pleases with respect to hours. "I don't know anything about the contract," says Mr. Feliciano. "They never sent me a copy." Workers pay \$9 every two weeks to the union, and dues would remain

the same even if their income was reduced.

In an interview, Julio Colon of PRSU, a student supporter of the striking workers, said that the union representative who showed up Monday spent his time speaking to the management in the kitchen, saying little to the workers. If it supported the workers, the union could call the remaining workers off the job both at South Campus Cafeteria, and at the North Campus cafeteria, so far unaffected by the strike.

The current crisis is only the most recent in a series of incidents concerning the management of the cafeteria. Last year the cafeteria fired 22 workers, in a move that eliminated hot food after 2:30 p.m. This was met by student demonstrations in support of the fired workers, in the course of which several students were arrested and beaten by the College's Wackenhut guards.

At that time, the Administration promised to find jobs for the fired workers, but, according to Mr. Feliciano, they never did.

By SHERYL BERNIER

Once again the SEEK Dormitory, located in the Alamac Hotel, has been threatened with being closed. Last December a rumor spread that the 200 SEEK students living in the Dorm for the last four years would be evicted as of February 1.

The reason given was that the hotel's ownership would change hands, but because of the red tape involved in eviction proceedings, the City University has made it possible for the students to remain until the end of February.

According to Bob Grant, Student Ombudsman, the problem faced by the dormitory students now is no longer of new ownership, but of funds for next year. Governor Rockefeller has made recommendations to the state legislature that no money be allocated for a SEEK Dorm past June 30th.

Bill Robinson, President of the City College Student Senate and a SEEK student living at the dorm, charged that "the governor is trying to make up for state deficiencies which he created."

A Dorm crisis committee, consisting of SEEK directors, counselors, students living at the dorm, and CCNY's student ombudsman, Bob Grant, has been working on the issue since December.

The alternative to the dorm is Long Island University's dormitory.

The Board of Estimate, which consists of Mayor John V. Lindsay, Council President Sanford Garelik, Comptroller Abraham Beame and the five borough presidents, is presently deciding on the transfer from the Alamac Hotel to L.I.U.

The dorm committee approached President Marshak and Ted Brown, Academic Assistant to the president, about the transfer. Marshak and his assistant have given their support for the L.I.U. move and are expected to help in pressuring the Board of Estimate into finalizing the lease transfer from the Alamac before the end of February.

The students living at the Alamac prefer moving to L.I.U. because the conditions of the Alamac are not what they called "conducive to study," whereas L.I.U. is better equipped. Furthermore L.I.U.'s dorm is one-half the cost of the Alamac dorm.

However, Bill Robinson declared that "the Board of Education and the Board of Estimate are dragging their feet in making a commitment for the relocation of the dormitory.

"Relocating the dorm means a further commitment on their behalf to challenge Albany

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Blacks & Music

By DAVID FRIEDLANDER

The Music Department and the Black and Puerto Rican Music Union (BPRMU), now see eye to eye, as the result of a series of successful meetings held between officials of the student organization and chairman Jack Shapiro of the Music Department last December.

Shortly before the meetings the BPRMU had issued a set of proposals, one submitted to the Student Ombudsman, Bob Grant, and the other printed in *The Paper*, which expressed discontent with the status of Black and Latin music courses in the department.

The BPRMU urged more Black and Puerto Rican teachers to teach courses dealing with Black and Puerto Rican music.

Paula Lewis, President of the BPRMU, stated that the organization found the chairman "cooperative and helpful," while Professor Shapiro himself said that, "the help of Black and Puerto Rican students" was welcomed.

Specifically, the department plans to hire more Third World teachers as openings come up, and programs dealing with non-western music are being "very seriously studied to see what can be done in the shortest period of time without deterioration of quality."

The department is working closely with the BPRMU to find qualified musicians who are willing to teach, but many of the qualified musicians are already engaged in jobs, and do not have the sort of regular schedules which allow them to



The Paper/Reggie Culpepper
Chairman of the Music Dep't
Professor Jack Shapiro,

show up for a class at a fixed time each week.

Students have been invited to take part in departmental committees for some time now, and Professor Shapiro says that he hopes "BPRMU members will come to meetings of the committee and express their wishes."

The department is also working on a way to allow students to choose their programs more freely, thus allowing students interested in Black or Latin music to take more courses in those fields.

On the basis of experience so far, Paula Lewis expresses "hopes of continuing to work in conjunction with the department."

"Any interested faculty members are welcomed to attend meetings of our group."

Furthermore, BPRMU is hoping to work on tutoring programs for students who need it, and with Jazz Interactions and Jazzmobile, two independent groups for musicians outside of the college.

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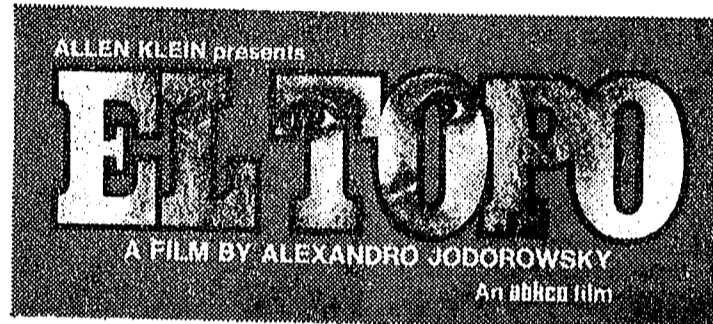
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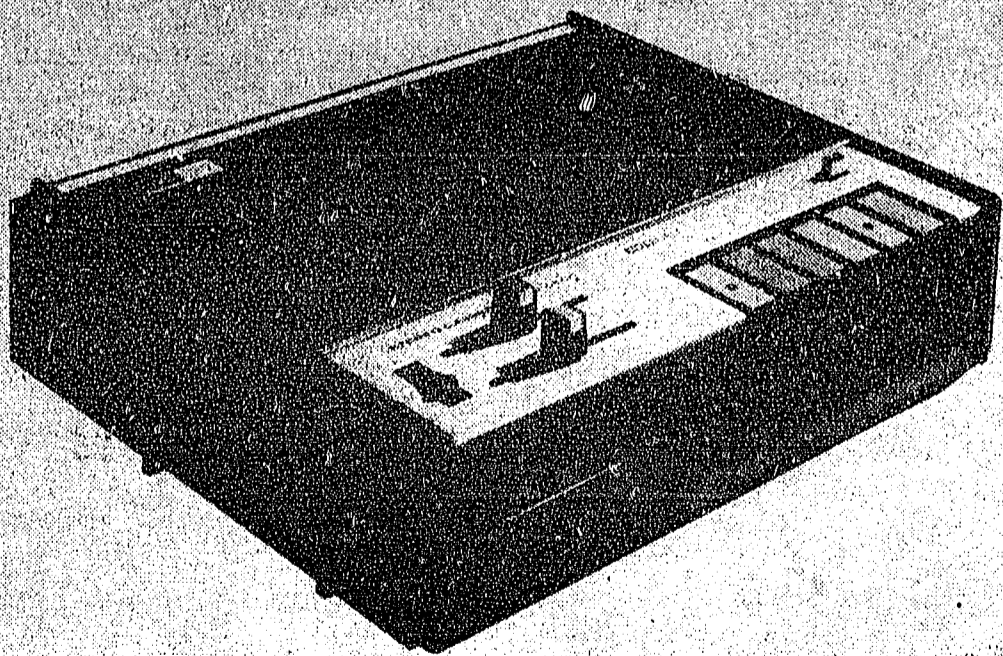
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Operation Helping Hand

By DENNIS E. MACK

"Our main goal is stopping the funnel system of future drug addicts."

The above comment was ushered forth by Brother Thomas Frasier of Operation Helping Hand, a local drug self-help organization located at 501 West 145th Street.

Operation Helping Hand was conceived of three years ago, with its main focus on total community involvement as an answer to ghetto problems. Brother Frasier explained that when "Brothers look at the situation, deprivation running rampant, we're forced to do something! Our kids grow up in the same environment and our intention is to give them a hand."

The program is broken down into four sections: Phase Piggy Back; Sanitation And Neighborhood Education (S.A.N.E.); District Kinship; Mobile Information and Therapy Centers.

Upon coming into the program, addicts must first go through Phase Piggy Back. In this most important phase addicts spend fourteen days in detoxification hospital programs, and go through sensitivity sessions.

These sessions are geared toward confronting the addict's fantasy / illusion psychological framework and focus on:

a) the actual, original problem and its causes;



- b) how long the problem has existed;
- c) what affect the problem has had on the individual;
- d) how affective subterfuges and disguises used by the addict have been in his own rationale;
- e) awaken the addict to the desire for full change and strengthen the need of fulfillment.

The Sanitation and Neighborhood Education (S.A.N.E.) program was developed to fill the

gap of community involvement. SANE was formed out of the turmoil involved in welfare recipients having to be housed in so called "welfare hotels."

The clients were demanding to be re-housed in private dwellings they could call their own. After the families had been sheltered in welfare hotels for any length of time all family contact was lost. Operation Helping Hand, in combating this situation, banded

together these families and set up guidelines based on individual responsibilities.

Operation Helping Hand became "the community crutch" for these families to lean and depend on. From this experience the S.A.N.E. component was conceived. The theory involved was that the plight of the parent and the sacrifices and responsibilities of the family must be made relevant to the youth segment of the population.

"Once we had taken the time to let the youths know how much was involved in trying to succeed in modern day society for the so-called minority person, then perseverance could be projected to sustain each youth in his drive for the success of family unification."

The purpose of the SANER program, as defined by Brother Frasier is to "put back everything taken out in the proportion to the amount of energy diverted."

The "R" in SANER is supposed to stand for recreation. By diverting the youth's interests away from drugs, their energy is channeled into various recreational activities.

Mobile Information and Therapy centers allow for the flexibility of going where the afflicted people live. In this manner the program will be able to co-

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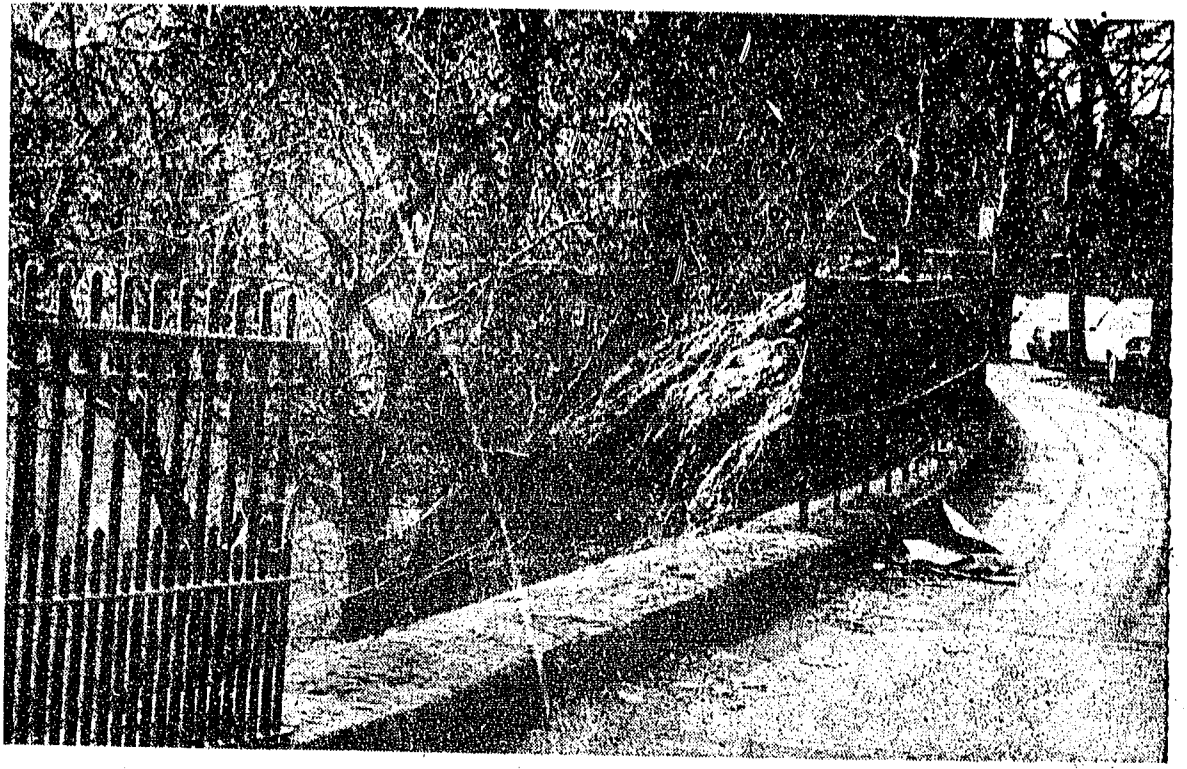
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Broken railing on St. Nicholas Terrace: 50-foot short-cut to disaster.

The Paper/Ray Frost

Editorial

Death-Trap

Readers: Take a good look at that photo. It concerns you, us, and any number of children who walk through, or play on, St. Nicholas Terrace.

This college has spent money safeguarding property, vis-a-vis Wackenhut Guards and their elaborate equipment. But when it comes to safeguarding the lives of people who may slip and fall, break their necks, be killed, "no one ever thought about it."

We ask each student at this college to take a good look at the terrace railing. Note the danger and then help this newspaper in getting the college administrators to mend that railing immediately.

We intend to keep this issue in focus for as long as it takes. It has been two years now, and the danger remains.

It is our hope that readers do not regret having not done something about this before it is too late.

We do not need to feel remorse after someone has been seriously injured under circumstances we could have prevented.

Let us all remember that with no other objective in life, to have as few regrets as possible is one objective worth going after.

Cafeteria Strike

The South Campus cafeteria workers at the college have struck against the reduction of work hours and the layoff of six people on the cafeteria staff, including the shop steward.

Due to the economic realities prevailing in this country, the Food Services Department which is part of the college, but independently financed, shortened the hours of the cafeteria services and reduced the staff in an effort to cut down costs. But in actuality they have made more work for the remaining workers, and reduced their working time, thus also their earnings, which is a hardship for those with families.

The shortened operating hours of the South Campus cafeteria not only hurt the workers, but also the students, who after the 2:30 closing time of the cafeteria, have but one place on South Campus, the already overcrowded Snack Bar, where they can eat.

The workers, being the least powerful group on campus, are being shafted. They are caught in the middle of a situation where the college, on the one hand seeks to provide food at a low cost for the students, and on the other, is unwilling to subsidize the operation.

What is needed is for the Food Services Department to be subsidized, preferably by the college. By reevaluating its budgeting priorities, the college could provide the necessary funds to upgrade the quality of the cafeteria.

This would provide an essential service to the college student, and more importantly, prevent additional labor injustices from being imposed upon the cafeteria workers.

Students should boycott the cafeteria until the situation is remedied.

Dear Editor:

The Holocaust, History 62 Spring Semester, is a study of the most stunning example of systematic mass extermination in world history.

Between 1935 (when Jews were deprived of their German citizenship) to 1945 (when the Nazis were defeated, but particularly between 1941 and 1945, when the heat was really on, one-third of the Jewish people, six million women, men and children, were murdered by the Nazis: killed by mobile killing units that scoured parts of Eastern Europe shooting Jews, killed by poisonous gas in special chambers erected for that purpose, killed by slow starvation, killed by sadistic torture. Killed by a disease that is widespread and ancient in Western society racism.

At first the Nazis were willing to allow the Jews to leave — no nation would take them. The history of the Jews in Germany is ironic — until the Nazis came to power the Jews had been enjoying the most "liberating" century of their long history in Europe.

During that time the Jews left the ghetto and entered mainstream culture, winning the right to German citizenship, fighting in the German army, during WW I (100,000 Jews fought, 10,000 died, 35,000 were decorated for bravery); they assimilated into German culture and integrated with the Christians until the Fascists put an end to all of that liberalism, forced them back into the ghetto and then slaughtered those uppity masses of vermin who had dared to think of themselves as human beings.

The lesson of the Holocaust is tragic and painful, but if examined it is enlightening. Some wise person once said that if we do not learn the lessons of the past we are doomed to repeating the same mistakes in the future.

European Jews were duped by clever and scientific psychological methods — they did not believe that the Fascists would kill them — after all, they reasoned, a war was being fought and the Germans needed them to provide a cheap labor force. Their logic proved fatal — unfortunately logic is a poor wea-

pon to use when dealing with irrational racists.

I took the course on the Holocaust this past term — every person in the class was Jewish. It is crucial that Jews study this event but the lesson to be learned from the Holocaust is equally crucial to all other people.

If you ignore the Holocaust we are all doomed to repeat this experience again, and again, and again . . .

Take the course the fascist threat is still around — see how they operated during their last all out campaign. Know your enemy.

Cheryl Moch

Dear Editor:

I am writing at the suggestion of Winifred Mayo of the Urban League's Black Youth Internship Program to inform you that we are recruiting for our Community Organization and Planning students for our September 1972 class.

The Columbia program provides students with the opportunity to earn a Masters degree in preparation for several kinds of organization work, i.e., in organizing, planning, and administrative capacities, or as a planner in a legislative, government, or other planning body.

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Application material may be obtained directly from the Admissions Office at 622 West 113th Street, New York City 10027. Please indicate that the contact is being made at my suggestion.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Charles Grosser, DSW
Chairman
Community Organization &
Planning

Announcements

There will be a concert of American Black Country Music with Mabel Hillary as guest artist on Friday, Feb. 25, 1972 at 8:00 p.m. at the CUNY Graduate Center, 33 West 42nd Street. Admission is free.

The program: Quintet in E minor for Guitar and Strings, Op. 50, No. 3, Luigi Boccherini; Terzetto for Two Violins and Viola, Op. 74, Antonin Dvorak; Sonata in D major, for Piano, 4 hands, Op. 6, Ludwig van Beethoven; Petite Suite for Piano, 4 hands, Claude Debussy;

The artists: Roslyn Dlugin, guitar; Felix Gaimir, violin; Michael Tolomeo, violin; Jack Shapiro, viola; Fortunato Arico, cello; David Bushler, piano; Fritz Jahoda, piano.

Mr. Dennis Brinn and Mr. Anthony Lucero of the Law School Admissions Office from the American University in Washington, D.C. will be interviewing all students interested in Law School on February 18, 1972. While Messrs. Brinn and Lucero will interview all students interested in Law School they are particularly interested in students with Spanish surnames.

Students who are interested in making an appointment for an interview should see Ms. Fay, in Administration building, Rm. 206.

Those Black and minority students who are in the class of '72, and have the desire to attend graduate school in economics —

There will be a representative from Northwestern University to conduct an interview for Black and Minority students with a major in Economics, Business Administration, and Mathematics on February 17th, 1972.

Please contact the National Black Science Students Organization no later than 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 8th.

The office is located in Finley Hall, Room 332.

Sincerely,

Albert D. Simpkins, Jr.
Vice Chairman

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News Tips, Editorial Quips

"Water is the best of all things," said Pindar, but only 0.27% of the earth's water is drinkable, which is why one prominent investigator said, "wine is where it's at." Now that we've got justification, drink wine for ecology's sake.

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Which brings us to POT. A comprehensive bibliography on the weed is now available from the Brain Research Center, UCLA Center for Health Sciences, Los Angeles. It covers most of the important writings on the subject from 1924-1970 and goes for a modest \$3.00.

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The BHE and University Student Senate are trying to merge the School of General Studies with the College of Liberal Arts throughout the City affecting some 60,000 SGS students.

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The famous Mayo Clinic has received 35 million dollars for a medical school which will admit its first class in Sept. 1972. Although the deadline for application was Dec. 10, minority applicants are given extensions. Call Carlos Ramos at 933-2527 after 7 p.m. or use your credit card number to dial direct to Rochester, Minnesota.

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The City College has a freshman class this year consisting of about 40% non-whites as opposed to 20% in 1969, the first year of Open Admissions. Together! But the survey also shows that the other senior colleges have remained fairly constant in minority enrollment since the advent of Open Admissions (roughly 10%).

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January 7 marked the first meeting of the advisory committee on the Status of Women at CUNY. Wow!

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Due to "clerical errors in his hospital records," Melvin Wittum, serving time in a Maine state mental hospital, was released 41 years late at the age of 66, last Nov. 12. He has since entered a nursing home. The next time someone says, "mental health care delivery reform is bullshit," kick him in the face for Melvin.

What's Happening? Check It Out!

By MARGAURITE - CAROL - TINA

CONGRATULATIONS - BILL ROBINSON

Despite our past remarks about you, we are very happy to see that you have been reinstated and have taken your rightful place as PRESIDENT of the STUDENT SENATE. We hope that the tactics used to deny you your rightful place will NEVER be tried again by any one person or group in the Student Senate.

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Why is it that QUEENS COLLEGE, HUNTER COLLEGE and BROOKLYN COLLEGE don't have to be bothered with such things as "CORE REQUIREMENTS"? City College students are subjected to taking 42 credits (Divisions A, B, and C) of B.S., which most of us won't use because it isn't directly related to our major. Maybe this is something for our so-called active Student Senate to look into.

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The so-called WACK-IN-HUTS aren't really on campus for security but for entertainment. Mr. Hot Stuff rides around on his motorcycle like an acrobat at the circus (he's not too good at it though — he fell one day). We're not saying that they're not competent guards — we would just like to see them on their toes — ALL THE TIME — that's not too much to ask, is it?????

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With a new term, we are hoping that all of the organizations on this campus will FUNCTION and make themselves known like they used to do in the past.

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In case you have forgotten:
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thing as SEEK STUDENT GOVERNMENT (SSG), which is your government. It can't function without your full support and help. For information try room 329 Finley.

SEEK STUDENTS — you also have counselors who would like to see the relationships between counselor and student become better. So during the term, try and pay them a visit. They're in MOTT HALL.

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Thirty

By CELESTE BULLOCK

What the hell is a thirty?

When Al first told me to write one, I had only a slight idea of what he meant, especially since I'm supposed to be the business manager. My function was not a glamorous one in terms of the prestige awarded to our staff reporters or the hard working photographers. But at least he asked me.

Anyway, I'm supposed to recall some of the events and my experiences here at City. It seems as if I've been here for such a long time that if I started I would have too much to say. What would I include? What would I leave out?

The best thing might be for me to give some advice to new people and/or slow people.

Don't waste time.

Don't take four years to start getting some direction.

Keep in mind that for people of color, it's no longer late, it's way past time.

I'll miss City, but I'll have to keep moving.

Announcements

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WNBC Radio is presenting a new radio series about New York's Puerto Rican Community, entitled "The Voice of El Coqui." It will be broadcast each Sunday on WNBC-AM from 8-8:30 a.m., and repeated on WNBC-FM from 1-1:30 p.m.

Amalia V. Betanzos, Special Assistant to Mayor John V. Lindsay on Puerto Rican Affairs, will be host of the program, and will have guests each week discussing a variety of subjects involving the Puerto Rican community, i.e., the background, culture, problems, etc. of the New York Puerto Rican.

Book Drive for the Ossining Correctional Facility — for the prisoners' library. Organizations and individuals interested in helping in donations to the drive should contact Jon Fredricks, S.U.N.Y. at Purchase, N.Y.

Books on remedial math, English, Spanish, poetry, law are desired. No chemistry, psychology or pornographic books can be used.

Also, records, instruments and related material.

ORIENTAL FOOD SHOP, mentioned by Craig Claiborne New York Times, Cue Magazine, Gourmet, and many cookbooks. Also Health Foods, 1302 Amsterdam Avenue.

Dennis
So what? I got 313.

Frances:
Now that I know your name I want you to know mine.
William

You know, if Eric was selling Muhammed Speaks instead of raffles, the Nation could've built its University already.

Frost,
Did you swallow your teeth too?

Gwen:
Do you know Louis Rivera's first name?

Hey Louie,
We got another pimp.
Frost

BG
Watch out you don't become the first pimp with only 8 fingers.
Ten Finger Jack

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Black Science:
Where are you???

Marvin,
What did you do to your bag?
CPT

CPT
I beat the shit out of her last night.
Marvin

Staff:
You're losing ground fast. Check it out.
The editors

Good-bye, Celeste. Good luck.
Love Sandy

Classified

Hey Al,
When are you gonna become editor? your predecessors

Louie, you still trying to get into classa?
Eric

To the Staff,
It's good to know that good people really do exist. Thanks for the flowers.
Diane

Faviola Felix Files Funny — Former Filer.

Celeste — Business needs you!!!!

Staff: I'm not thirty, I'm only twenty-one.
Celeste

Hey I got No. 288 in the draft lottery.
Dennis

William: I want you to join the business staff not the writing staff. I mean you could do both, but I need business workers badly.

Chuck: What's the business staff?
William: Seeing the paper gets out on time and placing ads.

Chuck: How about if I write down undecided?

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Dennis

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J.M.

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9 letters?
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A Communist Plot?

Is America's drug affliction the result of a sinister communist plot? Are red agents trying to subvert America from within in order to sap its strength around the world? Are drugs pushed onto the American people in order to destroy discipline and harmony; to create chaos and confusion? Is it true that Communist China is flooding us with heroin, as the Bureau of Narcotics repeatedly charges?

No! There is no evidence for any of these arguments!

Then where does the flow of hard drugs come from? And who is raking-off the tremendous profits which accumulate?

The Drug Business: Politics And Profits

While the major growing area of opium poppies in the world today is Southeast Asia, most of the crop is consumed locally by pipe smoking users. The primary exporter of opium is Turkey. Although it is a staunch ally of the U.S. and hosts N.A.T.O. bases, Turkey has done very little to curb the cultivation of poppies by its poor mountain peasants.

Turkish poppies are smuggled into neighboring Iran, where the resin from the pods is processed into morphine. The Shah of Iran's pro-U.S. dictatorship maintains tight control over the Iranian people, but it is unable to halt the flow of drugs into the country and unwilling to raid the refineries. In fact, Iran recently lifted its 13 year ban on the growing of poppies in order to cash-in on the huge trade now monopolized by Turkey.

The next stop on the line in the smuggling route for Middle East drugs is Lebanon, known as the bastion for "laissez-faire" capitalism. Beirut is the financial capital of the region, but it is also the hub of the drug trade. Here the distribution and marketing of morphine is controlled by criminal gangs of French Corsicans — a legacy of French colonialism in this area.

The syndicates and other cartels of illegal capitalists send their morphine to processing laboratories in Genoa, Italy; Paris and Marseille, France; Brussels, Belgium; Amsterdam, Holland; and Zurich, Switzerland.

From these labs in friendly European countries, pure heroin is shipped across the sea into neighboring Canada or Mexico, or directly to U.S. drop-offs. The flow of contraband converges on New York City, where the drug is diluted to about 5% purity and then sold at tremendous mark-ups to the estimated 100,000 addicts (one-half of the nation's total).

The pages of *The New York Times* over the last few years reveal an even more fascinating story concerning the rapid growth and development of the Southeast Asian heroin trade. Mountain tribes grow opium poppies as a cash crop in Burma (a military dictatorship), Thailand (where the pro-U.S. military dictatorship is propped-up by the C.I.A. and massive air support).

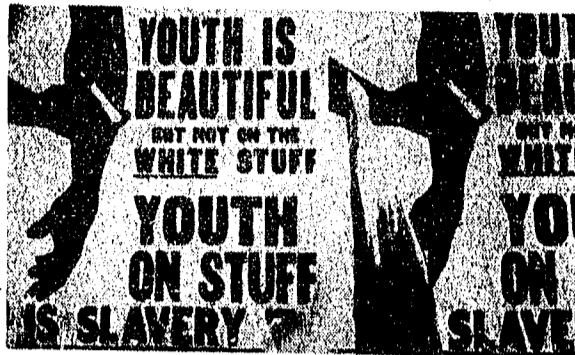
Along the Thai-Burmese border, remnants of the Kuomintang (Chinese Nationalist) army driven from China in 1949 are roving marauders who extort tribute from local opium merchants in return for protection. Some of these private armies of adventurers are paid to run intelligence forays into China for the C.I.A. and Chiang-Kai-Shek's dictatorship on Taiwan. They collect opium on the way back to their mountain retreats.

The C.I.A. reports 21 refineries in this remote area, including 7 new ones set up to produce the high potency heroin sold to the expanding market of American troops in Asia.

Transportation from these refineries to the major distribution point, Bangkok, Thailand, has been facilitated by the new U.S. built highway system that links the capital with the mountain villages. The portion of heroin not slated for local use is transported to the free-world outposts of Hong Kong, Singapore, and Macao, for shipment to America's West Coast ports.

The Laotian opium is grown by hill tribes, including the Meo, who have been organized by the C.I.A. into General Vang Pao's "secret army" of mercenaries. Ironically, the destruction of roads by the devastating air war waged by the U.S. in Laos has been a shot in the arm for the newly mechanized and expanded Laotian drug trade.

Airplanes swiftly, efficiently, and cheaply carry the Meo's raw opium to refineries and markets. The poppies are smuggled aboard planes belonging to Air



Anti-drug signs aimed at keeping young people away from heroin.

America and Air Continental (both C.I.A. fronts) with the knowledge and tacit complicity of C.I.A. officials.

Additional shipments are flown out by the Laotian Air Force, and the South Vietnamese Air Force, using U.S. donated planes. Flights take off from Vientiane and Luang Prabang, and the "secret" C.I.A. base at Long Chen, all in Laos, and from the nearby U.S. Air Force base at Udorn Thani, Thailand, and land at the smugglers paradise, Tansunhot airport in Saigon.

Most of the traffickers and middlemen involved up to this point are French Corsican mafiosi or members of the Laotian military elite. General Ouane, recently retired from the Laotian army, never denied being a king-pin in the Laotian dope trade.

The leading figures in the present Saigon regime have also been implicated in drug profiteering. In 1968 a Senate subcommittee revealed a C.I.A. report linking South Vietnam's Vice-President Ky with a 1964 smuggling mission. Ky, who earned his stripes as a helicopter pilot fighting for the French Foreign Legion in Algeria, was removed by the C.I.A. from the command of a secret sabotage operation. This was done because he used planes infiltrating demolition squads into North Vietnam to ferry back opium from Laos to Saigon.

South Vietnam's high ranking Maj. Gen. Dzu was recently named by the U.S. Army's Criminal Investigation Division as a major trafficker in heroin, along with a former South Vietnamese senator, a Chinese businessman from Saigon, and several other army and navy officers. While Dzu was being investigated, President Thieu promoted him.

Premier Khiem, the third member of the triumvirate of the Saigon regime, indirectly controls key institutions which regulate the dope trade. One of his brothers is the Director of Saigon's port and another brother is the Chief of the National Customs Investigation Division at Tansunhot Airport. Khiem himself is in charge of the National Police and is a relative of the Saigon Police Chief.

Throughout the world the growers, middlemen, transporters, distributors, merchandisers, and corrupt officials are all within the U.S. orbit. No link in the chain of heroin smuggling is beyond U.S. influence and control.

There are not Communist countries or insurgent movements involved. In fact, it is precisely the rabid anti-communist cliques, juntas, and right-wing dictatorships who are embedded in this barbarous business. The entanglement and complicity of the United States in this web of intrigue is contrary to the interests of the people of the world and the vast majority of Americans.

Domestic Counter-Insurgency

Although the drug trade around the world is associated with the most corrupt, counter-revolutionary forces, not all the authorities who tolerate smuggling and addiction are bribed or in league with criminals. Drug addiction is permitted, and even promoted and encouraged, because of the social role it plays. Contrary to the popular belief, drugs do not weaken the social fabric or undermine the social order, but rather serve to thwart forces and groups seeking fundamental social change.

The drug plague disproportionately hits those groups, sectors and classes most likely to opt for the overhaul of the system — the poor, minorities, and dissident youth; worker in dull, poorly-paying jobs; hard-core unemployed, drop-outs, and welfare victims.

Addiction simply neutralizes and "cools out" precisely these potentially rebellious and dissatisfied elements. Drugs are geared toward the poor. The crisis comes when the plague hooks unintended victims.

Present efforts at heroin control are merely attempts to beat back drug abuse and confine it once again to the ghettos and slums where it has flourished for over 20 years.

Addiction serves to channel "anti-establishment" youth right back into the core of capitalist culture and activities, albeit through the back door. The junkie, in his pitiful hustling, re-lives the worst aspects that characterized primitive, entrepreneurial profit-making; a bitter dog-eat-dog outlook; deprived individualism; unscrupulous dealings with others; obsessive money-grubbing; and unbridled aggressive competition.

The addicts miserable daily syndrome of procuring-selling-buying-consuming repeated over and over, only reinforces in his mind, and to those around him, that this is all life is and ever can be. This reification of the pattern of behavior that imprisons so many people makes the "system" seem natural, inevitable, even eternal.

What other mechanism could so alter and subvert the social relationships of drop-outs, angry youth, ex-hippies, street people, and others chewed up and spit out by society's institutions — and so effectively bring them right back into the mainstream of profit-oriented pursuits?

Addicts serve as exemplary role models for the promotion of consumerism. Advanced industrial society produces for profit, not need. Hence all needs and pleasures become transformed into marketable commodities, which can be sold to passive, pre-conditioned consumers who are compelled to seek private microcosms of enjoyment.

It is hoped that individuals pre-occupied with methods for distraction, forgetting and escaping will not challenge a system that leaves their fundamental dissatisfaction intact, but deadens their consciousness of it.

Desperately alienated junkies are ideal consumers, and dope is the perfect commodity. To the addict, drug-taking has become integrally bound up with the desired values of status, manhood, possessions, fate, kicks, toughness, self-destruction, rebellion and euphoria. Problems, needs and drives are satisfied by drugs.

Junk is a commodity which sells itself without advertising. It has built-in obsolescence, by wearing off; and it requires increased dosages to deliver the same high. Hence the junkie becomes the evangelical proselytizer for the type of destructive consumption the corporate structure requires and promotes.

The dope problem generates an intense crime problem. Drug-related theft creates the need for replacing lost goods, which keeps the wheels of industry turning, and simultaneously opens up new markets to people who can only afford "hot" used items.

An army of thieves, fences and middlemen is kept busy and on the welfare rolls. An even larger multitude of social workers, criminologists, therapists, cops, probation officers, prison guards, private guards, judges, lawyers, bondsmen, locksmiths, etc., are employed in a vicious cycle of treating the repercussions of addiction.

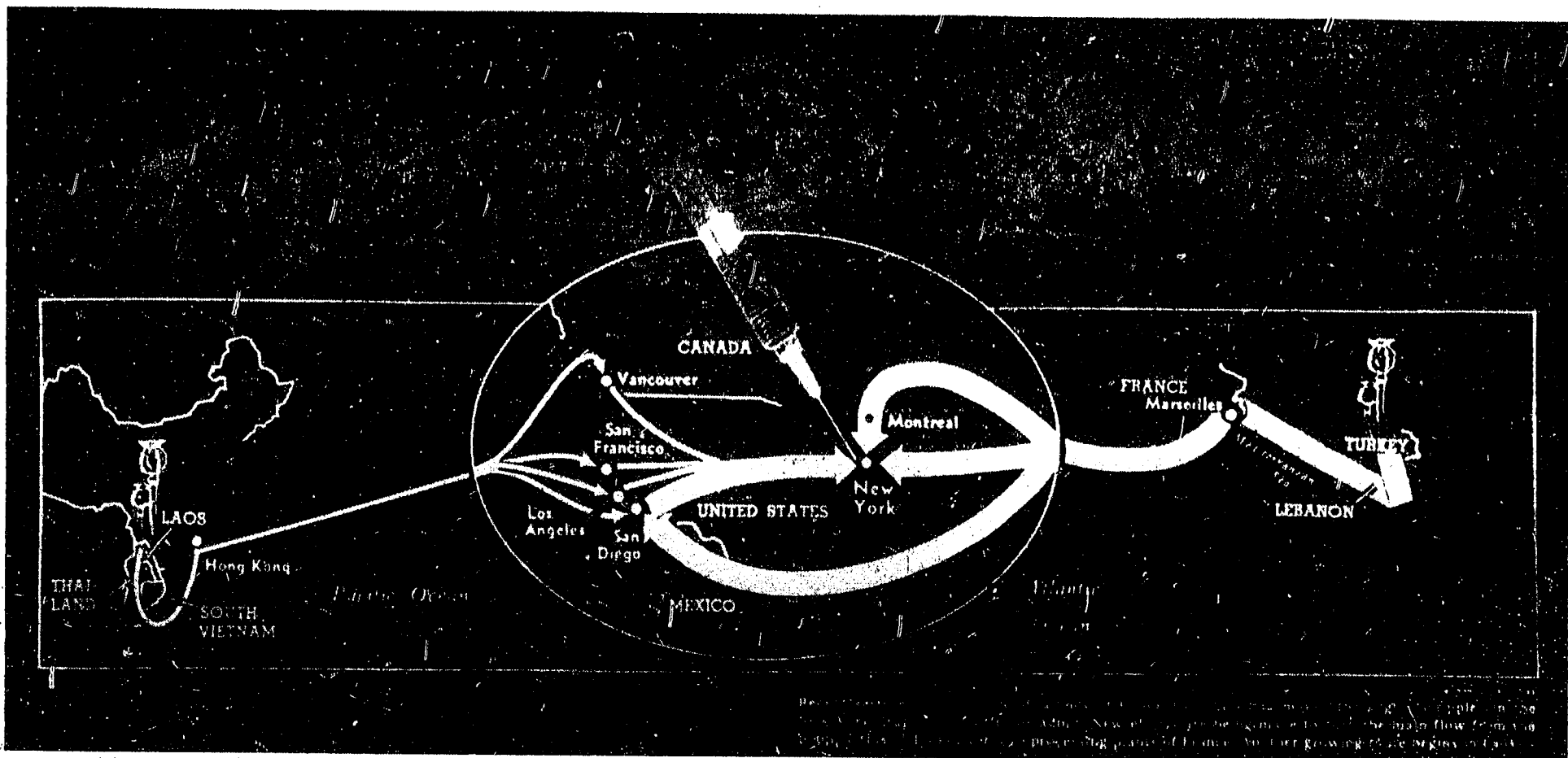
A bewildered populace is manipulated, divided and conquered. People are falsely split and polarized into antagonistic factions: citizen vs. criminal; old vs. young; white vs. black; taxpayer vs. welfare recipient.

Drug laws function as a powerful tool in curbing dissent and eliminating militant leadership. The Seattle police used a heroin addict to provoke a bombing which they could then solve. The forces of law and order in Newark used an addict-informant to dispense high quality heroin in an attempt to subvert the Black Panther Party there. The Buffalo police framed Martin Sostre and closed his Afro-American Bookstore on the pretense that it was a front for dope peddling. The wretched addict they used to make the "buy" recently confessed that the whole case was fabricated.

Civil liberties are seriously threatened by "no-knock" and "stop-and-frisk" laws enacted ostensibly to aid police in curbing the drug trade.

The Cure?

The drug trade is big business, and addiction serves to perpetuate the status-quo. It should not be surprising, therefore, that the current drug control and rehabilitation programs are largely cruel hoaxes foisted on the American people in general, and desperate addicts in particular.



Law Enforcement

Law enforcement on an international, national, and local scale has proven itself totally bankrupt as a means of stopping the deluge of drugs into this country. The New York State Investigation Commission Chairman recently testified that police corruption by narcotics peddlers is not isolated but exists to a significant degree.

A New York City Police Captain testified that a pattern of organized corruption within the narcotics units of both local police and Federal agencies seriously hampers their work. The recent history of New York City's Narcotics Squad is filled with periodic shakeups, purges, and transfers, from top to bottom, but to no avail.

The Knapp Commission hearings revealed that some New York cops deal drugs for profit, while others pay off their stool pigeons with heroin in return for stolen goods. Even Harlem's P.E.P. squad (special undercover cops who infiltrated and raided the City College campus last year) allegedly has accepted bribes.

Psychotherapy

The psychotherapy programs brought into existence by the powerful mental health lobby refuse to divulge their decidivism rates making it difficult to evaluate their effectiveness. Addicts have to re-orient themselves but the perspective drummed into them through therapy is not what they need. Behind a flimsy facade of objectivity the diagnosis made in

nearly every case calls for overcoming assumed psychological instabilities and character deformation.

Through subtle coercion and overt punishment the therapist elicits and rewards those responses that fit his preconceived stereotype. Patients can redeem themselves only through degradation and humiliation by publicly confessing their weakness in the face of temptation and sin.

The victims are convinced of their responsibility and guilt. Those who leave the supportive community are imbued with the resolve to try harder to play the rat race game that they rejected in the first place. The system remains unchallenged and unchanged by those who have internalized the doctrine of individual failure and personal blame.

Methadone

Methadone is a synthetic narcotic that is useful in helping the physically addicted to endure the pains of withdrawal. But methadone maintenance on a permanent basis as a substitute for heroin has been properly exposed as a new form of slavery. Just as heroin was once touted as a cure for morphine addiction, today experts and officials (including the head of the Bureau of Narcotics) are pushing methadone as a cure for heroin addiction.

Since ex-addicts suffer sever job discrimination, the promoters of methadone will create a new class of unemployables destined for the growing human scrap heap that characterizes the present stage of industrial development.

Like welfare victims, these unfortunates will be helpless pawns manipulated by the whims of unscrupulous politicians. Their dependance on government hand-outs may compel them to become the eyes and ears of a beefed-up spy network the riot commission reports recommended. An army of placated poor people is a cheap and easy solution for the corporation's surplus population problem.

Free Stuff

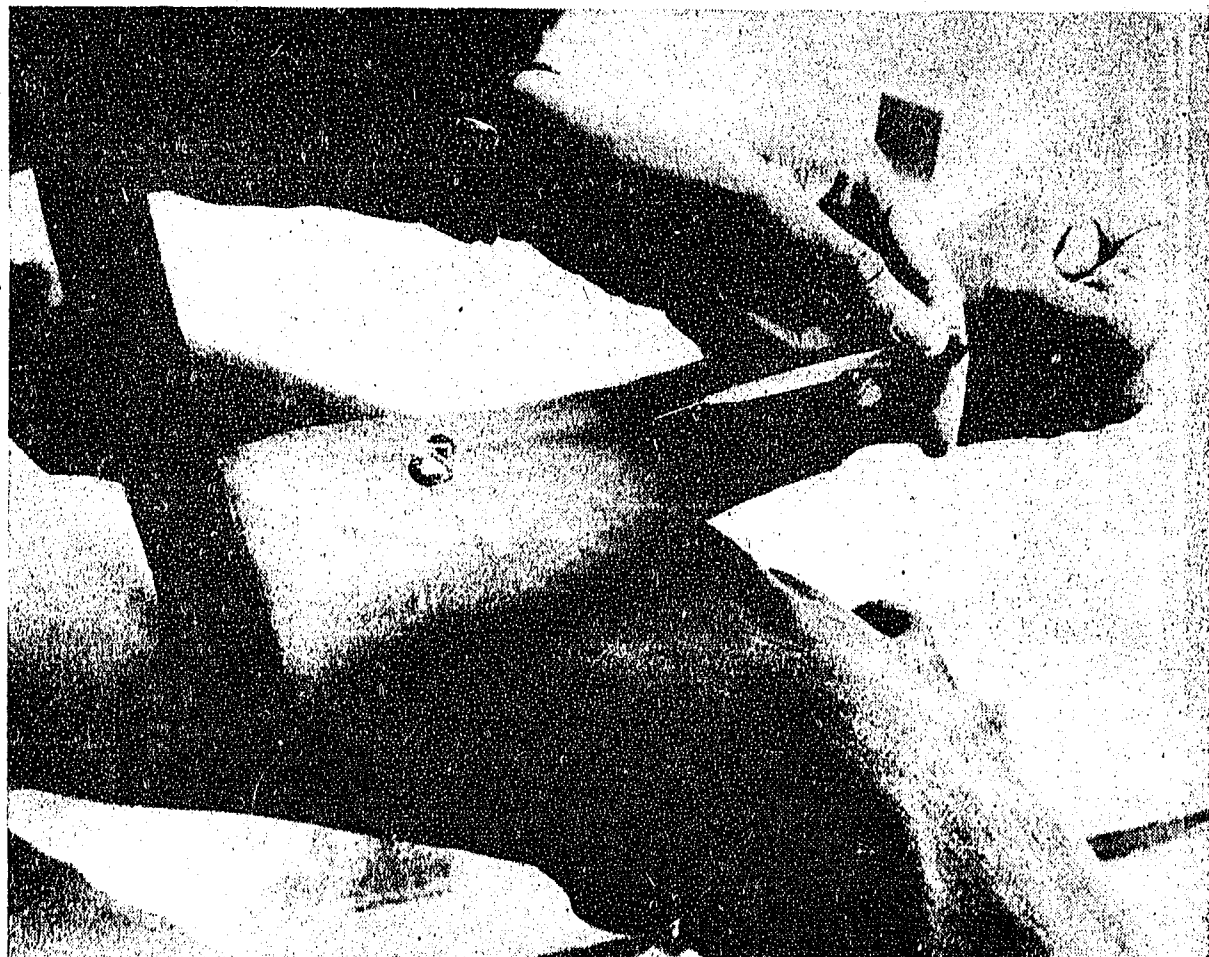
Free legal heroin is the most insidious cure of all. It may reduce the drug-crime roblem but it is a blatant pacification scheme.

Drugging a potentially dangerous population into submission is not unprecedented. British Imperialism forced narcotics upon the Chinese people and waged the Opium Wars when they resisted. Alcohol was used to weaken the resistance of the American Indian to the government's genocidal policies. The rebellious Bolivian tin miners are fed cocaine by the mine owners.

Drug use also flourishes in American industry, especially on the assembly line. And now growing numbers of urban school system are instituting the regular drugging of "disruptive" pupils with amphetamines. Sanctioned government dispensing of free legal heroin would seal the fate of the American people.

— Submitted by Andrew Karmen, Sociology

An addict giving himself a fix: A journey from the fields of Turkey to the hallways of Harlem.





COLONIA PORTER

It was because I loved Them
 That They could hurt me so
 And now it is because
 I am learning to love myself
 That . . . I must turn my head
 At times
 And Pretend . . .
 They do not exist
 Undying night of Pain and Agony
 I wept . . .
 But without understanding
 They could not comfort me
 Crying for the offsprings
 From my Mother's Womb
 Crying for my brothers and sisters
 It seems . . . So much time
 Spent in Pain
 So much time
 Spent in Vain
 They heard me
 And yet . . . They did not
 They saw me
 And yet . . . They did not
 It seems . . . so much time
 Spent in Pain
 So much time
 Spent in Vain
 Hours . . . seeking for the
 Beauty within Them
 Days of waiting . . . waiting
 Longing for one to listen
 Longing for one to take
 My ourestttched hands
 But so much time
 Spent in Pain
 So much time
 Spent in Vain
 In the darkness of the Night
 Alone . . .
 Feeling Pain I did not understand
 Weeping tears in Solitude
 With only bare walls
 To provide me with warmth

Lost
 And
 Found

by

colonia

We lost two sisters recently. Pat Brown and Colonia Porter. Pat died of a heart attack on December 25th at the age of 20. Colonia, a June graduate, committed suicide. They were both SEEK students, beautiful sisters, and, like the rest of us, insecure.

The sorrow we feel comes from having to realize that because of the way we are, because of the way in which we've been indoctrinated, because of how we place our own individualism above collectivity, collective sharing, love, trust, dependence, we miss having really known and understood our sisters and brothers who leave us.

We appreciate them after they are gone, and misunderstand them while they are here.

We do not learn from our history. We do not indulge in breaking the walls which separate us. We do not see ourselves as reflections of each other, with the same goals and hopes in mind; with the same conditions of slavery in our homes.

In the final analysis, we continue to lose ourselves, each other, and the ones we could have reached or held dear had we bothered to come a little closer.

It seems . . . so much time
 Spent in Pain
 So much time
 Spent in Vain
 But one night
 In the midst of the darkness
 When the walls too
 Had become chilled around me
 Fate and Hope
 Kissed the burtning
 Tears from my cheeks
 And caressed my trembling hands
 Much less time should be
 Spent in Pain
 Much less time should be
 Spent in Vain
 The cavities created by
 The torture of unspoken love
 Were filled
 Leaving me with undying sparks
 Trying to possess my heart and mind
 Trying to become
 Permanently manifested
 Sharing with me the
 True feelings of being alive
 Much less time will be
 Spent in Pain
 Much less time will be
 Spent in Vain
 It was because I loved Them
 That They could hurt me so
 So . . . it is now
 Because I am finding
 True brothers and sisters
 Though not of my Mother's Womb
 But who too
 Knows what it means to be alive
 That . . . at times . . .
 I must turn my head . . . In pain
 And . . . Pretend . . .
 They do not exist

In Memorium

Colonia Porter

And

Pat Brown

Two Sisters for whom a place will

always remain in our hearts.

SEEK Student Government

and

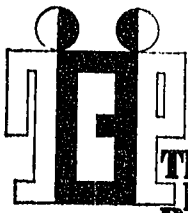
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Operation Helping Hand

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ordinate activities with other drug programs in the city. "Hitting the dope epidemic at its grass roots" is what it's known as.

The culprits of the drug problem are seen as a conglomerate of pushers, dealers, drug abusers and apathetic ghetto residents. SANE is viewed as a positive step toward a drug free society.

O.H.H. is expected to continue to infiltrate the environment that harbors drugs, which include: schools, play and recreation areas, homes and neighborhoods.

In this program the school is to be involved heavily in positive community activities. Helping Hand officials feel that schools and community organizations have not fully cooperated with each other but can work much closer in dealing with this most serious problem of our times.

Frasier explains that teachers must be made aware of "what their pupils do after school and the affects these social functions have on the intricate learning process. Activities must be initiated to involve each youth in fulfilling individual needs. The



Young brothers in the community trying to keep the neighborhood clean.

student must know that teachers care for their well being, and are not teaching merely for the money."

The school program provides:

- a) intake/evaluation/referral.
- b) adding supportive services where none exist.
- c) new and innovative ways to reach and teach students.

d) trained after-school, full-time counselors who set up programs and conduct therapy sessions dealing specifically with home and community life and their relationship to life at school.

The program also allows a teacher to earn extra money while at the same time establishing community relations. Teachers are encouraged to visit their students' homes, meet the parents, and find ways to work with parents for the ultimate benefit of the children.

Recently Operation Helping Hand was faced with a clash with Addiction Services Agency (ASA), with regard to priorities. A.S.A. wanted Helping Hand to keep records of their clientele, which they refused. Though ASA threatened to close the program down, Helping Hand refused to give way and won out.

Anyone interested in finding out about Operation Helping Hand should contact their offices at 501 West 145th Street, or call 926-6048. The people involved will be more than willing to help anyone and assure clients that no records will be kept.

SEEK Crisis

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ional Caucus was a power base from which to begin.

Dean Young made mention of the fact that Governor Rockefeller has already cancelled funds for the 1972-73 fiscal year.

The feeling expressed at this meeting was that someone has been advising Rockefeller to take a move against SEEK. Therefore, the Directors see a "desperate need to unite forces with all Black constituents and build a power base from which we could work more effectively for the Black community."

Dean Young added that "every year we face a phasing out of the SEEK Program. The SEEK budget ends every year on June 30. We're not even sure there will be a SEEK program until July or August."

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after June for funds." The Board of Estimate is to meet February 9, with the dorm question already on the agenda.

The problem is pressuring the students very hard. Bob Grant, Student Ombudsman, feels that "they're moving on the SEEK dorm first and next it will be SEEK itself."

"At the end of each year since its inception in September, 1967, the dorm has been faced with possible close downs. When students have to worry about where they are going to live before finals begin this can affect the results of their grades."

One student living at the dorm, Sandra Nelson, said "I can't go home . . . the problem is very hectic, the students don't know what to do."

What's Going On?

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WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME, incoming FRESHMAN and TRANSFER Students. Once again we take time out to wish you good luck with your future endeavors here at C.C.N.Y. And to bid you good fortune in pursuing what you THINK is going to be an education career.

M.L. — There are spelling sessions in Mott on Thurs. 12-2. If I were the professor I would make your presence **MANDATORY!!!**

The **TIREDDNESS** of some people has not only made them miss out but many things have passed them by. The more they talk (usually about what they don't know and can't handle) the more they show their ignorance.

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SIC UNION is planning weekly jazz sessions in the coming weeks, with non-professional and professional musicians. For information, try room 208F.

Sister Linda Elsenhout has been appointed **YOUTH DIRECTOR** for **OPERATION PUSH** under Brother Jesse Jackson.

With a new term here, let's hope that there will be less card playing, getting high and cutting classes, and more eager bodies rushing to classes in their thirst for knowledge.

It is surprising to find so many heavy brothers and sisters wasting themselves away, conforming to another form of the white man's genocide to destroy the minds of our people, using drugs and other harmful contraband.

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Student Senate: Robinson Elected President

By AYAD MOHAMMED

Last Wednesday, February 2, the student senate held its first meeting of the spring term with Bill Robinson being elected President of the Senate.

The meeting, called by the Faculty Ombudsman Professor Elias, and the Student Ombudsman, Bob Grant, had a dual purpose; the first being to determine the legitimacy of the senate election of December 22, which elected Ilana Hirst as its president. The other aim was to approve the proposed constitution, which would govern the senate.

The senate has operated without a constitution for three and a half years, thus there has been no definitive and legal guideline for any of its actions.

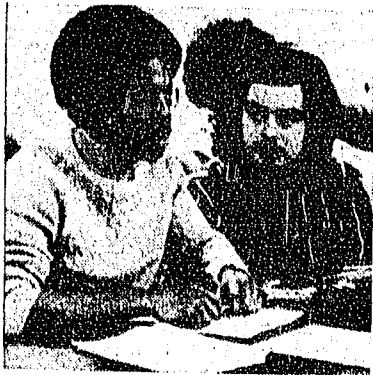
However, the paramount issue at hand was that section of the proposed constitution dealing with the order of succession. This specific issue prompted a walkout by a coalition of Third World students, who protested that the issue of succession was the principle issue and that it was being evaded in the meeting.

The Senate crisis was precipitated by the resignation of Lee Slonimsky from the presidency of the Senate on December 22.

Normally, according to most conventional modes of succession, the vice-president automatically succeeds the president, should he resign. Instead, in this particular instance, the senate entertained a motion to have a special election to determine the successor to Slonimsky.

With the first hour's discussion proving fruitless, Bill Robinson expressed the necessity for a Third World caucus to discuss the Student Senate Constitution.

Mike Friedman, in strong disagreement, declared, "if Blacks want to get together separately as a caucus they shouldn't be a part of the Senate." Reacting to



The Paper/Arthur Adams
Bill Robinson, the newly elected president of the Student Senate.

this and other statements considered to be racial in nature, the Third World caucus left to hold a separate meeting.

In the meantime Richard Dickens, along with Jose Perez, expressed to the people remaining in the Senate meeting, their desire of resigning from the Student Senate because of its rampant, long-term disorganization, specifically for, "spending over a year on approving its by-laws."

Dickens stated that the Senate members were unconsciously prejudiced. In addition, he felt that the Senate should not have a president.

"Forcing people together causes animosity," said Dickens. When the Third World caucus

returned to the meeting, they issued a list of demands which included:

a)—An apology for racist slurs directed at the Third World Coalition.

b)—That the constitution be ratified by the entire student body.

c)—That the senators review the by-laws for one week before approving them.

d)—That the Executive vice-president, Bill Robinson, be installed as the president.

The climax in the meeting occurred with the speech of the Faculty Ombudsman, Professor Elias. Elias claimed that the Student Senate should have a "united front," and that the intention of by-laws is to have "a clear order of succession."

According to Prof. Elias, the main question before the Student Senate meeting was "why the rules were changed. The Senate is free to change the rules, but the one eliminating the rule of succession seems to be an 'ad hoc' rule, made up for the occasion."

The Faculty Ombudsman urged the Senate to "swallow your pride and to get the Senate together again."

Following Elias' suggestion, the Senate, behind Paul Hoffman's motion, elected Bill Robinson as its president, serving the rest of the school year.

Straw Dogs

By DORIS MIMS and A. V. DE LEON

Sam Peckinpah's Straw Dogs is the type of movie that leads the viewer along on a slow trip into the lives of a community of people, and specifically the life of one individual, and then violently jolts the viewer into the reality of the human existence by portraying the violent and animalistic traits inherent in man; the reality of the world situation as it now exists.

Dustin Hoffman portrays David Summer, a mild-mannered person, very naive and uncaring about events surrounding him, including his wife's actions. The only exception to his apathy being his mathematics research. The transformation of a "calm" individual into a killer is a common theme among movies, but one can expand Peckinpah's theme into a broader scope to include groups of people and the suffering that they endure before they finally revolt against that force which is oppressing them.

His wife, portrayed by Susan George, seems to be the opposite of her husband and the two seem incompatible. She exaggerates the weaknesses of her husband by provoking many of the actions and events which eventually culminate in the violent and disastrous climax of the movie.

The townspeople were typical, yet atypical, of those found in small towns. The entire town seemed very crude, or a more descriptive word might be barbaric.

The violence of the movie was precipitated by the murder of the town flirt by a mentally

disturbed man. The father of the girl seeks revenge, which takes him to the house of David Summer, who had hit the killer with his car while he was fleeing, and had taken him home.

For all the aggravations and humiliations that Summer had suffered earlier in the movie, i.e., killing of his cat and being led on a false hunting, with his wife being raped in the interim, when the townsmen come to take the killer from his house, Summer adamantly resists.

The men start destroying the house, and in the process transform Summer into a killer.

The transition of Summer into a killer has been described by some as a transition of a coward into a man. However, a more accurate description might be the transition of a man into an animal due to the very egoistic nature of the inhabitants of this society.



Vy's Vibrations

By DORIS MIMS and AL DE LEON

On Monday, January 31 Walter Hunter of WCCR hosted Vy Higginson, WLIB's newest disc jockey. Ms. Higginson is unique in that she is one of the few female disc jockies in the city, and the only Black female disc jockey in the city. Previously, Viv Roundtree had hosted a regular show on 'LIB.

Ms. Higginson is a native of the Bronx and a graduate of Theodore Roosevelt High School and the Fashion Institute of Technology.

Ms. Higginson has been with 'LIB since December of 1971. Her show is on from 12 noon to 4 in the afternoon, Monday through Saturday. This is her first attempt at radio and she finds it very enjoyable and rewarding. Her previous experience had been in the field of advertising, as an advertising sales representative with Ebony magazine and also with Snelling & Snelling, an advertising

agency.

Ms. Higginson states that, "Initially, I didn't have any intentions of becoming a d. j." The motivation for her journey into the communications field was, in her words, "not having a female d. j. to relate to on radio."

She was prepared to begin as a news announcer, but she gained something more than that — her own radio program. She feels that she was lucky to "get into a business that you can enjoy. That way you can combine business with pleasure."

Ms. Higginson believes that the secret to her success was a



Vy Higginson, WLIB's newest and prettiest disc jockey.

good demonstration tape. She recommends tapes for "all people whether they go into mass communications or not, because it is good for voice control."

While working, Ms. Higginson likes to have a homey atmosphere, with flowers and incense to decorate the studio and provide a relaxing atmosphere. As a relaxation device before her show, Ms. Higginson stands on her head for five minutes, a yoga exercise.

Ms. Higginson feels that the WLIB policy change from that of an exclusively jazz oriented station to that of one which covers a large spectrum, including rhythm & blues, gospel, latin, and jazz is a wise one.

"You will always have a cer-

tain amount of jazz people, but think of how many people you can reach with a variety of music."

She hopes to eventually "work and do something for children on radio."

"They are exposed to adult radio and there should be something done — something different and not presented yet." She is keeping secret, her plans in this direction.

As for the future, Ms. Higginson would one day like to become involved with television. However, for the time being she is content to stay at 'LIB and have the people groove along with her on her show, "Vy's Vibrations."

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