

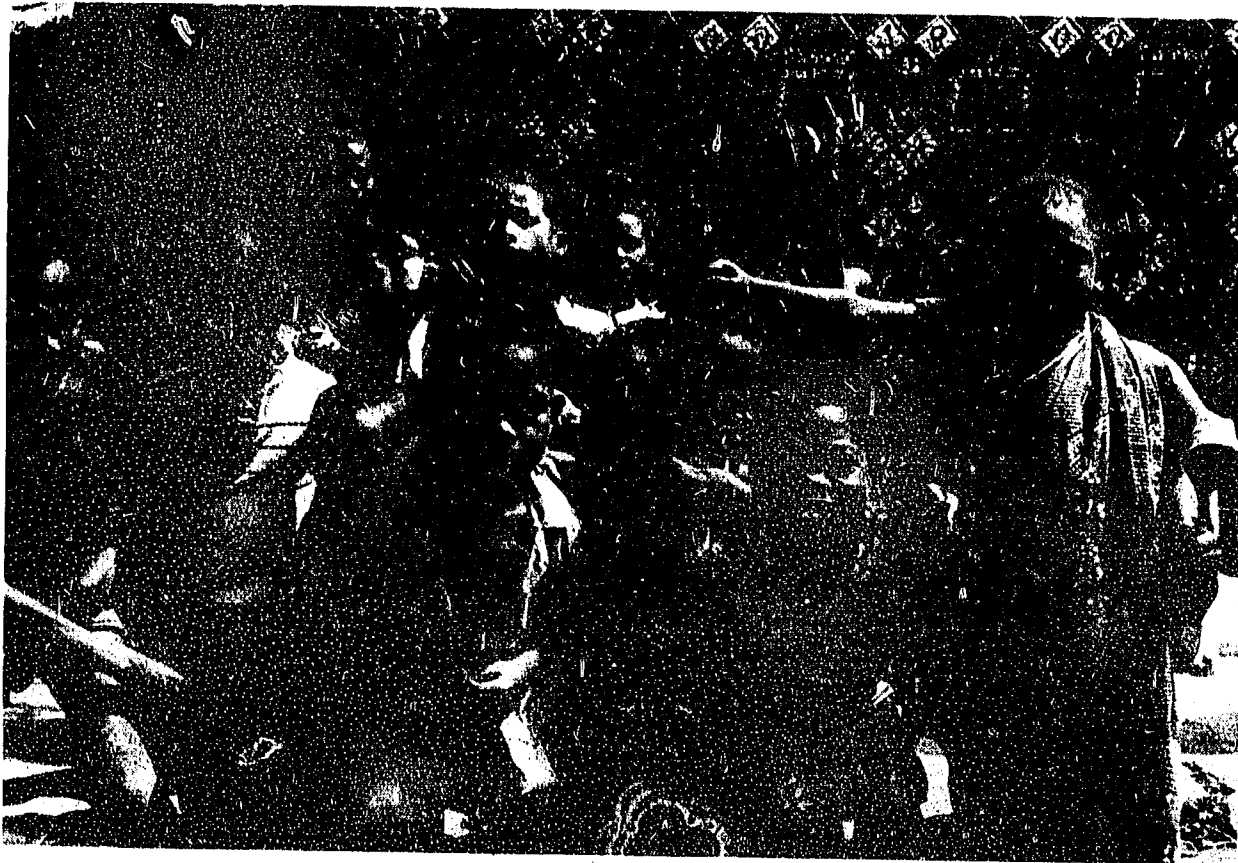
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So we stand here
on the edge of hell
in Harlem
and look out
on the world
and wonder
what we're gonna do
in the face of
what we remember.

—Langston Hughes



Each child wears his/her face for The Paper's ace photographer Ronald Gray. This scene took place in Nema, a village in the Accra region of Ghana, a West African nation. The supplement starts after page four.

CCNY Report:

College Comptroller Under Fire for Food Services Foul-up

By Edwin B. Lake

An ugly, murky cloud of misrepresentation, unsubstantiated allegations, and questionable business practices currently surrounds the Business Manager and Comptroller of the College, Richard E. Morley. Mr. Morley was the chief college official negotiating with outside food firms to obtain a new management for the College's food services, he attempted to award the contract to the Horn and Hardart Company rather than the Blanchard Management Corporation, a smaller but better equipped and more experienced food service operation.

8% vs. 1%

The center of Mr. Morley's argument for awarding the contract to Horn & Hardart (H&H) rather than to Blanchard (BMC) is an analysis chart which he constructed to compare the cost of certain food items used at the College. His chart shows the price the College now charges for a particular item and then what prices BMC and H&H would charge for each item if awarded the contract.

The figures for BMC were compiled by Mr. Robert Torriani, the firm's Executive Vice President and Treasurer. Mr. Torriani calculated what he believes were modest price changes from the College's original figures. Of the 25 categories on the analysis chart, BMC proposed decreases in the price currently charged by the college in 6 categories. In the same

6 categories H&H's prices neither increased nor decreased.

Morley calculated a 20% increase for catered meals and a 31% increase for catering, with beverages and supplies in BMC's bid. These two categories, however, are not used by individual students; it is the faculty, and the larger student and staff organizations that order catered affairs. BMC felt that these groups were more capable of absorbing small increases than students.

Mr. Morley calculated no increase in price for H&H in these categories, but in the categories of Sandwiches and Heroes (which in a college food service operation generate 30 - 35% of the total sales and profit), Morley calculated an 18% increase for BMC and a 24% increase for H&H.

If the figures were examined exclusive of the catering categories, BMC's prices would result in a 2% price increase for the majority of the student body, rather than the 8% increase Mr. Morley alleges.

Commission Rates

BMC bid for the food service contract at a 5% commission rate on sales under \$1 million and 6% for sales in excess of \$1 million. This means that for BMC's total sales under one million dollars (the award of the original contract) the College would get back 5% of that figure for its own use, and 6% for sales over 1 million dollars. H&H bid for the contract at a flat 3½% commission. The difference in hard cash between the two percentage figures on the basis of \$1 million worth of sales is that at 3.5% H&H

would return \$15,000 less to the college.

In addition to the commission rate, BMC offered to put 10% of all their net profits during the contract period into a student scholarship fund.

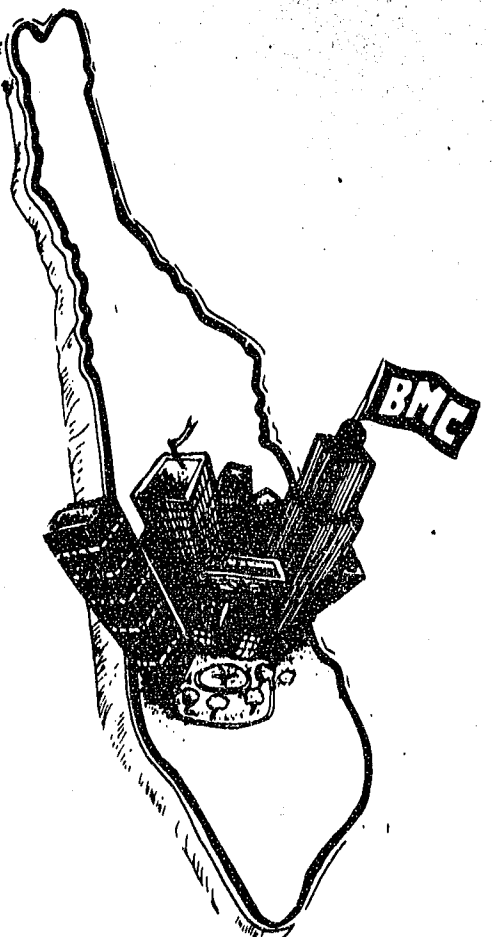
BMC promised also to organize a student management committee whereby students at the college could get involved in the operation of food services, and has promised further to institute numerous menu changes. For example, in the area in which BMC made price changes it added in a majority of cases something extra. A typical meal change goes as follows: London Broil (beef) went from \$1.65 to \$1.95, a 30¢ increase, but BMC added a tossed green salad, potatoes or a vegetable, and bread with the meal.

The only added feature H&H has offered is an "It's a Pizza" concession which would consist of exactly one pizza oven. BMC is willing to install a pizza operation also, if the College desires one.

Financial Stability

H&H is a much larger firm than BMC, so quite naturally their stockholders equity should be much larger. Since Morley is an accountant, he is familiar with this obvious point, but what he didn't notice and/or has simply failed to show in his report is that for the 1970 - 74 fiscal period H&H stockholders equity has dropped from \$18,713,000 (1970) to \$8,470,000 (1974). This represents a drop of 55% in stockholders equity for H&H over four years. BMC stockholders equity has increased by 100% since its inception.

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News in Brief

SEEK Orientation Committee Formed

In an effort to update and provide a more effective and viable freshman orientation program, the SEEK department's Freshman Orientation Committee has created an experimental Mentor program involving an interrelation between the seniors and entering freshmen within the department.

The objective of the program is to "build a more cohesive SEEK body," says Ms. Sharon Moore, one of the counselors involved in the program. With the help of 20 seniors within the SEEK department, approximately 450 entering freshmen are being made aware of the programs and services being offered by the college.

Approximately 20 persons consisting of teachers and counselors formulated this leadership program, of which Ms. Gwen McLaughlin is director. These seniors were selected according to their academic standing and then asked to volunteer their services which entails being available to assist the student with any questions or problems that they have. Each Mentor has an average of 20 freshmen under his or her jurisdiction to guide and mold into a more politically aware and active students.

Student Groups Discuss Budget Cuts



Ronald Maxton

A group of students from the CCNY Student Coalition against Racism, The young Socialist Alliance, SEEK Student Government and other groups here on campus met in recent weeks to discuss an effective plan of action to counter the problems in regards to the Budget Cuts throughout CUNY and at CCNY.

The plan suggested a call for the organization of a campus forum or Teach-In on the cuts.

Certain notables in the Community were mentioned as possible participants to the cause of Free Tuition and Open Enrollment; i.e. Percy Sutton, Manhattan borough President and Vivian Quinones, the BHE member.

The students also discussed the merits of an individual plan of action by which the Student Senate would be the vanguard element in a coalition of students groups singularly behind the principle of free higher education in the CCNY.

New Writers Series Opens

A.G. Mojtabai was one of the first writers to speak in City College's "New Writers Series" on Thursday September 25, at 12:30 P.M. in Room 330, Finley Center, 133rd Street & Convent Avenue in Manhattan. The series will bring new writers to City College for lectures and discussions about their work.

Ms. Mojtabai was introduced to everyone by Ross Feld, a freelance writer who is holding the series for the English department. Ms. Mojtabai is a new writer and has been serving as a librarian at City College's Cohen Library for five years.

She holds a M.A. degree in philosophy and a M.S. degree in library science from Columbia University.

In discussing her first book which is entitled *Mundome* (1974), she explained that she was concerned with the nature of self. By having a background in philosophy, Ms. Mojtabai said that her books tend to lean heavily in that direction. Mr. Ross Feld gave a brief summary of the book in which he stated that the book seemed to be a portrait of a man and his severely mentally ill sister and what one injured part of the relationship had to do with another. Ms. Mojtabai agreed, then went on to say that she wanted to distinguish between the assigned roles of males and females and the sane and the insane. Her second novel entitled the "400 Eels of Sigmund Freud" will be published in the spring by Simon and Schuster.

P.B.

'The Campus' Floundering in Sea of Bankruptcy

By William L. Ballinger and Theodore R. Fleming

The *Campus*, undergraduate newspaper of the City College since 1907, is sailing through dire straights financially with a debt figure quoted by its Editor-in-Chief David Wysoki to be \$8,500. Along with its other commitments, the paper's current liabilities are approximately \$10,500.

The gravity of the situation has prompted the Senatorial Hearing Committee Investigating *The Campus* to suspend that paper's publication in a statement issued September 26, 1975. The Committee, which is spearheaded by Vivian Rodriguez, the Student Senate President, has effected the following measures as conditions for the resumption of publication:

1) A detailed operational guideline for the Fall '75, Spring '76 semesters, approved by a majority vote of the full managing board as listed in the September 26, issue, must be submitted to and approved by the Committee.

2) A detailed analysis of the paper's fiscal operation for Spring '75 and Fall '74 must be submitted to the Committee.

What this amounts to is that *The Campus* must now collect enough advertising revenue to cover publication costs, unlike its usual practice of printing even when funds are unavail-

able.

John Long, the Educational Affairs V.P., revealed, "... Temporary plans have been formulated so that *The Campus* can pay off the debt in a span of two semesters. It's a shame that because of the debt *The Campus* will lose a little of its credibility and its effectiveness will be lessened."

Past Officers Responsible

The Campus is in heavy debt, because it overproduced both last semester and the one before that. The newspaper published more times — ten (totaling 124 pages of copy according to Wysoki) last semester — than any other City College newspaper.

"The last semester officers are responsible," said Fred Kogut, the Executive Assistant in the Office of Student Affairs, who also added that, "Their cost per page was \$100 plus approximately an additional \$200 per issue for overtime and print material not used (—i.e. 'killed matter'). This means a typical eight page issue costs about \$1,000 to print."

The Senate allocated *The Campus* \$7,055, the largest newspaper award last spring. It was supposed to acquire additional revenue by soliciting advertisements, the standard college newspaper procedure. At last report *The Campus* had \$1,000 in its account and approximately

\$1,000 in uncollected ad revenue.

Second Time in the Red

In his letter of October 31, 1974 to Phil Waga (then chief editor), departed Dean Bernard Sohmer noted that he had paid J & W printers \$4,000 to bring *The Campus* to even board after fiscal 1973 - 74. He closed the notice as follows:

"This action is taken with the caveat that the current management must live within its means, no matter how uncomfortable this may be, since the fiscal sins of the sons shall be visited upon the sons."

To which Mr. Kogut has added, "I have no funds to bail out *The Campus*."

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Germanic and Slavic Languages
Mechanical Engineering
Music
Philosophy
Puerto Rican Studies
Romance Languages
School Services

Nominees are also needed to complete elections for student members of Departmental Student Advisory Committees in the following departments:

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Economics
History
Jewish Studies
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Secondary and Continuing Education
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Deadline: October 20th.

Morley Under Fire for Foul-up

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In the 1973 fiscal year H&H showed total current assets of \$5,653,846, but also showed for the same period liability of \$6,502,773. In the 1974 fiscal year H&H showed \$5,782,142 in assets, and \$7,554,759 in liabilities, which represents an increase in net liabilities from \$843,927 to \$1,772,617 (a 110% increase). If all of H&H creditors should ask for their payments tomorrow H&H would be virtually bankrupt.

For the months of July and June of this year, BMC generated in sales a figure in excess of \$1.3 million, and as of August 18, 95% of BMC's accounts payable attributable to those sales were paid.

Experience

H&H is an old name, but the people that run H&H today are not the same people that ran H&H years ago. Mr. Morley has said, "In my opinion H&H management greatly exceeds BMC's in depth and ability." However, The Paper learned that Mr. Levitz, Vice President for Corporate Development for H&H, has only two years of contract feeding sales experience with H&H. Also, by his own admission, he has never had one day's food service operating experience.

Mr. Levitz joined H&H from a mail-order house background. By comparison, Mr. Philip Gatto, BMC's Account Executive and Director of Operations has 16 years food service experience.

In fact, the total experience in years for all the key personnel at BMC (17) totals 291. Messrs. Gatto and Levitz prepared the bids for their respective companies after they had made individual surveys here at the College.

References

When Morley looked at the clients that BMC observe, he distorted the facts, again! He cites a Bronx Community

College incident in which BMC became involved but had to terminate their services — not because of bad service or mismanagement — but because generally the boycotting students voted by referendum to run their own food service operation.

Although H&H has started to move into the college food service area, they have yet to obtain a very considerable amount of experience in the field. H&H has been at New York City Community College for close to 3 months (starting July 1975) and at Ramapo College for close to 5 months (starting May, 1975). BMC has been at NYU for over 2 years, in a college environment similar to CCNY in the center of a populated urban area. BMC has a total of over 24 months of experience in the college food service business while H&H has a little over 14 months.

Confusion

The current status of the food service contract award is submerged in a web of confusion, which is supposed to be resolved by the College's Committee of Responsibility on the matter.

The Campus has alleged in an article dated September 10, that V.P. Robert F. Carroll had applied unnecessary pressure on the matter in order that the contract be awarded to BMC. Mr. Carroll has been involved in the BMC affair only to the degree that his position demands. When he discovered the discrepancies in Morley's actions, he informed John J. Canavan, the V.P. for Administrative Affairs.

He reawarded the contract to BMC after his own review. When H&H filed a letter of protest in reply to this decision, the Committee of Responsibility was formed to resolve the situation.

THE CITY COLLEGE COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF FOOD SERVICE BIDDING ON ALL FOOD ITEMS

FOOD CATEGORY	CITY COLLEGE	BMC	H&H	
			% CHANGE	% CHANGE
Entrees-				
Beef	\$45.90	\$47.10	3%	\$45.90
Pork	9.55	9.50	(1)	9.55
Poultry	29.30	26.20	(11)	29.30
Veal	10.35	9.70	(6)	10.35
Lamb	5.75	5.70	(1)	5.75
Fish	21.40	21.10	(1)	21.40
Pasta	12.30	10.60	(6)	12.30
Eggs	2.35	2.60	11	2.35
Misc.	27.20	28.65	5	27.20
Total	164.10	161.15	(2)	164.10
Soups	0.95	1.05	11	0.95
Breakfast	3.74	4.21	13	3.74
Beverages	4.50	4.70	4	4.50
Bread products	0.87	1.02	17	0.87
Sandwiches	20.30	21.65	7	23.35
Heroes	11.20	12.40	11	12.20
Salad Plates	11.10	12.25	10	11.10
Individual salads	8.20	9.55	16	8.20
Pastries	3.60	3.85	7	3.60
Snack Bar	9.55	10.35	8	9.55
Desserts	2.00	2.00	-	2.00
Faculty Dining	34.85	37.00	6	34.85
Beer/Wine	25.75	25.75	-	25.75
*Catering meals	58.45	69.90	20	58.45
*Catering beverages & supplies	51.93	68.05	31	51.93
	\$411.09	\$444.88	8.2	\$415.14
	\$300.71	\$306.93	2.0%	\$304.76
				1.0%

Note:

* Catering prices have been eliminated in order to reflect a more accurate picture of comparative food price increases on a la carte sales.

** In the BMC column percentage figure in brackets represent decreases.

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One More Negative Example

The logic of State Education Commissioner Ewald B. Nyquist's proposal to impose tuition at City University is still one more negative example of his concern for the interests of this University and its students. Commissioner Nyquist's assertion that if tuition was to be imposed, only members of higher-income families would pay significantly more than they do now is ludicrous.

He contends that since increased state and federal aid would be available, only those students who are from families with adjusted net income exceeding \$20,000 would pay full tuition. This hypothesis would more than off-set the additional cost of students from low and middle income situations.

Figures released by the Department of state Education show that 55% of CUNY undergraduates would be eligible for tuition assistance or no tuition charge. If so, one must wonder how much a 45% minority can under write majority expenses.

The twenty colleges that make up the City University have never charged tuition for full time, matriculated undergraduates. The imposition of tuition would be a stop-gap measure at best while most of us know it would become still another escalating expense we'd find unbearable.

There are most definitely other reasonable alternatives to the problem, and those in authority must better define the priorities involved here.

Commissioner Nyquist, you would do well to commence by formulating a plan by which this University would not lose the matching funds provided by the state because of cuts made locally.

An Unwelcome Complication

The virtual bankruptcy of **The Campus**, while good news to more than a few, is an unwelcome complication in the already uncertain world of student finances. Because of that newspaper's dilemma, all student organizations receiving relatively large budget allocations will be subject to an ever-tightening dragnet that will be zeroing in on their administrative practices.

Greater financial stability and accountability are hardly negative designs, but at present it would be a measure born out of repression, and clearly, this will be to no one's particular benefit. Also, the death of **The Campus** at this juncture may not be in the best interests of this College, especially for those who depend on that organ for certain types of information.

Recognizing this fact, the designated elements of the Student Affairs Office and the Student Senate will formalize in the very near future a plan by which **The Campus** may be lifted out of jeopardy by the end of this academic year. Even though this course of action will most likely involve a supplementary allocation, we of **The Paper** do not object in principle as long as any special provisions made on behalf of our colleagues are also available to other organizations that find themselves in a reasonably similar situation.

For the record: We have a long standing and deep resentment of many attitudes expressed by **The Campus** regarding Open Admissions, SEEK and issues regarding non-whites in general.

The gesture may be too little, much too late in the game.

Let us understand that **The Campus** is a product of this College, which is deeply rooted in the period before we became a major proponent of multi-ethnic higher education. It has not made a realistic transition in its new and present circumstances.

The resulting ideological bankruptcy, however, has been eclipsed by a pattern of maladministration which has brought financial ruin to **The Campus**, and oppressive scrutiny to the rest of us.



Commentary

The Underlying Principles of Crybaby Politics

By Theodore R. Fleming

If you have read the September 26 issue, of **The Campus**, you are probably familiar with its self-acknowledged deficit of \$8,500. Its front page and editorial coverage of its own internal budgetary crisis has provided us with some facts and, perhaps, a key as to just how these people managed to get into such an expensive mess.

My judgment as to what they have confessed thus far, both this academic year and last is a simple response:

Horseshit!!!

First, we get a lot of spotty explanations and lame excuses, and then — on with the cry-baby politics. The editorial "we" of **The Campus** has blamed everyone else available, the Murphy Senate, Student Affairs officials, and even the other student newspapers for their own misfortune. They've tried on every shoe except the one that fits, by not admitting and accepting primary responsibility for their own failures. And this requires a much more conscious and accountable handling of money.

You know, sometimes I say to myself, "Those people just aren't ready."

The Campus is in trouble because its leadership kept on writing checks with its mouth that its ass couldn't cash. And it still does.

A Rule:

A student newspaper in a bind should avoid suicidal impulses. It does not point accusing fingers at the source of its most natural support — the other newspapers. That reads: **Don't Be a Crybaby!** and **Don't Get Caught in Lies!**

The Typical 'Campus' Blunder

A major claim is that an eight-page issue of **The Campus** costs \$1,000, including overtime and killed matter to the tune of \$200. Both of these figures are exorbitant. In furthering their argument, they stated editorially that "none" of the other newspapers use printing shops staffed by union personnel.

All any jackass has to do is to examine our masthead to find out if **The Paper** carries its printer's union label. As a matter of fact, all of the major City College newspapers, **The Campus**, **City PM**, **OP** and **The Paper** have used union shops at least for virtually all of this

decade although **OP** has resisted showing a label. Actually, this whole contract business started because a non-union outfit won the bidding for City **PM's** contract this semester.

Now, about dat thousan' bucks! To draw a parallel, **The Paper**, using a basically more expensive printing process, cost last year on the average of \$200 less per eight-page issue (including overtime, killed matter and a comparable press run), and, I may add, last year eight-page issues of **The Campus** were rarer than legal parking spaces.

"Cited" for its "dedication" though it may be, **The Campus** still appears to have an inflated sense of its importance as a "valuable college information resource." Valuable? — We could argue. Expensive? — we could hardly argue about that. I also fail to see the validity of the assertion that it is "in effect, subsidizing the other newspapers" by having carried more advertising. That statement is idiotic and symptomatic of unadulterated, hallucinatory masturbation.

The best way for **The Campus** to start acting seriously is to get rid of Joe Wolf and his J & W New-printers group. Joe Wolf is the man who has performed such services as providing **The Campus** with as many as all of the required three bids for its contract. This is accomplished by having some individually named concerns housed under J&M submit separate bids.

Joe Wolf is also the sponsor of the alledged kickback and/or year-end gifts paid to last year's managing board as part of a traditional exercise. We read about that one also on page one — in the true confessions column. According to my source inside of that very managing board, those individuals who claimed they used their "gifts" for the staff Christmas party were stonewalling it Watergate style. That party took place before Wolf paid off; probably to ease his greedy conscience for screwing a few pennies out of each one of us who pays the consolidated fee.

While the messy situation our "undergraduate newspaper of the City College since 1907" awaits clarification, the record asks has **The Campus** been fiscally irresponsible and how much did it willfully overspend its budget? The record already shows it has been financially incompetent and mismanaged by a bunch of candy-asses to boot!

THE PAPER presents

The African-American Connection

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Trip to Ghana Forms Family Ties

By Ronald Gray and Diane Wilson

This past August a group of students, educators, and other interested black individuals went on an educational tour of Ghana under the auspices of the African Heritage Studies Association. The group was devoted to exploring the theme of the "African-American Connection," in which they could experience how an African society functions and study Ghanaian culture.

Black Studies Department Chairman Dr. Leonard Jeffries was one of three coordinators of the tour. In addition, Professor Gerterlyn Dozier, lecturer in the Department of Compensatory Education at Baruch College, and Dr. W. B. Oluatye Kodjoe, African Research Center Director at Queens College, helped organize the trip.

In an interview Dr. Jeffries and Professor Dozier talked about the significance of the group's tour and highlights of their experiences. Dr. Jeffries noted that it was the first time that the African Heritage Studies Association had sponsored a trip to the continent for a group, thereby giving them an opportunity to renew their ties with the continent of Africa. He further mentioned that the tour was structured in such a way as to be "both educationally, culturally, and spiritually significant in relation to the African continent."

"It was also a time for us to renew our ties with various African scholars," Professor Jeffries continued, "and to organically link with African institutions such as the University of Ghana at Legon, and its Institute of African Studies, the University of Cape Coast and the University of Science and Technology at Kumasi."



Photo by Ronald Gray

The two scholars both spoke of the significance of the pilgrimage to Abandzi, where the group was given a chance to assist Dr. Robert E. Lee and his wife Dr. Sarah Lee. Dr. Lee is a black American who has become a Ghanaian citizen. He and his wife have been in the forefront in establishing the connection between Africans on the continent and African-

ans in the diaspora. They have helped form an organization known as the African Descendants Association Foundation. "The purpose of ADAF," as Dr. Jeffries noted, "is to re-establish the relationship with the continent through the reconstruction of Fort Amsterdam, Abandzi, and other such forts along the coast of Ghana." The restoration of

Fort Amsterdam is also of significance if it is to serve as a cultural center devoted to the history of the Afro-American.

Professor Dozier went on to mention some of the other highlights of the group's travels. She noted the mini conference at the State House where for the first time Africans on the continent and in the Diaspora regions were given a "forum to present their ideas under a banner of cooperation."

Professor Jeffries also cited the meeting with representatives of the Head of State and visiting the grave site of W.E.B. Dubois as other distinctive events of the month-long tour.

One of the most pleasurable experiences of the trip for Prof. Dozier was when she met a Ghanaian who looked exactly like her father. She also bore resemblance to his daughter and was invited to meet with his family. Dr. Jeffries noted in relation to this example of our ancestral ties with Africa, that "Black Americans who do go to Africa often find people who look like grandmamas or mothers or brothers."

One of the highlights of the tour for Dr. Jeffries was his initiation into the African Descendants Association Foundation. For him this symbolized the linkage of the black American and the African and tightened the ethnic ties of the two cultures.

When asked what she would recommend that Afro-Americans do to make their ties more concrete with Africa, Professor Dozier replied, "they should study and help by giving their technical know-how to any of the nations that are developing at this time if they are asked, but they should not go in and superimpose their values on someone else."

Dr. Jeffries added "to strengthen our ties with Africa, the Afro-American can engage in a range of activities. People can become

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Itinerary

August 5 - 9

- Orientation Program at University of Legon, Institute of African Studies Ghana, West Africa, the orientation consisted of nine lectures given at the University.
- Cultural Events sponsored by the Institute of African Studies.
- Symposium on "The African-American Connection," organized by Ron Walters and the Institute of African Studies.
- Visit to the Instooling of a chief at Aburi, also Tema City, a textile mill, fishing village, Tema Port, Defalko Smelter.
- Entertained by the American Ambassador to Ghana Ms. Shirley Temple Black.

August 10 - 17

- Stayed at the University of Science and Technology at Kumasi, West Africa.
- Viewed Cultural Center in Kumasi and the various craft shops there, also saw Carving Village, famous for Ashanti Stool (Ahwia) and Kente Village, center for the weaving of Kente cloth (Bonwire).
- Visited the Manhiya Palace Administrative H.Q. of the Asantehene.
- Visited Crater Lake.

August 18 - 23

- Stayed at the University of Cape Coast West Africa
- Made trips to Elmina Castle, Cape Coast Castle.
- Visited the Birth and Burial site for Kwame Nkrumah, also made courtesy visit to his mother, Madam Nyaneba.
- Toured University of Cape Coast, went to Elmina and Birwa beaches.
- Pilgrimage to Kormantsin-Abandze Slave Fort.
- Presentation to the Ghanaian Head of State, Colonel L.K. Acheampong.

Ancestral Home Shares Afrocentricity

By ALONYA ABDUL HESHAAM

The African Heritage Studies Association, an organization composed of scholars, educators, and students who are interested in redefining what has been known as African History from a Euro-centric perspective along with The African-Coalition, which is a New York based charter group composed of African and African-American descendants who promote and travel to Africa every year, sponsored the Chartered Flight to Ghana, West Africa this summer.

The coalition charter group had approximately 250 people aboard 30 of which were part of the African Heritage Studies Association Work-Study group. They would engage in one of the most comprehensive overseas study groups that has been undertaken by Dr. Leonard Jeffries, who has been involved with 15 traveling experiences to Africa.

The African Heritage Studies Association did not lead the group although three of its members did. They were Gerterlyn Dozier who is National Treasurer as well as New York Support Committee Treasurer, Dr. Jeffries who is on the Executive Committee of the National Organization and Prof. W. Oluatye-Kodjoe, who is also a member of the Executive Committee.

The theme of the African-American Connection which has been expounded by many prior groups. However, the Heritage Study Group put the concept into practice by planning the trip so that it offered the group of 30 the opportunity to study, dialogue and have a meaningful experience while in Ghana.

In the spirit of the African-American Connection the group embarked on

"Knowledge of one's identity lies in the roots of one's historic past and the only way to uncover it is by studying that past."

many meaningful events, but I have chosen the four which in my opinion had the most impact on the group as a whole.

The symposium on "The African-American Connection" offered the opportunity for scholars both of Africa and Afro-America to express their opinion on the slave trade from the Afro-Centric perspective.

The Minister of Education and Culture, Col. E.O. Nyante stressed that the commonality of our origin is that there are many things that make us culturally different but our common ancestry and heritage make us undeniable brothers and sisters from the same womb, Africa.

The keynote speaker for the conference was Dr. Adu Boahen who is author of many books and articles on West African History among which is **Topics in West History** published by Longman Press (London). He attacked so-called scholars who stated that Africa has not suffered from the effects of underdevelopment as perpetuated by the slave trade.

Dr. Leonard Jeffries, Chairman of the Black Studies Department of City College made a presentation on the development of America as a result of the profits reaped by the slave trade. Prof. Wketia, who was Chairman of the Mini-Conference, stated that it is not often that he could get to hear such a

systematic presentation on the result of the slave trade in the American Colonies.

The Mini-Conference was an astounding success and some 200 people attended the program which was held at the Old State House located in Accra, the Capital City of Ghana.

The second event occurred in Kumasi, West Africa. The group of 30 who made

up the Study Group of A.H.S.A. visited the administrative headquarters of the Ashanti people, which is the largest ethnic group in Ghana. The Ashantis are represented by the Asantehene who serves in the same capacity as the governor of a State. The Asantehene spoke to the group and offered us the

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Dr. Lee Comes Home



Dr. Robert E. Lee was born in Charleston, South Carolina. His family was originally from Barbados.

He attended Lincoln University, where he was a classmate of the late Kwame Nkrumah. After graduation, Dr. Lee went to Meharry Medical School where he studied dentistry.

Having become friends with Dr. Lee, the former Ghanaian president invited him and his wife, also a dentist, to come to Ghana to assist in a nation-building process during the Era of

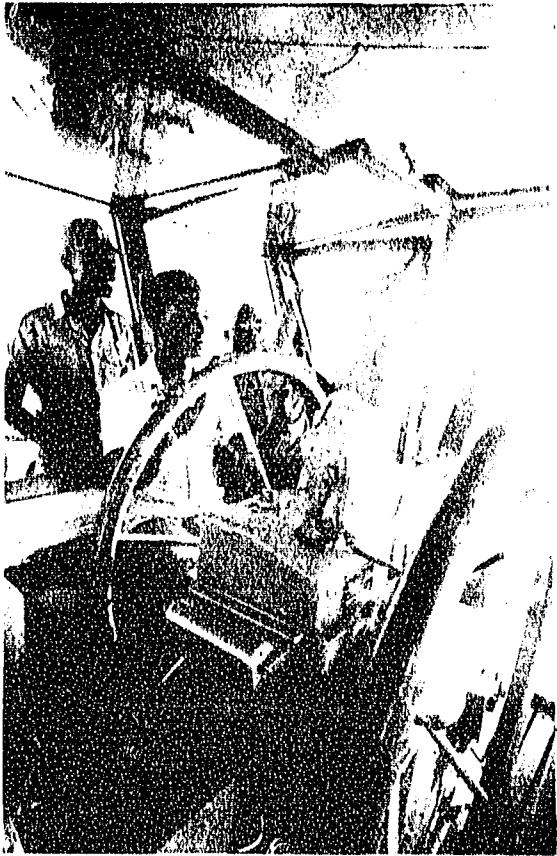
Independence in the late fifties. He and his wife adopted Ghanaian citizenship.

In 1971, Dr. Lee requested the Museum and Monuments Board of Ghana to lease the slave castle of Fort Abandze so that it could be reconstructed as a cultural center for both Africans and black Americans. The Fort, with its 14 rooms, slave dungeon, and courtyard, will be turned into an historical center with a library and museum and serve as a focal point in symbolizing the unity between Africans and black Americans.

The African Heritage Studies Association's recent pilgrimage to the Fort served as a catalyst in having the lease extended to insure its security as a cultural landmark.

Dr. Lee is a symbol of the Afro-American Connection theme. He has returned to Africa and contributed his skills to the developing nation, while still maintaining his ties with America through the African Descendants Association Foundation.

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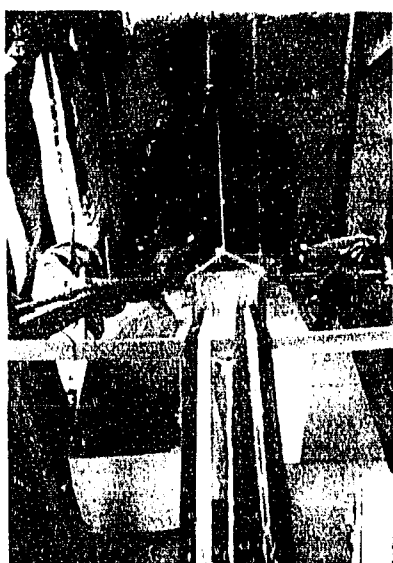
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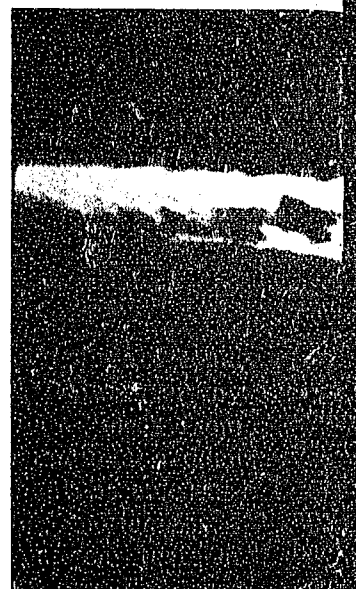
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Dr. Leonard Jeffries (left) notes importance of Pilgrimage



African Americans and Abandzians exchange dance patterns

ight, Edwin Lake.



Fort Amsterdam, Abandzi

Family Ties

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permanent settlers on the African continent but still maintain their ties with the United States. This would also include people who would go there only for a certain period of time, those who have skills and would work as technicians and help in establishing businesses. It would include students who would go to study at the Universities. It would include people who would go as tourists to know, understand and appreciate the country."

Both scholars agreed on the importance of establishing an Afrocentric perspective in relation to Afro-American history, as opposed to an Eurocentric outlook in terms of the ancestry of blacks. This issue was the highlight of the conference that the African Heritage Studies Association developed with the Institute of African Studies as part of the tour's activities. Dr. Jeffries noted that at the conference Black scholars were given the opportunity to present an Afrocentric view on the history of the slave trade and the relationship of blacks to the African continent. The significance of the materials presented at the Conference was so overwhelming that as a result requests have been made to have much

of the material printed and circulated by the AHSAs.

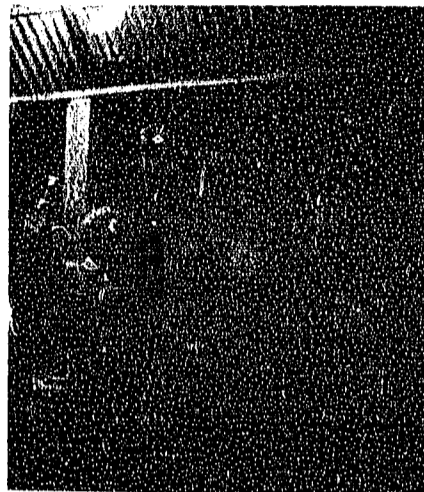
In conclusion Dr. Jeffries mentioned that one of the important factors of the AHSAs relationship with the continent of Africa is that the group of scholars withing the organization is not simply a collective but a family.

"We try to create an image of blacks working together as a family throughout the black world. The trip symbolized this since many of us were able to bring our families, friends, and students with us. This closeness helps to make these trips very valuable and we're sure that if people go once they will go again and they'll involve their family and friends and that has been a key to our relation with the

continent — a family tie."

In the future the African Heritage Studies Association hopes to sponsor more such visits to the continent of Africa on an annual basis. They want to make the program more structured in format and expand it to include more college students. The success and deep significance of this collective visit to Ghana demonstrated the need for more Afro-American links to be established and the visit should serve as a useful pilot in the formation of such future pilgrimages.

As Dr. Jeffries strongly emphasized, "The Afro-American Connection is not just a connection of individuals but the connection of a family."



Photos by Ronald Gray

Afrocentricity

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opportunity to come back and engage in the development of the Nation as well as Africa and he said that we should encourage more Afro-Americans to come visit the ancestral homelands and contribute to the development of Africa.

The Manhyia Palace which is located in Kumasi has served as the Administrative Headquarters for the affairs of the Ashanti Nation.

One of the most important points of the trip, was the pilgrimage to the former President of Ghana, Kwame Nkrumah's birth and burial site, where the group visited the late President's mother, Madam Nyaneba.

Kwame Nkrumah, the late deposed president of Ghana was one of the foremost fighters in the way of African Liberation and the struggle for self-determination of the many other African

World and many of his writings have been the motivational force behind many other African Revolutionaries.

In the final leg of the trip the group joined with Dr. Robert E. Lee who is an African-American who has his Ghanaian citizenship, and is the president of the African Decendants Association Foundation which is an organization dedicated to the establishing a testimonial to the Africans taken from there ancestral homelands many centuries ago.

The A.D.A.F. organization has

acquired the lease on a slave fort at Kormani-Abandze which is located in the Cape Coast area. This Slave Fort is another means "to raise the level of dialogue with our historic brothers on our Continent."

The A.H.S.A. was the first such group that attempted to engage in these various types of exchanges between Africans and Afro-Americans.

The type of experience that was felt this summer with the A.S.H.A. is the precedent that other groups have intended to set which is attempting a qual-

itative experience in our Ancestral Homeland.

If anyone is interested in joining the African Decendants Association Foundation they can write C/O of Dr. Robert E. Lee, African Decendants Association Foundation P.O. Box 2024, Accra Ghana, West Africa, or the New York Support Committee which is located at City College of New York. Interested parties may write C/O of Dr. Leonard Jeffries, Jr, Chairman, Black Studies Department CCNY, Goethal Hall Rm. 105, New York N.Y. 10031.

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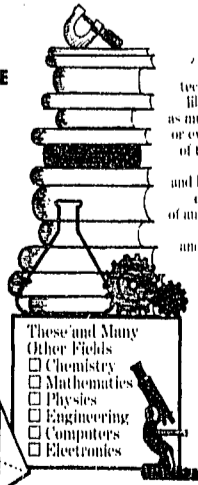
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Police Repression Assailed at Rally

By Norma Shelair

The National Alliance against Racism and Repression held a rally at the Minisink Townhouse recently to make more people aware of the large number of crimes being committed by policemen in the Black and Puerto Rican communities.

Reverend Lawrence Lucas who was one of the guest speakers and emcee for the evening claimed that the people within the community are unaware of the negative aspects of the police department and believe that if anyone opposes the police then that person must be "on the side of the criminal element."

"Some of the most serious obstacles in the reduction of police crime," said Rev. Lucas "are the disrespect and basic lack of concern for the people that they serve, besides, the general lack of accountability

within the department." He continued that the system, and the police "don't give a damn what Puerto Ricans and Blacks do to each other, just as long as they don't step out of bounds. But, if these things are allowed to go on downtown, then they are responsible for the crime up-town." He said that in many cases the police use Blacks to do their dirty work.

After the rally he elaborated on his statement that Blacks are sometimes used to carry out police plans by saying that some Blockwatchers' Associations act as spies for the Police Department and as a means of keeping crime blocked-up in the communities. He cited the Police Benevolent Association as not doing any good and the Guardian Society as being just as bad as the PBA. He emphasized that in theory the Blockwatchers Associations can be effective, but

only if their members understand what their true responsibilities should be.

One of the more celebrated guest speakers was Angela Davis. She showed how the Department of Justice acts with impunity toward the average citizen by reminding the audience of the CIA's experiments to test the vulnerability of the New York Subway System to biological warfare without considering the danger to the public. She called on the audience to remember the trial of the San Quentin Six, and asked that the people sign petitions and write to politicians and judges to show their solidarity with political prisoners.

Jose Chevelasquez, a member of the Puerto Rican Socialist Party, called for the support of a November 1, demonstration in front of the United Nations to

demand the release of five Puerto Rican Political prisoners, and for another demonstration on October 10th to demand that South Africa be removed from the UN.

Peter Bowers, who is a white member of the National Alliance, "whites cannot continue to be satisfied with staying on the sidelines any longer, they must become involved to effect more positive results."

Francine Chavis, one of the "Wilmington 10" defendants addressed the rally. Florence Barnes spoke on behalf of the Attica Brothers to whom the rally was dedicated, and the Larorque Bey Lancers performed.

All the speakers made it clear that you must know your rights if you are to avoid being a police victim. Some of the things that you should be aware of are: the right to ask for police officer's identification card rather than just the badge number. If you are arrested you have a right to know what you are being charged with. You have a right not to be unduly harassed — You have a right to a public defender if you cannot afford a lawyer — You have a right to remain silent — You have a right to make one phone call.

Another meeting will be held at the Church of the Resurrection on October 4, to continue the campaign to combat police crime in the minority communities.

Ralph Bunche Memorial Lecture

The Ralph Bunche Memorial Lecture sponsored by the Black Studies Department will present guest speaker Dr. S.K.B. Asante, Professor of Political Science at the University of Ghana, Legon.

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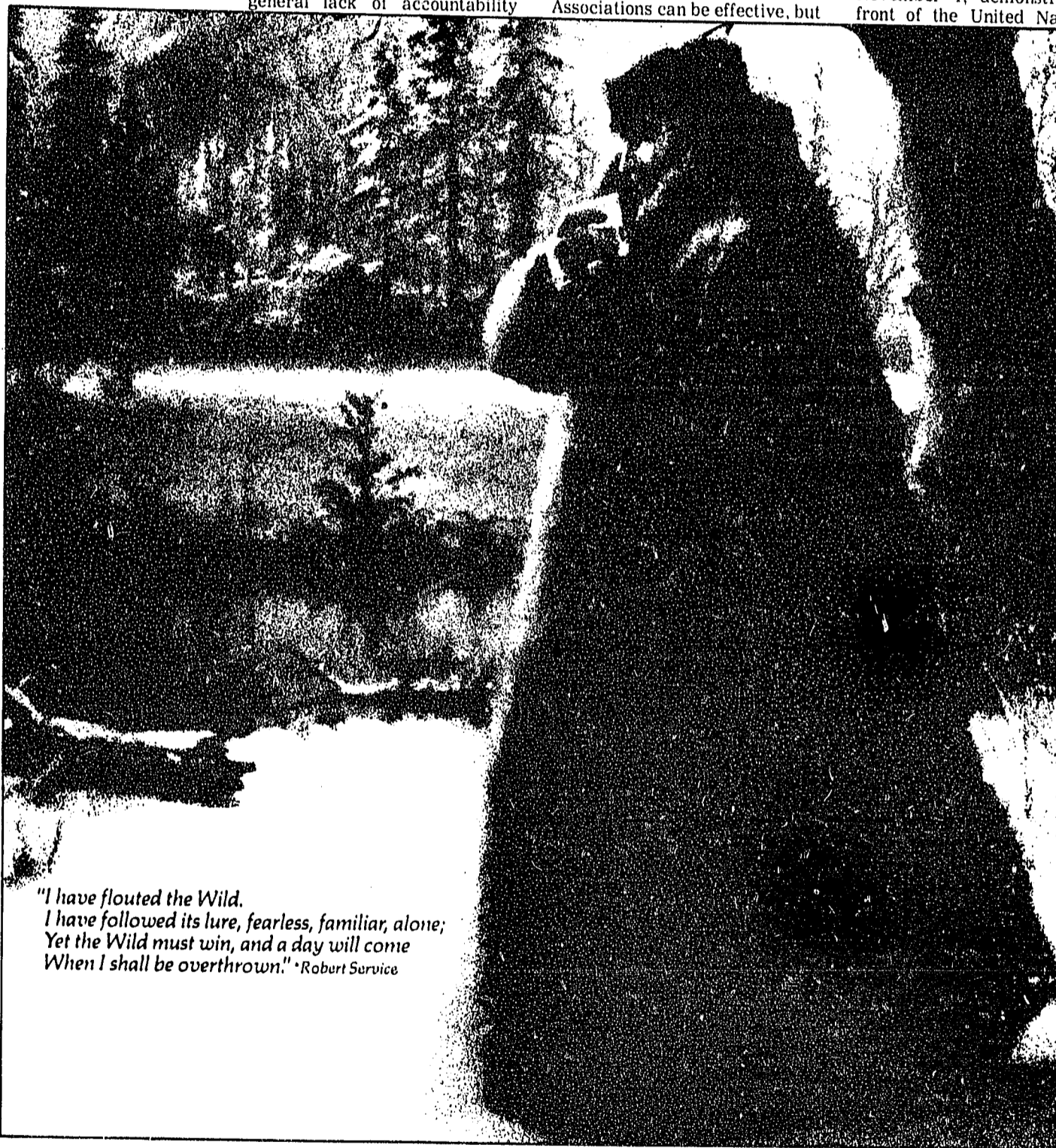
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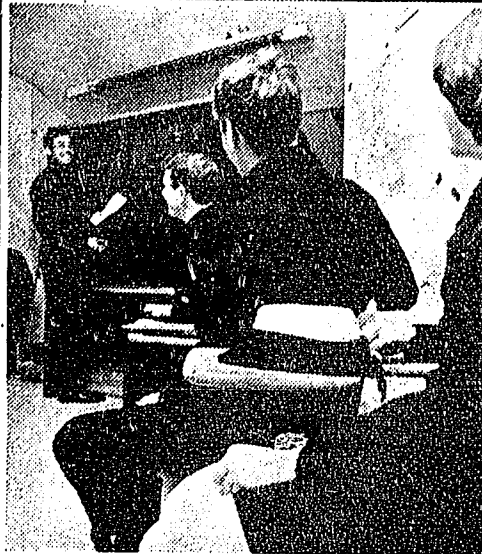
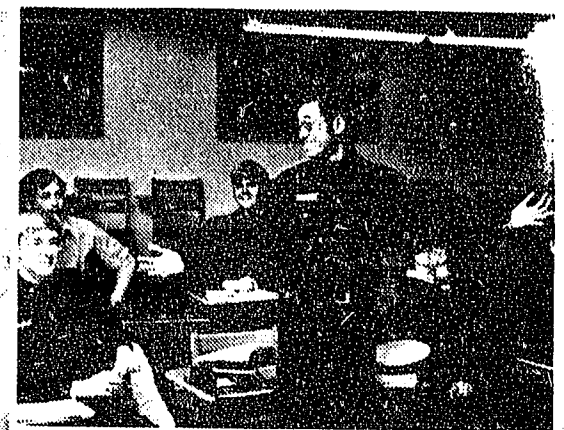


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New Security Contract Awarded

By Dennis E. Mack

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In light of these recent events, few students were sorry to see the Wackenhuts replaced.

- Three reported rapes which have occurred on campus since last December.

- The reported beating of former Student Senate President Donald Murphy by guards Arion Barcene and Robert Tabb.

- A report that Sergeant Harry Murray, who died as a result of wounds suffered in an alleged holdup attempt last October, was left there by guard Glan Wiffong as he ran for help because of a defective walkie-talkie.

- The idiotic shooting of one Wackenhut guard by another during a search on the South Campus.

- The muggings of at least two guards, one while the guard was in uniform.

Despite the aforementioned incidents on campus, Vice President of Communications and Public Affairs Robert Carroll asserted in a recent interview that "There was no terrible dissatisfaction with Wackenhut."

John Canavan, the Vice President for Administrative Affairs confided, "There were no really observable differences between services provided by Burns and by Wackenhut." Carroll observed that, "We'll just have to wait and

see if they (Penn) are any better than the other guys."

Over the last year the wackenhuts became the laughing stock of the entire campus. The fact that the college has felt the need to review the level of guard training contradicts both Canavan and Carroll's statements that the administration was pleased with Wackenhut's performance.

The recent incidents of vandalism on campus, which resulted in \$40,000 in property damage, were carried out while Penn security guards took no action.

The fact that 70 per cent of the force is comprised of former Wackenhuts is not especially encouraging. The bid specification that "Only men who have been carefully screened, trained,

qualified, efficient employees of an exemplary character," hardly applies to the 70 per cent who were formerly with Wackenhut.

The fact that only 30% of the Penn Guards will be licensed to carry guns is a step in the right direction. Each time a Wackenhut used a gun, he used it improperly.

The Presidential Task Force charged with studying security is expected to make its recommendations at an October meeting of the President's Policy Advisory Council (PAC). The college community anxiously awaits the task force's recommendations, however it still remains to be seen whether a system that routinely awards a security contract to the lowest bidder can ever be effective.

Meanwhile, students at the college have to "wait and see" while still another security force proves whether it is incompetent.

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