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The Garden Stands Alone

by Janet Susan Elmer

"Sister Georgia always said that when the twin elms went she would go too," said Mrs. Thomas of the English Concentration here at R.H.C., as she and several other faculty members and students stood outside Saint Benedict's Church on Main Street. They were all standing there awaiting the arrival of the casket, in which Sister Georgia's body had been placed after her death on Sunday morning, Oct. 5th.

Louise Leiker who served as Sister Georgias' personal aid and typist for several years said "That was just the type of thing Georgia might have said because she had such devotion to this school (R.H.C.) right down to every blade of grass and tree." Whether Sister Georgia did say that when the twin elms came down so would she, or not, it does seem strange that when they made the first cuts into the giant trees Thursday morning she was not watching and when she went back to the convent that night she had the stroke which caused her death.

Sister Georgia was born in the black hills of Dakota on November 27th in 1898 and as a young girl went to a one-room schoolhouse there. As she grew older, she decided that she would join the convent and her abounding devotion for Saint Frances caused her to come to Stella Niagara and join the Province of the Order of Saint Francis which was located there. She became Sister Georgia O.S.F. when she professed on August 31st in 1918.

When Rosary Hill first opened its doors in 1948 Sister Georgia was there acting as the Academic Dean and teaching English. As the College grew it became necessary that she leave her teaching position and spend all her time working as the Academic Dean. When the first President of Rosary Hill, Sister Alphonse, died, Sister Georgia took over the duties of the President while the Order searched for a replacement. However, her interest always remained with the English department.

She worked closely with all the projects that the English concentration had in those days. She was the advisor for the "Summit," the "Ascent," and the "Heights," and the titles of each bear the imprint of her hopes for the College she loved.

Sister Georgia also worked very closely with the theatre department and was instrumental in all the first plays which

were performed at the Stella Niagara Normal School. Karen Brady one of her past students said of Sister Georgia that "while she was a quiet traditional type of person she was always interested in everything new, all the new trends in literature and the arts."

Karen was one of the students who Sister Georgia had after she left the position of Academic Dean, and returned to the English Concentration. "I loved her and I can't say that about most of the teachers in my life," said Karen. She also added that "she (Sr. Georgia) was one of the people that I insisted that my husband meet before we were married. I remember telling him she was a nun and also an incredible person."

Sister Georgias' time in the English Concentration was marked by interesting classes and a yearly dinner which she planned. Her dinners were called "Chaucer Nights" and everyone was required to come in costume. The food served was as authentic as Sister Georgia could possibly get it and the room was always decorated appropriately.

John T. Masterson, of the English concentration recalls her from the early days here at R.H.C. and said "Sister Georgia had from its inception, a deep and constant faith in the philosophy of education and the program of instruction here at R.H.C. She devoted her energies both as administrator and teacher to these ends and as a result of her efforts she contributed in a large measure to the Colleges' successes."

Mrs. Marion Elmer, of the Education Department here at RHC, also recalls the early days with Sister Georgia. "Rosary Hill College and particularly the Education Department, has much to thank Sister Georgia for. It was her tireless effort that brought teacher certification at both elementary and secondary level to our college both for our students and for the young sisters. At that time, many of our young sisters were working both in the classrooms and at the college level and Sister Georgia and I spent many long weary days traveling to and from Albany and conferring with state officials to stabilize our educational offerings. She was always a good traveler and she and I had many happy memories."

After Sister Georgia left teaching because of her age she turned to her life time desire, to write. Before her death she had already

published 3 books. "Ring of Topaz," was her first book, it was a selection of her poetry. Her second book was a novel entitled "Towers of Montabar," it was about the early history of the Order of Saint Francis and her third book was about the growth of Rosary Hill College, its title "Hillsides."

In a letter she left to be opened after her death Sister Georgia noted that she had two more manuscripts ready to be sent out for publication. Louise Leiker had typed one of these told how she "had to stop every couple of pages in order to read ahead because it was so fascinating." The title of the manuscript is "The Last of the Swordsmen" and Louise described it as "a sort of short but, fun romantic novel of the Medieval period."

Other than her books Sister Georgia also spent her years of retirement in planning a garden. As Sister Mary Frances Welch said, "She retired from teaching but she never stopped working."

Mr. Philip Parker, of the Sociology and Social Work concentration, added that "she had a great zest for life and a certain unjudgmental quality about her." He also told how he had met Sister Georgia only several weeks ago in the library. "She was researching, she told me, flower symbolism, she wanted to



add to her garden flowers that were symbolic of Chaucer and Shakespeare." Mr. Parker added that Sister Georgia "wanted to take a foliage drive during one of these coming weekends to see the colors down around Olean."

Sister Georgia had the plans all ready for her garden next year. A week before she died she was out

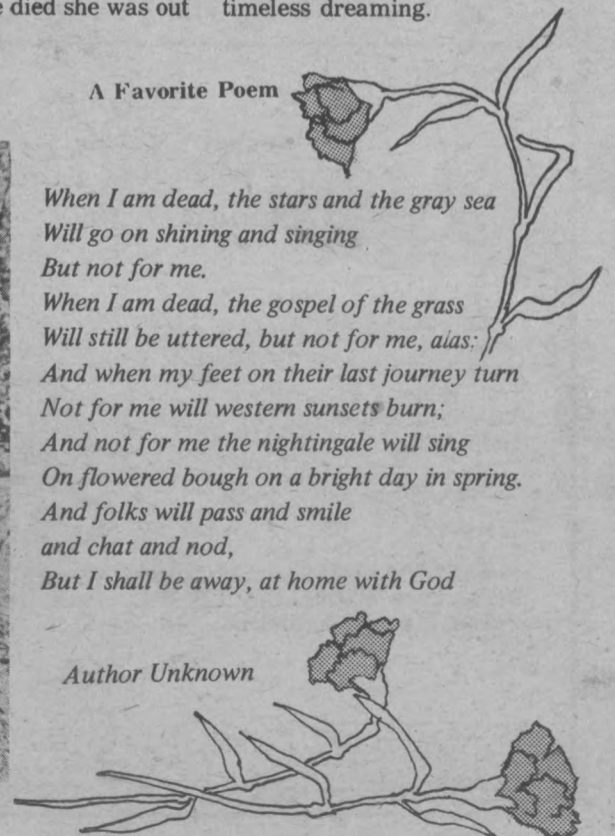
sitting in the garden watching them cut down an old apple tree, which Sister Vivian recalls, "according to Georgia ruined the beauty of her garden." Now the garden will be in the hands of someone else. But it will be still the garden that Sister Georgia loved and sat in only a short week before her death and did some timeless dreaming.



A Favorite Poem

When I am dead, the stars and the gray sea
Will go on shining and singing
But not for me.
When I am dead, the gospel of the grass
Will still be uttered, but not for me, alas:
And when my feet on their last journey turn
Not for me will western sunsets burn;
And not for me the nightingale will sing
On flowered bough on a bright day in spring.
And folks will pass and smile
and chat and nod,
But I shall be away, at home with God

Author Unknown





Education Positive or Negative

by Barbara L. Chambers

"Since man is a part of and continuous with the world of nature, his education may not presume that he has a mind or that he is above or apart from that world. If mind or the mental is only a function of matter's activity, then any cultivation of mind or soul, any spiritual or inner culture is not only futile, but also anti-social and rotten. One who seeks to save his soul or build an inner spiritual life and personality is perpetuating an outmoded dualism."
(Dewey)

Although education is an important part of a person's life, there are positives as well as negatives to this process.

Education is essential for employment. The educational process is important and necessary for understanding the world in which one lives. This process is also useful for developing a person's socialization process. This socialization process represents the interplay between two major variables, the social environment and the individual.

The positive and negative elements in the educational process can cause a type of uncertainty. A good example of this is the socialization process. This cultivation of mind and soul is important because everything stems from the success one has in learning to live within this system. It may be an advantage to understanding the socialization process but such an understanding could also be detrimental to a person. The process can easily unveil definite feelings about the cultivation of the mind and soul.

There have been many cases reported where people with higher levels of education have rebelled in a number of anti-social ways. Society at large feels that these rebellious acts are done by people who are already unbalanced, and that education just added to their confusion. Is it mental unbalance, or do the social rebels see a hopelessness they can not live with.

It is evident that education can be detrimental to certain kinds of people. The positive elements and the negative elements are there; it depends on the individual person and how that person utilizes these options. As Dewey says, "Education is that reconstruction or reorganization of experience which adds to the meaning of experience, and which increases the ability to direct the course of subsequent experience."

Dear Editor;

My name is Robert Rochford, and I too am an inmate at Attica, and enrolled in the consortium program.

After noticing Mr. Harrisses' letter in your last edition of your paper, I decided it was time for more of us to write in.

I am not going into what goes on around here as I am sure that you have heard too many times what goes on in jails, and I am writing hoping that we may open some kind of a Rap Line. I speak for many of us, and I was wondering whether or not you may be able to post some sort of announcement in the student recreation area pertaining to us in the hopes that we may establish some avenues of correspondence.

If you have any questions to what I am asking please don't hesitate to write and ask, and thanks for your last article and I hope we are able to contribute more to the school newspaper.

Robert Rochford
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Below is one of my poems. I am a writer also, and my interests are; Photography 10 years exp.

Optics
Creative writing
String Art.

"FOR WHERE I AM"

They say all is relevant
In time and In space
But I'd never know it
By the looks of this place.

We live in a world
Shut out by high walls
Where no one can hear
Our sorrowful calls.

And what can we learn
Behind iron gates
But anger and misery

Sufferance and hates.

There must be an answer
There must be a cure
For the pain of subsistence
Is too much to endure.

And someday I'll leave here
I'm not sure of the day
As tomorrow is no ones'
But for it I pray.

Robert Michael 75

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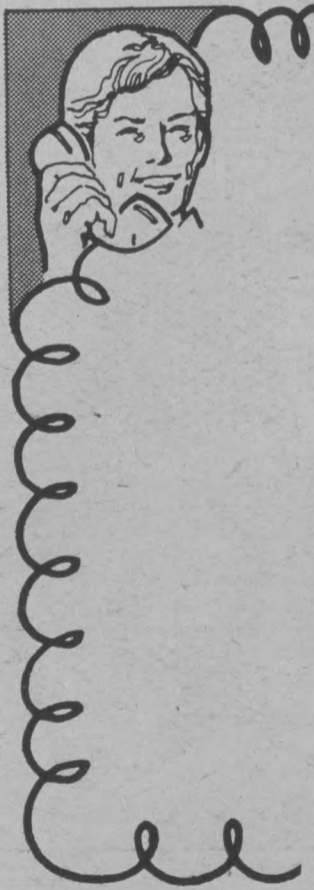
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Public Notification System

by Liz Pilecki



These first two months of school have been a rib tickler and to round it out, here are a few more witty adventures from your roving private eye, Liz.

By now you've heard about the smashing birthday party that took place in the dorms. Brian Wettlaufer celebrated his 18th with a bottle of champagne over his head.

Is it true that Robin is the only virgin who was able to contact VD?

Which person from the Education Department has four children and is considered single?

Mr. DeCarli misses the "legs" of long ago. Maybe one of these days Lin Sabia will wear a dress (instead of jeans) to show what she's got.

Judy, isn't today a "bummer?"

A special thank you goes to all the people who donated blood on October 1st. An extra special thanks goes to the "Crab" who put up such a fuss.

Linda Etzel, do you have Cathy living in your apartment with you?

One of Mr. Siedlecki's Modern Poetry students would like to confirm that there are exactly 3,000 seconds in one class period. But who's counting seconds?

Karen Bradfield - "what a drag, what a drag!"

Why did only three members of the faculty sign up to play flag football against our team? Chicken?

Mary Ann Carrier: Watch those pits! You might fall and hurt yourself someday. Weren't you ever trained not to chase after cars?

It has been brought to my attention that the rumor about Dr. Marshall's affair with Candice Bergen is exaggerated.

John Dooley: How was the ice bath the guys gave you in the dorms?

Who are the Three Muskateers?

Have you heard about the three murders Dr. Langley committed in Room 115?

The Veterans Club is going to try to form a ski group at Kissing Bridge for college students as well as non-college students. Watch out for more details.

How is it that more than half the students who worked at the Senior Car Wash weren't even seniors. As a matter of fact, they weren't even Rosary Hill students. A sincere thanks to all.

What's this I hear? A new fad? Gold phones for the offices.

Will Sir Cedric Hardwicke please report to Wick Desk.

Interesting stories for the Public Notification System may be left at Wick Desk or dropped off in the Ascent Office.

Home Sweet Commune

by Marie Fortuna

After more than four years in his second commune, Edwin C. Reep still likes it. This one works. Here's how it got started.

"This other couple, two single men and my wife and I put up \$4,000 for a downpayment on a house. Actually what happened was this. We knew these four people only slightly, but they had the same problem we did. We all had to find a place that we could afford to live in," Reep, the chairman of the sociology concentration explained.

"We signed a contract with each other," Mr. Reep said. "We have a \$10,000 mortgage. We each pay \$76 monthly mortgage and tax money. One woman has her name on the mortgage, but each year each person records how much he or she has paid on the mortgage. The house belongs to all of us."

"We all put in \$5 a month extra for house improvements like painting. We had the house rewired. The plumbing redone. We each contribute \$14 weekly for food. Utilities are extra," he said.

The contract states the financial responsibility of each adult. It also specifies the terms of in-the-house behavior. Mr. Reep explained, "This week my job is keeping the living room clean. Last week it was shopping. We rotate jobs by turning the workwheel just one notch."

"We made a workwheel we keep in the kitchen," he continued. "The outside wheel lists all the household jobs to be done. The inside wheel has each of our names printed on it. Each week we move the inside wheel one notch."

On the bulletin board next to the workwheel is a sign up sheet for cooking. He likes to cook Tuesdays and Fridays because it doesn't conflict with his teaching schedule. "We cook six days a week," he explained. "Each of us signs up to cook twice. We often go out Saturday night. We don't cook that night. And Sunday brunch we all work together."

Ritual isn't in the contract, but sociologically Mr. Reep feels it's important. "Little rituals hold us together. Otherwise we all have different lives. Most of our days are spent away from each other," he added, referring to the other adults whom he would not identify further except to admit they are all professionals.

"We have a whole lot of rituals. A House Party every year to celebrate the day we moved in. We often invite forty guests. We have big Christmas and Hanukkah parties. Maybe fifty, sixty people. We have a big Seder for Passover. One of the men, sort of a Jewish scholar, he runs it," said Ed Reep.

"Everybody really tries to make sure he or she is home for the big dinner of the week. Friday. We always have wine. Often we have guests. "And," he said leaning forward beaming, "during the summer we had a family seminar."

"First, each of us talked to our own families about our grandparents. About our great grandparents. When we could, we got old pictures to share with each other at the house. We shared a tape we made of our family history. We each did that. It was very personal. We organized our lives with the help of what we

learned about ourselves. I don't think most people do that," he mused.

When asked if the people in his commune have orgies, Ed Reep laughed so gustily he nearly fell over. Then he said seriously, "No. We have a very strong rule against what we call 'incest in the family.' That would blow it all away. That would destroy everything. He chuckled, as he added, "We are a lot straighter than neighbors think we are."

"One reason the neighbors have accepted us as well as they have," he explained, "is that we keep the hedges trimmed and the lawns cut. I'm involved in the neighborhood block club. I was chairman of the block party last year. And having a child is a great advantage. I know everybody in the neighborhood through Jason."

When asked how his six year old son Jason feels about this lifestyle Mr. Reep replied, "He was just two when we moved in. As far as he knows this is just normal. Neighbor kids, they're in and out all the time. They probably think this is a rooming house."

When asked how the other adults in the house relate to Jason, Mr. Reep admitted problems over kids in the first commune were aggravated by people gunnysacking their grievances. Not talking directly to the child. Saving it for the parents.

"Jason has to make his relationship with everybody else. We wanted to make clear at the outset that if a problem developed between Jason and anyone else, the people involved should handle

it. For instance, Jason watches a lot of TV. The noise bothers other people. So they tell him. Jason has to be aware that he needs to keep the door closed to make it quieter," he declared.

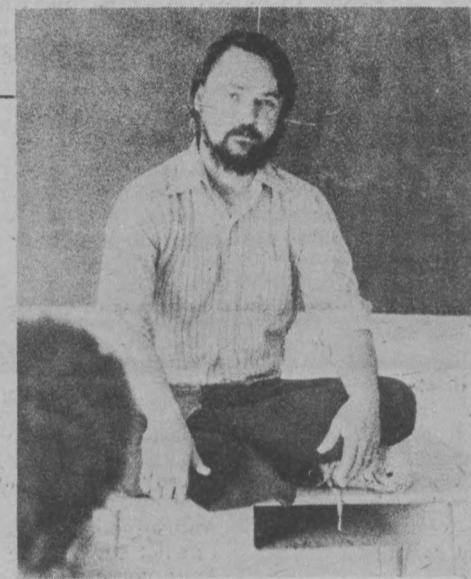
The west side sixteen room, three story "old heat waster" affords privacy for all, Mr. Reep said. "The gas bill last February was \$167, but my wife and I have four rooms of our own. Jason has his own bedroom. My wife, a social worker at Meyer Memorial Hospital has her own study. My study is where the old coal bin was. Plus we have the use of all the rooms we have in common."

"One big advantage of this old house is the big kitchen. When we first moved in we scrounged a washer, a dryer and a dishwasher. Imagine! A woman in Williamsville was getting rid of her dishwasher because it was white. She wanted to replace it with an avocado dishwasher to go

with her new kitchen," he recalled. "When we heard that, we hurried over and picked it up."

Remembering the Ann Arbor commune he lived in for a year, he listed some of its problems. "Issues of privacy. Not quite enough space. Often two people would want to use the same space for two projects at the same time. Dissatisfaction with the work schedule, problems with children and lack of a regular channel for complaints."

"We learned from experience. Although in theory people were free to complain anytime, in the first commune they didn't. Instead they were quietly harboring resentments. We provide a regular channel for complaints," he declared. "We have a House Meeting every Sunday to discuss the business of the house. Any problems can be brought up then," he said.



Edwin Reep, in his usual lecturing pose.

Dr. Schweichler Joins PT Faculty

by Denise M. Suida

Rosary Hill College has a new faculty member. Dr. Schweichler, who was previously in private practice, and a consultant to the Abbott Manor Nursing Home, is now in charge of RHC's new physical therapy department.

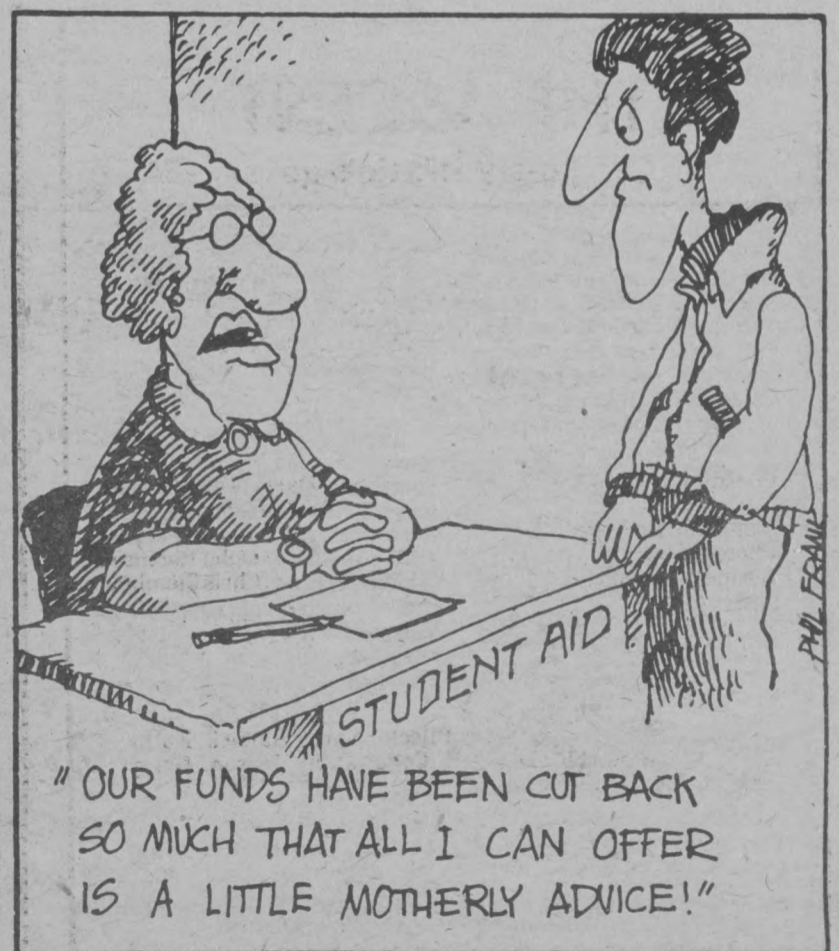
The Buffalo area is not new surroundings for Dr. Schweichler. He was a member of the first graduating class of the University of Buffalo, and is also a graduate of Canisius College, and the State University of Brockport. He obtained his doctorate at Great Lakes College.

Presently, Dr. Schweichler is on the New York State Physical Therapy Board, and is director of the New York State Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Like any new head of a department, Dr. Schweichler has many goals. His primary one is to produce the first graduating class of physical therapy majors from Rosary Hill College in 1977. We wish him and the entire department much luck.



Dr. Schweichler



WYSL Sign Contest



WYSL SIGN CONTEST — Three RHC students work diligently with paint and poster board. The sign they made with the help of other students has been entered in the WYSL Sign Contest. The sign reads: RHC's sophomore class says "Y103, WYSL is our station." First prize, \$1,000 cash, goes to the largest sized, neatest, most prominently displayed poster. The sign was on display Oct. 9 over part of the front facade of Dun Scotus. The judge from the radio station took a photo of the sign. The winner will be announced in a couple of weeks.

Win or lose, Carm Yero, president of the sophomore class, would like to give special thanks to the people that helped paint and hang the sign: Maureen Cannon (vice president of the sophomore class), Malodie Di Russo (treasurer), Louis Santiago (secretary), Pat Hunter, Peggy Lynch, Pam Moore (governing board representative), Linda Blossom, Kathy Murphy, Joe Dituro, Rose Coty (for lettering) and Janet Frankel (for support in despairing moments).

Dance Contest Finalists



DANCE CONTEST FINALISTS — Lynn Santacroce and Daryl Smith, Rosary Hill students, are finalists in the Uncle Sam's Great American Dance Contest. The "bumping" and "hustling" couple won in the preliminary contest Oct. 2. The final match will be held Nov. 6 at Uncle Sam's on Walden Ave.

Fred Harris Campaigns for Presidency

by Nancy J. Balbick

A Southerner from Oklahoma wants to become President. Fred Harris is presently campaigning for the Democratic Presidential nomination for 1976 and gave a fine speech here at Rosary Hill in September.

"Come on in. We're all going to take up a collection here afterward," Fred Harris joked as he coaxed more spectators to settle down in the crowded Schenck Lounge that Friday morning at 11:30. He was born to a sharecropping family in Oklahoma in 1930. He earned his law degree and was a U.S. senator from 1964 to 1972 and Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee in 1969 and 1970.

"Too few people have all the money and all the power," demanded Fred Harris in a very arrogant southern accent. He believes this of our present economic situation and proposes to enforce the anti-trust laws to give the common working man a chance.

Fred Harris mocked President Ford on his method of an inflationary cure. Mr. Harris quoted the President, "Some of us must sacrifice employment which is required to fix inflation." Fred

Harris feels this is unfair and that every citizen has a right to a job. He indicates that 35 per cent of the factories in the United States are idle. He wants to create more employment so that people could acquire more money to spend. Therefore, inflationary prices would decrease.

Fred Harris's view on taxes is not only to decrease them, but to cut their many loopholes. He feels it is not fair that very wealthy citizens don't pay their fair share of income taxes because of loopholes. Fred Harris smiled as he quoted Ralph Nader, "Tax loopholes are crime in the streets."

"If someone keeps telling you how honest he is, you better keep your hand on your pocketbook," indicated Fred Harris concerning the Watergate and the Presidential administrative scandals which occurred recently. He received much recognition from his listeners with positive nods and murmurs such as, "You're so right, Mr. Harris!"

Fred Harris sees no reason for the United States to spend 104.7 billion dollars on defense. He thinks it is ridiculous that the United States tries to "keep up" with the Soviet Union and feels

that the defense budget can be decreased to at least 90 billion dollars. "It is a fact that we have enough missiles not to kill every person in the Soviet Union ten times over," stated Fred Harris.

"Treat causes, not symptoms," remarked Fred Harris. He believes that the United States realizes its problems, but doesn't do enough to cure them until it is too late. For example, we know there are slums which are symptoms and we must act now to rid ourselves of them.

He also feels that, "The United States should not impose governments on people. We can't remove the evil from the world." He is not for total isolationism by the United States, but a balance of power especially between the United States and the Soviet Union. If there is a balance of power, he feels, there is less chance of war.

"You don't get liberty, you take it," demanded Fred Harris. This article is not geared for you to rush to the polls in 1976 and pull the lever for Fred Harris, but Fred Harris is for you — Middle-class America!

Open The Door To World Understanding: International Studies

by Marie Fortuna

Rosary Hill's international study programs come in all sizes. You earn credits in sociology, history, anthropology or modern languages. Now students are signing up for the intersemester, December 29 to January 19, Mexican Experience.

Barbara Lufkin, who went there two years ago, said warmly, "It's great for any student. It's not just for language majors. Dr. Hennin's a good guide. You'll see things you wouldn't see on a REGULAR guided tour."

Dr. Paule Hennin believes now more than ever, students need to experience culture as well as learn about it in a class room. She said, "The world has been shrinking more and more. An American must be aware that he lives as an American, not alone, but as an American in the world at large. Mexico is important. It's a third world nation."

International studies can open doors to job opportunity. Dr. Hennin explained, "Mona Baskin who went to Mexico in summer 1975 is now working in the United Nations. Sandra Pace is getting into journalism. She's now in a work and study program in Mexico with CICATUR."

Students in other universities can earn credits in our international studies program. You could both sign up. Take a friend with you to Mexico. Dr. Paule Hennin is the person to see.

Other programs include history study in Roxton England. Ask Dr. Starkey in the history department about that. Winter programs under the modern languages, see Mrs. Merrill about Valencia, Spain. Ask Mr. Hannotte about the Angers, France program.

"This summer we are innovating. We have a new six week total immersion intensive language course in French in Quebec, Canada or in Spanish in Mexico, said Paule Hennin. Dr. Edward McMahon is directing this program.

The chance to examine one's own value system through comparison with other cultures is growth producing, Dr. Hennin believes. She said, "While the study of humanities gives you depth, international studies gives you a multiplicity of dimension. It was said Charlemagne had as many souls as he had languages."

In January, watch for details on two sessions in ceramics this summer in Mexico.

Grady Davis and Joanne Little

by Marie Fortuna

No black woman down south charged with murdering a white man could ever expect to be acquitted by a jury. But Joanne Little was. Grady D. Davis Sr., the only black man on the Raleigh, North Carolina parole board knows why. By chance he sat at our table.

All 1300 participants to the First National Conference on Alternatives to Incarceration held in Boston came here to learn. We listened to ex-felons, inmates on furlough, and corrections commissioners who'd been fired for trying to change the system. They spoke from the podium. We also listened to the people we sat at the table with.

Mr. Davis described the inter-related factors that won acquittal for Joanne Little. "Jury selection," he said. "A new format of questions was put to the prospective jurors. Questions never allowed in the past."

Davis felt the questions helped weed out the more prejudiced persons from among prospective jurors. "But the first victory for Joanne was getting the case moved from Beaufort county," he said. "She never would have been acquitted there. We had to give specific reasons for moving the trial to Raleigh. First though, we had to create an open climate."

"Professionals from the University of North Carolina interviewed prominent people in the community before the trial. Publicity on the social and psychological issues raised in the interviews created an open climate," he said. "Questions like 'what do you think about the legal aspects of rape? What do you think of the racial element in this case? Can there be a fair trial with these overtones in the case?' That's the kind of questions raised."

"Half the nation and most of the world was watching her trial," said the husky man with grey-streaked hair. "We all knew that. Money from the Southern Poverty Law Center was vital. It made it possible to get her the best of lawyers. Jerry Paul of Durham. When Jerry Paul got Joanne out of jail, the court put him in."

When asked if he meant the court was angry over the acquittal, Davis replied, "If they couldn't get Joanne, they were going to get Jerry Paul. The prosecution was most surprised at the acquittal. They didn't have their case together. They didn't think they NEEDED to have it together. This case is a landmark."

Mr. Davis kept Joanne in custody in his home while she was out on bail before her murder trial. "I offered. Her attorneys arranged it. She needed to relax

and rest before her trial," said he. "I got in touch with her mother, and others in her family. I brought them together to talk and relax at my home."

"She never should have been held at Beaufort County Jail to begin with," said Grady Davis who feels the murder wouldn't have happened if she'd been sent directly to the Raleigh women's prison instead.

Most of her time at "little Washington," as the town is called where Joanne Little stayed in the county jail, she was the only woman prisoner. All the jailers were white men. A closed circuit TV monitor directly across from her cell afforded no privacy. Clarence Allgood 62, was the jailer who worked the night shift. His body was found naked from the waist down. He'd been stabbed to death by Miss Little in her cell.

"She was just a country girl," Davis said thoughtfully. "All that time, those three months she was in Beaufort county jail she thought somebody was doing something about bringing her case to trial. But nobody was."

Though acquitted of the murder charge, "Joanne ain't out it yet. If she's sent to jail for breaking and entering, she'll be known as the prisoner who killed a guard," he said.

We all kept silent, thinking what a label like 'guard killer' would mean to a prisoner day after day.

More on the Conference next time.

Mind Benders Revisited

by CARM YERO

If you've been around Oddy Lounge lately you may have seen the sign "Counseling Services presents: MIND BENDERS." If you look today you will see the sign "Closed for Facelift" The reason Mind Benders is closed is so that we, the Counseling office, can sit down and revise our operation. Mind Benders was first opened as a walk-in rap session staffed by trained students who would sit and talk about any problem you might have. Now the Mind Benders are working on a "Specialized Topic" program. Every other Friday, The Counseling Center will sponsor a Mind Benders Special. On Friday, October 31, our special guests will be representatives of

the Mattachine Society, a gay community group from the Buffalo area. These representatives of the misunderstood gay movement will be around Oddy Lounge sometime during the day and will answer any questions concerning the subject. In the weeks to follow, the Mind Benders will sponsor other groups including Suicide Prevention, Planned Parenthood and Drug Counseling. The weekly presentation will be announced on flyers on the Tuesday before the Friday session.

We've changed our image to suit your needs and interests. Please stop in and see what we have to offer. And, as before, the coffee and cookies are on us.

Social Work Field Experience

by Marie Fortuna

Students actively learning out in the community as part of their field work requirement for social work include Steve Daniels who helps adults to develop sensory awareness at the United Cerebral Palsy Association at 100 Leroy.

Steve says his work is almost a "teaching type thing. My next step is intake worker. Eventually I'll be doing counseling. But right now since my clients have a sensory deficit that has to be overcome, I'm helping them to learn to use as many of their senses as possible."

Renee B. Renaldo's involved with the Relocation Trauma Pro-

ject at Erie County Office for the Aging. Toby Kleinberg serves at the Lyndon Baines Johnson low income housing project for the elderly. Barb Lufkin and Pat Weichsel both worked with CONCERNED ADOLESCENTS FOR RETIRED ELDERS. For short, Project CARE.

Marsha Axelrod, at the Neighborhood Counseling Service in Williamsville says, "It's so informal and warm any client walking into it would feel at home immediately."

Virginia Rich and Barbara Mitchell work at the Buffalo Psy-

chiatric Center. Sue Sobieraj counsels at Engleside home. Kathy Walsh "loves" it at Children's Hospital Rehab Center.

Dealing with some phase of intake, or parole of juvenile offenders are Deborah Duroure, Clara Schillaci and Michael Shiffler. All three serve at the Buffalo Youth Board.

Barb Kennedy and Claudia DeCarlo help emotionally disturbed children at Gateway in Williamsville. Marlene Cheman helps in the Our Lady of Victory Infant Home.

Notice Senior Class

The result of the elections are as follows: President — Trish Stewart; Vice President — Mandy Abrams; Treasurer — Maria Lopriore; Secretary — Johanna Porpiglia; Rep. Gov. Brd. — Dick Boorman; Publicity — Sue Hart, Liz Pilecki; Advisor — Mrs. Suhalla.

Notices of class meetings will be posted on campus. We urge all seniors to attend these meetings to plan activities to earn money for our Senior Weekend.

Some future money-raising activities being considered are: a candle sale, a candy sale, and a raffle. Suggestions for money-

raising and/or other activities will be welcomed and discussed at the class meetings or by contacting any of the officers.

To date, the senior class has raised \$136.00. This money came from the car wash held October 11th at Schmidt's Garage. Thank you to all those who participated in this activity.

PLEASE COME TO OUR NEXT CLASS MEETING!!! (The date will be posted on the Senior Bulletin in Wick). REMEMBER, IT'S YOUR CLASS AND OUR SENIOR WEEKEND THAT WE'RE WORKING FOR.



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NYPIRG Challenges Educational Testing Service ... Examines the Testers

The New York Public Interest Research Group, Inc. (NYPIRG) announced today the opening of an Educational Testing Service (ETS) Complaint Center. "ETS is a huge mind control industry," Donald Ross, director of NYPIRG said. "Millions of students and other citizens are tested by ETS each year. But who tests ETS?"

Educational Testing Service is the Princeton, New Jersey-based, multimillion dollar operator of the SATs (Scholastic Aptitude Tests), GREs (Graduate Record Exams), LSATs (Law School Aptitude Tests) and a host of other examinations. Governments and businesses throughout the world use ETS examinations to evaluate applicants. "Even if you want to become a Peace Corps Volunteer or a CIA agent, you must first pass an ETS test," Donald Ross explained.

According to Joanne Slight, the NYPIRG staff member coordinating the project, "ETS is accountable to no one. Students have no influence over ETS and neither do the schools which require the tests." And yet each year ETS grows larger, tests more people and accumulates more revenues. ETS revenues have doubled every five years since it began in 1948 and ETS now has a yearly income in excess of 50 million dollars.

NYPIRG intends to gather complaints from people across the country. Ms. Slight claimed that student governments and other groups are setting up complaint-gathering operations nationwide. "Our goal is to test the tester," she said. "We don't intend to handle individual complaints, but rather to establish patterns of abuse. Last year, for example, 200 students at the State University of New York at Al-

bany had their transcripts for law school lost or misplaced by ETS," Ms. Slight claimed. "NYPIRG wants to find out how often these errors occur."

NYPIRG staff attorneys are currently drafting legislation to make ETS more accountable. "We hope to mandate disclosure and provide remedies for students who've had difficulty with ETS," Donald Ross stated.

Copies of the Complaint Center questionnaire are available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to NYPIRG ETS Complaint Center, 1479 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11210 or by contacting a local PIRG office.

NYPIRG is a non profit, research and advocacy group funded by college and university students in New York State.

National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowships for 1976-77

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Research Council has again been called upon to advise the National Science Foundation in the selection of candidates for the Foundation's program of Graduate Fellowships. Panels of eminent scientists appointed by the National Research Council will evaluate qualifications of applicants. Final selection will be made by the Foundation, with awards to be announced on March 15, 1976.

Initial NSF Graduate Fellowship awards are intended for students at or near the beginning of their graduate study. In general, therefore, those eligible to apply will be college seniors or first year graduate students this Fall. Subject to the availability of funds, new fellowships awarded in the Spring of 1976 will be for periods of three years contingent on certification to the Foundation by the fellowship institution of the student's satisfactory progress toward an advanced degree in science.

These fellowships will be awarded for study or work leading to master's or doctoral degrees in the mathematical, physical, medical biological, engineering,

and social sciences, and in the history and philosophy of science. Awards will not be made in clinical, education, or business fields, in history or social work, for work leading to medical, dental, law or public health degrees, or for study in joint science-professional degree programs. Applicants must be citizens of the United States, and will be judged solely on the basis of ability. The annual stipend for Graduate Fellows will be \$3,900 for a twelve-month tenure with no dependency allowances.

Applicants will be required to take the Graduate Record Examinations designed to test scientific aptitude and achievement. The examinations, administered by the Educational Testing Service, will be given on December 13, 1975 at designated centers throughout the United States and in certain foreign countries.

The deadline date for the submission of applications for NSF Graduate Fellowships is December 1, 1975. Further information and application materials may be obtained from the Fellowship Office, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. and will be available in CP&PO.

Free Metro Bus Map of Buffalo

As a convenience to bus riders, Metro Bus has published a systems city map which shows the routing of all buses within the bus system, Robert G. Decker, executive vice president, Niagara Frontier Transit Metro System, announced today. The 23" x 29" map includes smaller inset maps for all regional routes within the bus system; i.e., Lockport, the Tonawandas, Niagara Falls, Hamburg, East Aurora, Orchard Park, Alden, Angola, Boston, Farnham, Holland and Wende.

In addition, there is a listing of major points of interest such as colleges and universities, government buildings, hospitals, major city parks and historical sites, exhibition and entertainment centers, and transportation

centers, with the route numbers of buses providing service to these sites. They and major shopping areas are indicated on the map by symbol. Five small inset maps show the central business district with bus routes and one-way streets.

Also included is general information about tokens, fares and availability of timetables.

FREE MAP

A free map may be obtained at the Metro Bus office at 855 Main St., Buffalo, or 1008 Buffalo Ave., Niagara Falls, NY. Mail requests will be filled when accompanied by a legal size, self-addressed envelope bearing 20 cents postage, and sent to Metro Bus, 855 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14203.

Free Entrance Essay Contest

National Association
of Manufacturers

• The NAM will award a total of \$6500 to students, educators and employees of U.S. companies submitting the best statements on the benefits the free market system has provided the American people during our 200 year history.

• Twelve prizes of \$500 each will be awarded.

• The writer of the essay judged best will receive an additional \$500.

CONTEST RULES:

1. Entries must be postmarked no later than November 1, 1975.
2. They must be typewritten and double spaced.
3. There are two levels of competition. Division A for high school and college students. Division B for educators and employees of industrial firms. Six prizes of \$500 each will be awarded in each Division. An additional award of \$500 will be made to the one essay judged best.

5. The name, address and identification of the writer (student, teacher or employee including school or company) should appear at the top of the first page.

6. Essay writers should concentrate on the benefits the free market system has provided the American people during our 200 year history.

7. The panel of judges will select winning-essays based on their aptness and clarity in identifying and documenting the benefits which individuals have derived from our free market system. The decision of the judges will be final.

8. NAM cannot be responsible for manuscripts. They become our property and will not be returned.

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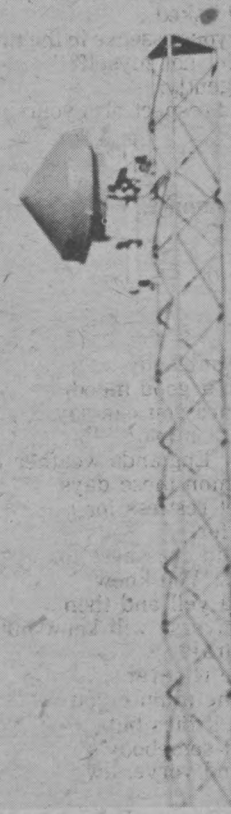


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What is it?

ALONE

You extend your hand;
I reached out and took hold.
Together we started to walk down the road.
The road's name - "Life;" Our destination - "Friendship."
We came upon many hardships:
Winding roads, blocked highways, and dead ends.
Yet, with each other we were able to continue,
And our embrace grew stronger with each sunrise.
Then we came to a fork in the road,
Yielding a sign of warning - "Caution!"
Trying to point this out, you said,
"It must be for someone else;
With our relationship how could it pertain to us?"
You started walking to the right,
And I continued toward the left
Our hands snapped, as did our friendship.
Now, all we share alike is this road called "Life,"
Each struggling on at opposite ends
Without the support of the other - "Alone."



Dennis W. Morley

Poet's Page

SONET 20 (13 line sequel to no. 19)

by Daryl Smith

Summer has now grown too hot
and summer's end is old beauty wilting in rain.
those tears you've thrown behind my eyes
I will not weep — neither from ducts shall they seep
since too foolishly have I filled dry river beds deep!
my love you do not want? yet my love you need —
and my love you have — so upon this truth feed.
Now that your summer's dark — mine I only see better,
twice as bright does mine shine
into your "true" heart that whines and fights
like moon with clouds on some luscious still night!
Oh that I may with Love one eve speak
to ask how she both makes us strong
and slaps us weak!

REFLECTIONS ON A PLACE OF THE AGED

Awakened from short sleep and drowsy eyed, I heard a voice say,
"Time to deliver groceries to the old folks,
You know its not nice to keep them waiting."
So I found myself stuffing cardboard boxes with no particular care,
Into the back seat of the mag-wheeled, stereo-equipped car.
And down tree shaded, pitted roads went friend and I,
My eyes were still drowsy, but my mind was on rock 'n roll.

So came we, to a well planned place, (And I, having some taste for modern architecture,
though it was practical).
And so each grabbed a box, slammed the car door shut,
and bickered about how many of the god-damn things we had left.
And walking up the sidewalk, I then noticed how the cubicles were arranged;
The cheap fiber-board constructed prison cell blocks,
surrounded by soggy grass on which a sprinkler labored - unattended.
And on the doors were the names of the interned; like gravestones - but then no - the names
were punched out on warped and faded dyna-labels - and I felt no permanence.

And with each room delivered, with each wrinkled face asking,
"Excuse me." through faded and sorry eyes (many had trouble signing the food stamps),
my heart grew weary and I woke up.
Then came we to one apartment, an old woman who lived alone.
Fragile as the blistered weed in winter wind she was, her head thin of hair.
Not regretful was she in any way — only friendly. What drives her?
Speaking hellos, I force a shy smile over pity that has turned my eyes away.
I looked at the pictures on the wall, as I had done in every room,
photographs of smiling sons, daughters, and grandchildren -
it's good to know they have them.
I look at the old photographs of themselves, young bright eyed maidens,
and stern doughboy uniformed lads, framed along with Armistice Day
flags and eagles.
They're Christians too I can see - upon the walls hung crosses and smiling
drawings of Jesus.
And to my disgust hung there the funeral parlor calendars,
waiting for the carrion like hungering vultures.

And so I woke up that bright summer morning -
And to the Pities my soul asked,
"Why am I so sorrowed by your essence in the things that I have seen?
Why do I respect them, but not myself?"
And the Pities answered gently,
"Be not afraid, but pity and respect also yourself, as they, for you are destined to take the
long path also -
and of your regrets?
they'll comfort you not -
for you have just seen humanity."

Timothy James Montgomery
1975

Hey somebody
I'm in a good mood
O sure you can say
"wait a minute" like
New Englands weather but
aw c'mon these days
I get restless for
joy for
splendid crassness for
Things, You know
I gotta yell and then
the universe will know but
I'm afraid
O sure it never
fails the minute you
say it it dies but
I need somebody's
vim and verve, aw
c'mon
Hey somebody.

Marty Gesegnet



A FRIEND AND A GREEN CASTLE COVE

A windblown ride, born of cycle wheels
Defies the sun to a lively chill
That melts and melts in a willowy sun
That is tired of its breeze-blown rays.

And the last blown ray that melts and melts
Finds frolic in a green castle cove.
It's lost in the shelter of the silencing warmth
That echos in laughter and truths.

And melts and melts in the sweetness of light,
Of two borrowed daisies
And You.

Cathy Tobia

Last night I crucified my pain
Pounding the nails in almost revenge
Only to look up to see
there also hanging — my joy.

by Andrea Ross

ERRANT KNIGHT

by Nathaniel Thompson

Talking to the Keeper,
and leading the conversation.
About what I heard before I came,
to the House with a racing car —
Sparkling in front.
About a man on horseback
passing out parole.

Exaggeration — He said.

Then here comes a neighbor —
Shuffling — old and dried up
seeping up rain and water
with a beard like soap.
Asking for a paper
which reads parole.

Finally — all the gas runs out
and I ain't made parole.
I look in the mirror — There —
There I see a neighbor
looking through the window
at a racing car — rusting in front,
watching for a man on horseback —
passing out parole.

POETRY RETRACTION

There was a misprint in the Sept. 26 issue of The Ascent. Under "Poet's Corner," the "Library" poem was written by Daryl Smith. The "Thanks" poem was written by Kathy Duffy. The Ascent is sorry for the error.

Health Fair

Wed. Nov. 19
Wick Center
10 A.M.-4 P.M.

Various health agencies will set up tables, exhibits and displays on different diseases and health related projects.

Films will be shown in Rooms 113-115 in Wick for anyone interested in learning more about a particular subject.
Slides on various topics will be shown at the site of displays.

Some displays may include the Narcotic Van (in RHC parking lot), a kidney dialysis machine and a Breath-a-lizer.

The health organizations volunteer time and materials in order to educate schools and communities. The Health Fair will be open to the outside community as well as to RHC students, faculty and staff.

New York State Assembly Intern Program

OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO BE INVOLVED IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

I. Assembly Session Internship Program:
where — Albany, New York — Capitol
when — January 5, 1976 — May 28, 1976
stipend — \$500 for students whose home residence is more than 25 miles from the capitol; \$125 for students whose home address is within 25 miles.

eligibility:
1. matriculating graduate and undergraduate (except freshmen) students.
2. N.Y.S. resident or matriculated in a N.Y.S. college or university.
3. interns may enroll in no more than 6 credit hours of course work other than the internship during the Spring semester, 1976.

4. applications may be accompanied by a letter from concentration chairperson indicating how participation in this program fits into the student's degree requirements.

Applications are due to college liaison, Mary Ann Stegmeier, by November 1, 1975.

Applications are available in the CP&PO.
II. Other Programs Offered by the Assembly — Information in CP&PO.

A. N.Y.S. Assembly Fellows Program provides full-time placement for graduate students for the period January 1, 1976 through August 15, 1976. stipend — \$5,000. eligibility — students matriculating in a graduate program in N.Y.S.

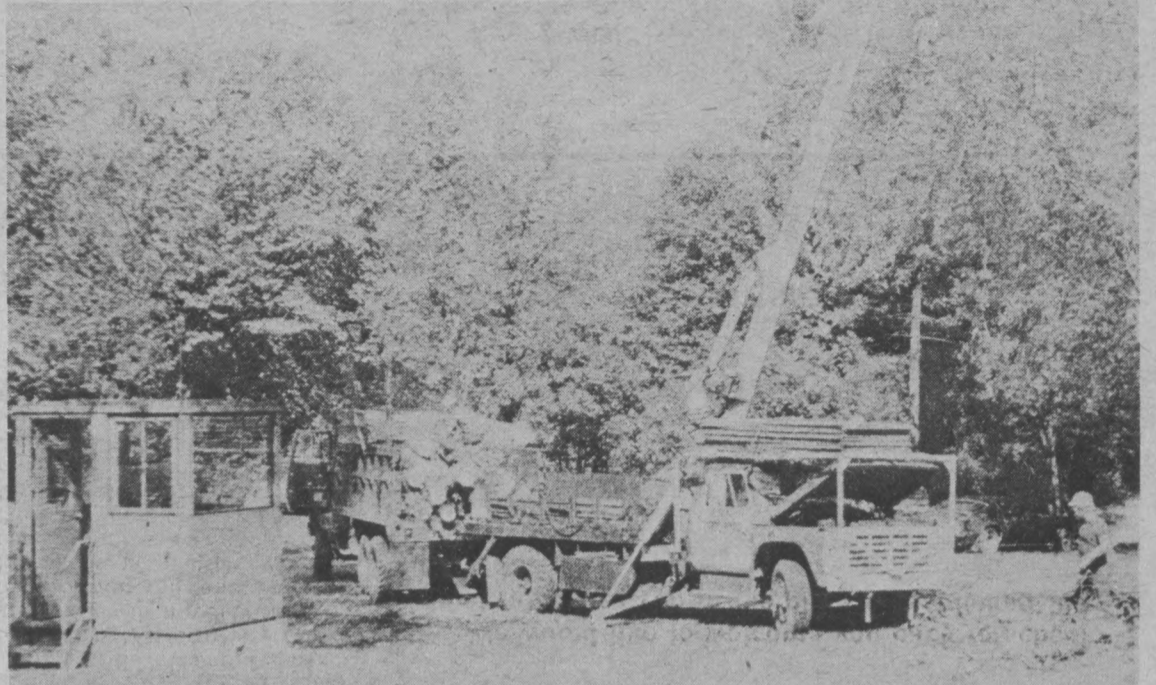
B. Summer Intern Program — 10 weeks. Individual research projects — \$1,500.

C. Legislative Internship Course Credit Program — for one semester. No stipend.

D. January Internship — intern committee will assist in the placement and coordination of work assignments.

(Where to Live? — The Intern Program Office prepares a list of available housing and dormitories for students temporarily relocating in the Albany area to participate in the program.)

Tree Chopping Time at The Hill



Literacy Volunteers

Each week, 220 volunteers in the Buffalo area give two hours of their time to teaching adults to read. They are Literacy Volunteers and are identified by a tiny lapel pin that is quickly recognizable. Literacy Volunteers include 3,000 instructors in eight states and their purpose is to instruct in Reading.

On November 13, the Students Interested in Reading (SIR) group here on Rosary Hill's campus will welcome a speaker from the Western New York group who will introduce us all to the program and to its possibilities for us, not only as teachers, but as informed and caring citizens. The meeting is open to the public and all interested members of the community, college or neighborhood, are welcome. The meeting will begin at eight o'clock in Schenck Lounge.

Memo From Sister DeSales

I have received a number of inquiries from students and faculty about purchasing copies of HILLSIDES, the memoirs of Sister Georgia Dunn's life at Rosary Hill College from 1948 to 1973.

For a limited time HILLSIDES will be available for \$5.00. Send name, address, zip code and check or money order made out to HILLSIDES, Box 640, Rosary Hill College, Buffalo, NY 14226.

Dear Cleo

You've heard of "Dear Abby." Well, the Ascent will have its own Dear Cleo column beginning with our next issue. There will be a box at Wick desk where you may deposit your letters. All letters will be kept confidential, and need not be signed.

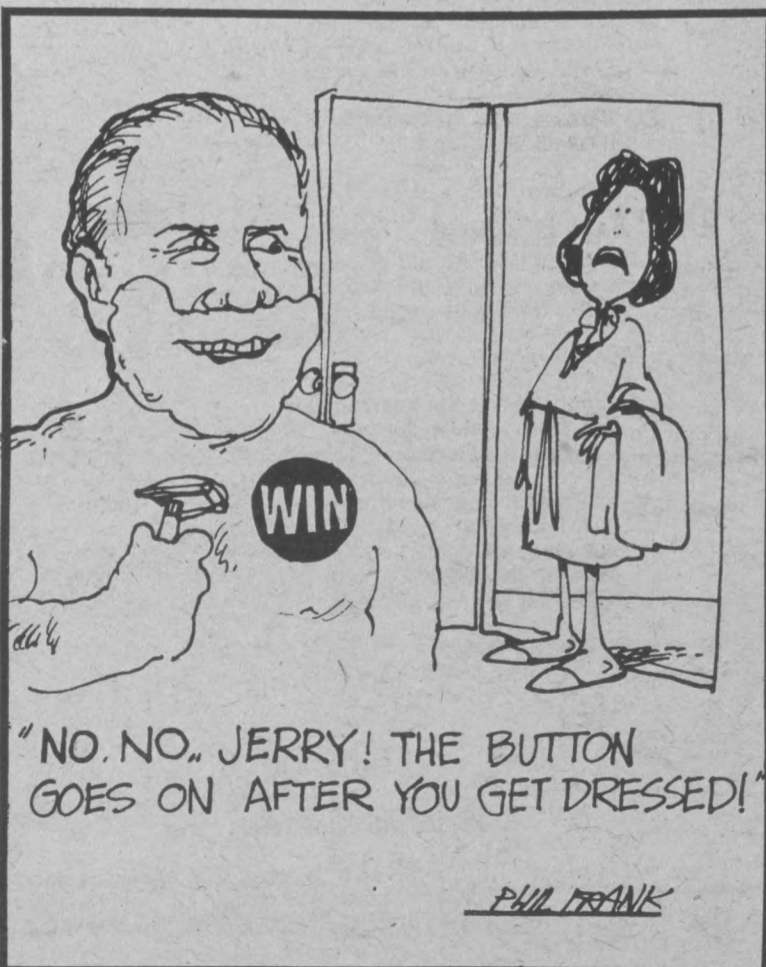
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