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H'BURG SIX FORUM HELD AT HACC

by Ro Scanlon

A public forum was held at Harrisburg Area Community College on Sunday night to acquaint the public with the facts on the Harrisburg Six. The purpose of the meeting was to gain information on the trial and what legalities are involved, to gain information about the people involved, and to look at the particular group of people and what will be happening to them during the coming week.

Ned Irish, a Capitol Campus Humanities senior, opened the program by singing "Blowin' in the Wind" and "For What It's Worth" and by urging the audience to sing along with him.

The first speaker of the evening was Arthur Berger, an attorney from the 19th district in Harrisburg who is also a volunteer ACLU lawyer representing some of the witnesses in the Harrisburg Six trial. Mr. Berger discussed some legal aspects of the case.

According to Mr. Berger, the Harrisburg Six have been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury for two counts of conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States, that is, against a federal law. The possible punishment for these offenses is \$10,000 or five years imprisonment or both. The punishment for conspiracy to transport a kidnapped person (i.e. Mr. Kissinger) is a possible life imprisonment. These two charges have been filed against

all persons involved. Miss McAllister and Mr. Berrigan also are held on three other counts, each carrying up to ten years imprisonment.

The Harrisburg Six will be arrained next week, then the defense will use "discovery proceedings", and then the trial.

Mr. Berger commented that a very obvious problem in a conspiracy trial will be the very nature of the charge, "a very vague kind of crime." Another problem encountered in this conspiracy trial will be the change in the Immunity Statute. Formerly, if a person was called on to testify, he would be absolved. Now, the three-week old Immunity Statute states that if a person is called on to testify, his testimony will not be held against him. Mr. Berger called the new statute "very limiting".

Following Mr. Berger's talk, Tom Davidson gave an appeal for money. Davidson is the Co-ordinator of Peace Movement in this area. "We have a very drastic need for money...three law schools have turned over their staffs to legal research," Davidson said.

It was expected that one of the defendants would show up for the meeting. However, it was later disclosed that the defendants could not come because they want to counsel with the other defendants first. There will be a Press Conference during the week in which they are expected to make a statement.

The next speaker was Sister Susan Cordas, a Dominican nun from the East Coast Conspiracy to Save Lives. Sister Susan gave the audience the history of the "Catholic Radicals."

Father Phil Linden, a Josephite speaker, discussed the disruption of the Selective Service. "The draft is immoral and unjust because of...root inequity," Father Linden commented. The poor are still hardest hit by the draft. "And for political and economic reasons, we commit genocide in Southeast Asia."

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Amazing Talent Show Coming!

by Missy Rotondaro

Are you tired, run down? Has your perk gotten up and left? Well, this will put the perk right back into you. Do you know why? The talent show is coming. That's right kids. On February 15, 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium, the amazing talents of Capitol Campus students will come together to put on a show you won't be believing.

Have you ever seen Len Thompson dance a tarrentella? No, well you will that night. Dan Hoss will be there, too, singing a few tunes. Then there's Ned Irish and Doe Perkowska. They'll be there. A couple senators from SGA will be there. You won't want to miss their act. There are many, many more who will be there that night, singing, dancing, and making you laugh.

Working together as organizers of the talent show are Mrs. Brown, Miss Murphy and Skip Lewis. If you know these three people, you know that a great show is guaranteed. And the spirit is fantastic, says Mrs. Brown. Everyone is cooperating. Invaluable assistance is being provided by people such as Miss Vance, Dean South, Mr. Bierly and Mrs. Stettler, Larry Myers and Ramon Harris are just two of the students who are also aiding in making the talent show a success.

Emcees, Bob Lewis and George Hardy will be on hand throughout the evening, carrying the show along. Be there, too, ok? Or better still, Be In It. If there's anything you'd like to do, come along and join the fun. See Mrs. Brown in the Student Affairs Office. You never know: "A star may be born" that night!

AFROAMERICAN OPTION

Professor Lewis, chairman of the Faculty Council, reported that the faculty has indicated its approval of the addition of an Afro-American Studies Option, pursuant to the endorsement of the proposed option by the Faculty Council as academically feasible. Forty of the 55 faculty votes were for approval.

VISTA TO RECRUIT HERE TODAY

VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) representatives are sponsoring a special recruiting campaign on the Capitol Campus of Penn State University, January 27 through 29 to recruit specialists and generalists who want to help solve some of America's domestic problems.

VISTA is seeking mature, skilled men and women to live and work with America's disadvantaged. For one year, a VISTA volunteer will live and work side by side with the poor. For one year, a VISTA volunteer acts as a bridge between those in need and existing services and opportunities. On a personal, one-to-one basis, the volunteers apply their skill and dedication to helping low-income groups solve specific problems. Volunteers live and work in a big city slum, a rural hollow, or an Indian reservation.

In addition to young men and women with natural ability and a well-rounded education, specialists—those with training in business, teaching, health services, architecture, city planning, law agriculture, and other special fields—are needed.

VISTA offers the opportunity and challenge of service, and can provide an essential part of education, representing a necessary complement to academic educational pursuits. VISTA volunteers are willing to tackle the tough jobs, because they have made a commitment to serve America.

If you're mature, dedicated and capable, and want to donate a year of your life to helping this nation's poor quit being poor, make the VISTA scene. Check in with the VISTA representatives on campus January 27 through 29.

Have a question on VISTA? Dial toll-free 1-800-424-8580.

SABBATH SERVICE

The Jewish Student Association of Capitol Campus (Hillel) will hold a Sabbath Service at 8:00 p.m., Friday, January 29th, at the B'Nai Jacob Synagogue, in Middletown. Rabbi David Ben-Ami will officiate.

"Harrisburg Six" Rally

from the Harrisburg
Peace Group

"We are a group of radical Catholics who have identified ourselves with non-violent disruptive activities to focus attention of institutions and people on alternatives and options for peace." (Father Phil Linden on the peace group to which the Harrisburg Six belong).

Harrisburg is the scene of new indictments against leaders of the peace movement. This time it is not campus rioters, Weathermen, or violent protestors being indicted, but priests and nuns whose philosophy excludes violence, whose philosophy is the development of the brotherhood of man guided by the principles of non-violence and the sanctity of human life.

This group of peacemakers, known as the Harrisburg Six, have expended their lives questioning the seeming injustice in a system which permits economic exploitation of underdeveloped countries and murders an Asian people under the guise of "preserving freedom". Officials of that same system accuse these six of a crime which has brought the public eye to focus on a "conspiracy" of such proportions as to make it look like a national emergency.

The media has further distracted the American public's attention from the ultimate ends which these peacemakers pursue: to place the development of the entire human community before the political and economic advancement of one nation: secondly, to quote Daniel Berrigan, "To pull the mask of legitimacy from the inhuman and blind face of power"; and

thirdly, to awaken in the hearts of people a respect for human life.

What cause today is worth living for and worth dying for? This is a question these six have come to terms with, a question we might well consider. A cause so noble could never be accomplished by one person or a few. It demands the support of a loving community expressing itself, not in theory, but in deed.

There is still time for all who cherish peace, freedom, and moral integrity to stand up, speak out, and work together. We must meet together and demonstrate publicly where we stand.

Finally a mass rally with a number of speakers is planned for Friday, January 29 at noon of the State Capitol Building. From this rally point a march will proceed to and around the Federal Building.

THIS RALLY IS VITAL! RALLY FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM January 29, 1971



The Capitol Campus Six—Seniors in Water Resources who designed the Peace Symbol which stands in the courtyard behind the Ad Building.

CHINESE NEW YEAR - JANUARY 30

Chinese New Year is coming! Capitol Campus will celebrate the occasion in authentic fashion on Saturday, January 30. The celebration will include Oriental films, fortune cookies, Chinese tea and families from the Harrisburg Chinese Community (with some in traditional garb). The festivities will get under way at 3:00 p.m. at the Student Center. It is open without charge to all students, faculty, and staff.

The primary film to be shown is entitled "Gaining Sons without Losing Daughters". The production won top awards at the recent Oriental Film Festival. The film has been received from the Embassy of the Republic of China.

The event is being coordinated by the Student Affairs Office, in conjunction with the Office of the Dean of Faculty and Dr. Shih-Chuan Chen, Associate Professor of Humanities and Oriental Civilization. Stephen D. Millman, Assistant to the Dean, Student Affairs explained that the project was undertaken as part of the campus cultural programming mandate.

Dr. Chen explained that the particular New Year being honored at the campus is according to the "farmers' calendar". In this system, there are 12 animals representing a cycle of 12 years. This coming year is demarcated the "Year of the Pig".



A Happy New Year-Written by Dr. Chen.

Mr. Millman indicated that "the event could symbolize the great knowledge that can be gained by mutual sharing across different cultural traditions."