

Ed Beck, new counselor

by R. W. Bonaker

Ed Beck, Capitol's new counselor, is a man of action. Having just arrived from "Big Apple" (New York City) in mid-November, he is already inserting himself into the swing of life at Capitol Campus.

His studies and work experiences plus his refreshingly vibrant spirit gives added strength to the counseling services. Marian Kreiger, who has been promoted to the position of psychologist in the Counseling Center will obviously appreciate his addition to Capitol's vital program.

Hailing from the Bronx, New York, Ed graduated from Horris Mann High School. He furthered his education by earning a bachelor of science degree with a major in Special Education at New York University. He received an M.A. in Counselor Education, also from N.Y.U. Ed has also studied extensively in England and Mexico. Previously, he has worked at N.Y.U. in the area of student personnel activities. He has also worked at Rutgers University, helping to develop the first year of that school's open enrollment program. His final experience before coming to Capitol centered on his duties as director of student activities at New York City Community College.

He believes students should exert "their own best influence." As a newcomer, he plans to spend the first few months learning the campus way of life. "Capitol Campus is a change of pace from New York. I'm impressed with the atmosphere here. People are much more helpful and friendly, something you don't usually find in New York."

As a counselor, he considers himself to possess a necessary attribute; that of being a good listener, someone to rap with. "I want to do a number of things, but they are hard to spell out at this time. I do know that I will address myself to the needs of students." He also stresses his vast experience in working with minority group students.



Mr. Edward Beck

"I am especially interested in doing group work. I plan to work with Marian on many of the existing programs. I enjoy the professionalism in this department and the fact that many of the fields of dealing with students that are so effective are already well established here." He is also interested in promoting human development and personal growth.

Ed defines the role of the counselor to be "an advocate of student concerns; to be close to the pulse of student opinion. Trust is one factor which is most important. Only when he earns the complete trust of the students can a counselor be truly effective. Possessing a friendly and personable disposition is also of importance. You know, counselors don't bite."

He again adds that he has many plans for his role in the Counseling Center racing through his head, "It almost sounds as if I'm running for office," he muses. "But I do want people to get in touch with their won feelings about various matters and about themselves."

Ed loves all sports, especially skiing and hiking. He professes his love for music, all types of music from classical to jazz to far out electronics. And he loves to cook. Currently residing in Hershey, he and his wife are expecting their first child next April. He is a man of many moods. "I can be silly when it is time to be silly and serious when it is time to be serious."

He finds great enjoyment in his vocation. "I consider counseling not to be my work, but to be a way of life. Counseling is not necessarily a 9 to 5 job in an office

atmosphere." Ed adds that students may call him anytime if they wish to share news with him. His home phone number is 533-5393. "Counseling is not hearing just bad news from students, I like to hear good news as well."

While commenting on the academic programs at Capitol, he says, "From what I've seen, the departments in this school have exciting course offerings, if students let themselves get into them. I believe the inter-disciplinary approach to be what the kids want. It is something that in the past has been denied them at schools I have attended."

The CAPITOLIST welcomes Ed Beck and wishes him success.

Reporter Caged for pictures

Los Angeles, Ca. (LNS;CPS)-- Ron Ridenour, a reporter for the "Los Angeles Free Press" was sentenced in late September to one year in jail and faces the possibility of one and a half more years for other misdemeanors.

Ridenour was arrested while attempting to photograph the beating of Ron Kovic, a paralyzed Vietnam veteran, by two undercover agents. Kovic was part of a demonstration protesting the mining of Haiphong Harbor outside the Committee to Reelect the President. Apparently two plainclothesmen spotted him and shouted to a policeman to arrest him. Ridenour was later charged with interfering with Kovic's arrest, resisting his own arrest, and creating a "riot" (a minor riot). He was released on \$500 bail and his camera returned with the film exposed.

"Several witnesses watched as agents Mike Miranda and Joe Robinson, who had been posing in civilian clothes as demonstrators, grabbed Ron Kovic out of his wheelchair and proceeded to twist his arms," Ridenour recalled, "beat his shoulders and back and later throw him into a police car in such manner as to possibly break his permanently deadened legs."

Ridenour was told that the charges "came from downtown." He later reported that the arresting officer told him, "They (the undercover agents) certainly have it in for you, Ron." During the past several years Ridenour has written about various police activities.

An appeal for a new trial was denied even though the defense found the undercover agent who fingered him, and who the prosecutor said didn't even exist. The judge denied the motion for a new trial on the grounds that one policeman's testimony would not alter the results.

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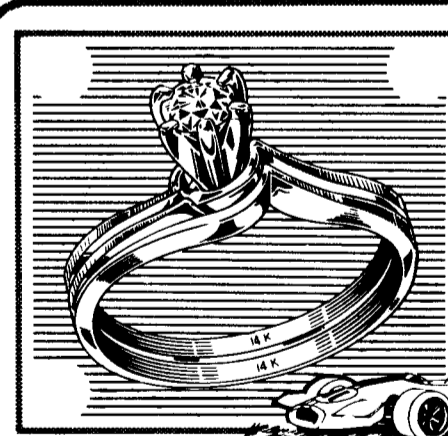
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