8—The Daily Collegian Monday, July 7, 1980 abor union accuses disco of racial discrimination women who "came down here with improper driver's license," Barbara Lee, one of the five

By ELYSE CHILAND Daily Collegian Staff Writer

Racial discrimination was cited as the reason about 60 members of the Communication Workers of America labor union recently staged an impromptu protest rally in front of a popular State College night spot. Both the manager and co-owner of the establishment denied the charge. "I'll tell you right off that that's real farfetched," said Liz Pierce, manager of Mr. C's discotheque, 112 W. College Ave. "We do not discriminate. On an average night, we have a clientele which is 25 to 35 percent black. . . . Our clientele is very diverse; we get Iranians, Armenians, Orientals, blacks, homosexuals, heterosexuals. . . '

The rally, which featured a rousing chorus of the song "Solidarity Forever" and the chant "Down with C's, " began after a black woman member of the union, whose members were at the University last week for a conference that ended Thursday, was not admitted to Mr. C's Wednesday night. The woman was denied admission because she arrived with four other *

I.D.s, acting loud and boisterous," said Chris Papas, co-owner of the night club, as the rally

However, Lorraine Thomas, the woman denied admission, said "I think it's because I'm sort of dark-skinned." "I can't imagine anything these women could have possibly done to provoke being turned

away," said Donald Kennedy, conference coordinator and an instructor for the department of Labor Studies. Kennedy said the women are from the Washington, D.C.-Maryland area. The five women, who are between the ages of 29 and 50 years old, arrived at Mr. C's at about

11:15 p.m. and were asked for identification, Kennedy said. Four of the women provided both a driver's license and a Bell Telephone employee identification card, which includes a photograph of the worker as well as the worker's birthdate. he said. Thomas, who does not drive, also showed the doorman her Bell employee card, he

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much because when I came from English as a second language was Venezuela I knew nothing at all," he challenging, yet they said they liked

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women, said. The employee card was not a sufficient piece of identification because it is "not recognized as legal proof of age by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board," Pierce said. She said the law requires both a photo I.D. and a state- issued form of identification for admittance to Mr. C's.

situation involves a question about iden tification. "I was not there at the time the incident occured," she said. The women returned to campus and contacted Kennedy. "These were five mature, well-dressed black women who are not used to being treated in what they interpreted as a discriminatory way," he said



The women asked to speak with the manager of the disco, Lee said, but were told that unless they knew her they would not be able to speak with her. Doormen at Mr. C's are instructed to ask anyone who wishes to see the manager if they know her. Pierce said, particularly if the

and about 55 other union members, but were told to leave by the doorman, Kennedy said. By this time, co-owner Papas was at the disco, but "would not talk," Kennedy said. "I tried to

Program challenging, successful Crash course conveys culture

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He also said that after the English

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By SUSAN RICCI

Daily Collegian Staff Writer Did you ever imagine yourself going to said. "Now I can understand." school in a foreign country and not knowing its language or culture? Twenty foreign students are experiencing "culture American style" through the University's Intensive English

Program. The program began last summer and is jointly run by the Speech Communications Department and Continuing Education. Although partially funded by the University, the program is not a part of the curriculum and gives no academic credit. Therefore, it is open to anyone who wishes to learn English and communicate in American society.

According to Sue Jenkins, director of the program, the primary emphasis for the student is to work with language skills and the cultural aspects of English: speaking, listening, reading and writing.

"We don't try to teach them to speak like Americans," she said, "We try to make them intelligble. In order to help them fit into the system, reading and writing skills are necessary."

The program is designed to help students increase their communicative pilities as efficiently as possible. Yet, liffers from most English programs ecause the instructors by necessity tart from scratch: their students know rtually nothing about America or its nguage. In order for the program to ork, students must learn English rammar structure, vocabulary and

on-verbal languag The Intensive English students come rom a variety of cultures, but most are tizens from Venezuela. These students tend classes in the Human Developent East building, Monday through riday, five hours a day for eight weeks. At the end of one 8-week term, a udent who had no prior knowledge of nglish can basically function in veryday American society, Jenkins aid. Yet, it could take nine months to a ear for that student to be able to attend asses and speak, write, and read ef-

Venezualean student, Hector)rtiz, said the program was very eneficial. "I think it has helped very

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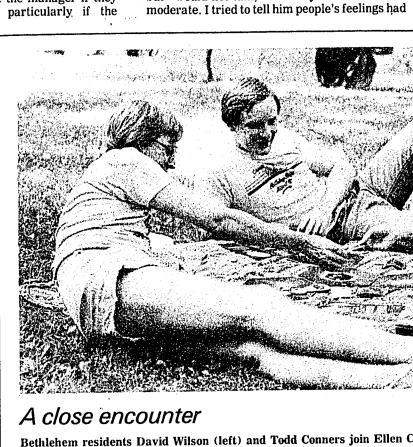


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Bethlehem residents David Wilson (left) and Todd Conners join Ellen Carangi (9th-marketing) for a mellow July 4 afternoon at Holmes Foster Park on South Sparks Street. The trio, the sole humanoid picnickers in the entire park, partook of a relaxing game of Close Encounters while many University students encountered bumper to bumper traffic en route to their holiday destinations.



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racism. A State College police officer at the scene said police were called to Mr. C's by Papas. Four police cars and about six officers were at the disco, while three University Police Services officers stood across the street. "Now they're going to incite a riot," a State PEANUTS

College policeman said. "We're going to have to start hauling them in." During the short rally a policeman directed a racial slur at one of the union members who proved to be "more mature" and ignored the remark, Kennedy said. "There were a couple of

people challenging my people," he said. Kennedy said he would like to meet with Papas and Pierce to discuss the incident and ask for an apology. But although Pierce "feel(s) badly that it was blown into such a major affair," she said "What should we apologize for? The women was refused admittance because all she had was a Bell Telephone I.D. For that, we cannot,

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