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Fraud and violence in UPRS

'Union is lost,' says ex-pres

by Robert J. Kosinski

Eduardo Camacho, former president of the Union for Puerto Rican Students (UPRS), says that outside infiltration from socialist forces has greatly reduced the viability of the Union as a legitimate campus organization. Camacho says that he resigned as president of the Union when he saw the trend in its activities shift from dealing with problems of Puerto Rican students on campus to ideological indoctrination.

"In the sixties, a lot of organizations were infiltrated by wings of political parties," says Camacho. "This is what has happened to the Union for Puerto Rican Students. The Union today is not the same as it was a year ago."

The party wing which Camacho refers to in this instance is FUSP (Federación Universitaria Socialista Puertorriqueña) of which UPRS President Luis Gutierrez is a member. FUSP is the university contingent of the Puerto Rican Socialist Party.

Of FUSP, Camacho explains, "Their specific purpose is ideological and they teach that Puerto Ricans can not get into high posts in the administration or else they have sold out or 'become a pig', as they put it."

Camacho adds that this is the reason for the present Union's rejection of former advisor Max Torres of the Counseling Center and Jose

Morales, recently appointed Vice-President of Student Affairs.

It was also Gutierrez and the UPRS that rejected the present Advisory Board to University President James Mullen in the selection of a director of the C.L.A.S.E.S. Institute, a community program for latinos. Gutierrez claimed that the steering committee was selected by Mullen without consulting the Union.

At a meeting with Mullen and other administrators to discuss the matter, Camacho learned of his expulsion from the Union for not resigning from the Advisory Board. Gutierrez and his group refused to talk with the President as long as Camacho and other expelled members Maria Rodriguez and William Guerra were present and subsequently walked out of the meeting.

The C.L.A.S.E.S. controversy has elevated emotions to a fever pitch and Camacho says that he can document about ten physical attacks by members of the Union on at least five students among his group.

Camacho adds, "My brother is walking around with a cast on his arm because of one of these attacks and he was threatened not to come to Northeastern anymore. He won't be coming back for awhile."

Camacho also told of an instance in which University Professor Jose Lopez was restrained at a Union meeting while trying to attack a stu-



Luis Gutierrez [left] and Eduardo Camacho as they appeared last year at a meeting with the president to discuss the retention of English Professor Harry Hild. Camacho was president of the Union for Puerto Rican Students then, but serious internal conflicts caused him to resign. [Photo by Pat O'Brien]

dent. Lopez wife is reportedly a director of the Puerto Rican High School.

Camacho maintains that Lopez is associated with FUSP and had threatened to leave the university if Morales was

hired or if Gutierrez was forced to leave.

According to Camacho, Lopez has been instrumental in supplying votes in UPRS decisions from the Puerto Rican High School, seen in the many

decisions in favor of FUSP proposals.

Camacho says that on one impeachment vote, the necessary two-thirds vote had not been attained though the im-

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Commuter Center

What's behind the wall?

by Diane Dockery

The new Commuter Center's first occupant will be the Book Nook, scheduled to move in by September.

Other facilities expected to open during the fall term are the new cafeteria and the new buffeteria, the lower level; and student activity space, conference rooms, offices and Alumni Hall — a large, multi-purpose activity room — on the main and upper levels.

"The temporary wall now separating the new Commuter Center from the present one will come down in a few weeks," said Cliff Harralson, director of the Commuter Center.

Behind that unsightly wall is a great deal more space, and its removal will more than double the width of the present corridor running along the sought dining hall. This area will feature a ticket office for student events near the gym

and auditorium.

The new cafeteria, unnamed as yet, has a spiral staircase leading to a lounge area, conference and activity rooms, offices of the Commuter Center and the Book Nook. In the center of the dining room will grow three real trees towards the triangular shaped skylight above.

Alumni Hall is the largest and most flexible space available. "It can accommodate 500 to 600 people for a sit-down meal," said Mr. Harralson, and he estimated "50 per cent more for auditorium-type seating."

With a projection booth, sound system (designed by members of the UNI Learning Services staff), controlled lighting, a movable partition and a portable stage, Alumni Hall is suitable for a variety of events. Productions, dances, art shows, registration, Career Day and events now held in the present Commuter Center's corridors could be scheduled

here, suggested Harralson.

A primary advantage of the hall is the unusual amount of storage space available, permitting set ups in advance of events and a place to quickly clear things away.

On the upper level are five activity rooms of varying size, accommodating from 30 to 100 people for a meal, more for a meeting. These rooms, like Alumni Hall, are intended for students' and others' events on a reserve basis, explained Harralson.

A pub is also located on the upper level. Approval for it is still pending in the legislature, however, and the space allotted the pub will be used temporarily by the Book Nook.

Once the new Commuter Center opens completely sometime this fall, remodeling will begin on the present facilities. The Book Nook will move again, this time to permanent quarters occupying the entire

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UNI hosts world-wide group

by Mary L. Robandt

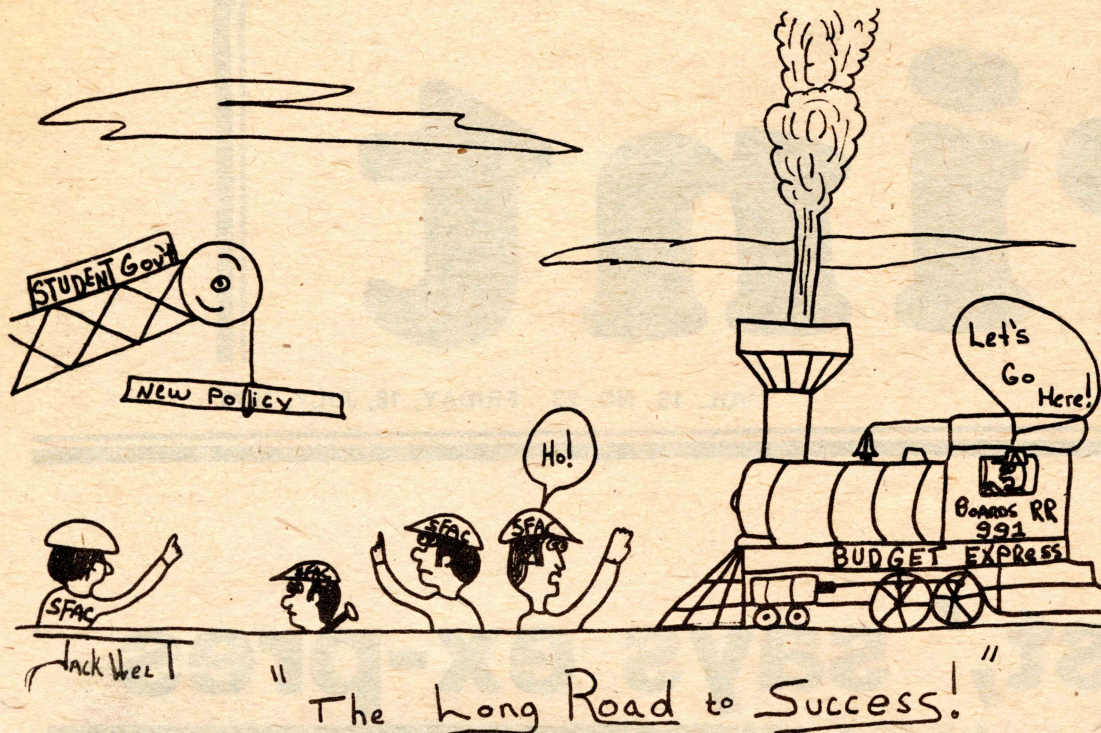
Cultural exchange programs are for adults as well as students, and Northeastern may be participating this fall.

Ben Coleman, director of Community Services, said that his office will be welcoming social workers from all over the world to a five-week American orientation program. This program will prepare the visitors for their ten-week experience in American social service agencies, and, Coleman said, will teach Americans

about the concept and practice of social service in other countries.

The participants will be sent to this country under the aegis of the Council of International Programs (CIP), in Cleveland, Ohio. CIP, a private agency, in conjunction with the State Department, sponsors annually a professional and cultural exchange program for professional social workers from abroad. Dr. Henry B. Ollendorff, Secretary General of

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Union for Puerto Rican Students

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peachment went through.

"When I questioned the decision," says Camacho, "one of the leaders of the Union told me, 'In a revolution, nothing is illegal.'"

Despite the participation of non-students in the chartered organization, Camacho questions the legality of other Union moves, such as operating without a sponsor and holding meetings at off-campus locations.

"They have tried all the ways that they can to get us out of the Union so now they've taken the Union away from us," says Camacho.

Camacho intends to form another group which he says will represent the views of the majority of Puerto Ricans at Northeastern. The new group would attempt to deal with specific problems of the latinos with regard to education and culture, including financial aid.

He emphasizes that the new organization would be non-political and not in opposition to the Union but an alternative.

"They talk about revolution," says Camacho, "What's happening at Northeastern is really revolutionary because there are so many latinos going here. We want to build an organization from our experience of what is wrong with the Union. We want to take over where the Union left off."

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announcements

THE STUDENT SENATE will fill two senate vacancies at the next meeting. Anyone interested in filling one of those positions should submit his or her name at the Senate office in E-205S or come to the meeting, July 21, at 7 pm in the North Dining Hall.

STUDENTS MAY OPT FOR PASS/FALL for courses for the summer term by completing the appropriate forms in the Record Office the week of July 28 - August 1, 1975.

THE SCREENING COMMITTEE of the Coordinator of the Women's Studies Program is seeking members from the community at large. If you are interested in helping choose a Coordinator, call Barbara Malin, Room C-522, ext. 421 (Center for Program Development).

CAREER COUNSELING is available now to August 1 in the Career Service Office, Room B-117. Counselors Roger Bash and Janice Ofman will be available mornings, Tuesday through Friday, and afternoons on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Students who are having difficulties in choosing, preparing for and applying for a career are especially welcome. A sign-in sheet is now at the secretary's desk in B-117; all interviews will be conducted in complete confidentiality.

BENEFIT PARTY for the Northeastern Illinois Veteran's Association will be held Saturday, July 26, at their clubhouse (4221 W. Irving Park, Oddfellows Temple's basement). There will be entertainment and a free pot luck dinner. The party starts at 8:00 p.m., admission one dollar; Association members will be admitted free, as usual.

CHILD ABUSE, adoption, day care - these are a few of the interests of College Students for Children's Services, a new club on campus. CSCS will help students with children get services, and allow students to work in the day care field, as well as discussing child welfare ideas and problems among friends. A 6-session non-credit course will be offered by CSCS in September dealing with parent-child understanding, at-home learning/play projects, and more. Call Josiane Caron, ext. 321 for more information.

STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF will not be able to gain access to parking lots from Foster Ave. No traffic will be permitted to exit on Foster Ave. from parking lots as the gates will be closed and locked on Friday July 18, 1975. They will remain locked and closed while the hazardous roadway thru the residential area will be repaired. Please use Bryn Mawr entrances for parking.

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'Don't wait to have a baby to try it'

by Mary L. Robandt

Whether or not a woman uses Johnson's Baby Shampoo isn't important, but early pregnancy diagnosis is. Judith Benjamin, a registered nurse, is currently helping Women's Services/Community Services specialist Josiane Caron inform UNI's female population of health facts.

Benjamin insists that "no matter how you feel about being pregnant, the sooner a pregnancy is determined, the better for the woman." Pregnancy tests are easy to diagnose and are quick and inexpensive, and there are many places which perform this service, whether or not a woman has her own doctor, or has money.

A urine specimen can be tested as early as two-to-four weeks after the first missed

period, Benjamin said, "which allows a woman to benefit from early pre-natal care, or, if necessary, a safe abortion can be performed." Early diagnosis can save much anxiety as well as sparing a woman the distress of a second-trimester (after 3rd month, not school term) abortion. Diagnosis can be repeated if a test shows negative and the woman still believes herself pregnant.

Caron said that Community Service's women's program has listed approved agencies where a woman can obtain testing, pelvic exams, and medical treatment. Whatever a woman's decision is concerning her pregnancy, these agencies can offer services or have referrals ready to other agencies which can offer them. Caron also explained that listings include

agencies which will accept insurance, green cards, or a sliding-scale payment schedule.

Benjamin, who is a student volunteer under Caron, has collected a few basic facts about pre-natal care which only nurses (and their daughters) often know. "Pre-natal care doesn't start at conception," Benjamin said, "but during a woman's teen years; her nutritional status, illness

history, use of drugs and alcohol all directly affect a later pregnancy."

Choice of a sympathetic, respectful obstetrician is paramount, Caron and Benjamin agree. Women who are pregnant or plan to be should find out whether they can relate comfortably to their doctor, whether he will approve a home delivery or the hospital he works with is desirable; if

her husband can be present during delivery if they choose, what kind of anesthesia (or alternate methods) are available, and what the approximate cost of delivery and medical care will be. Classes and information on pre-natal nutrition and diet, and on natural childbirth methods are given many places, and, like pregnancy testing, should be started early.

UNI hosts group

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CIP, was contacted by Jose Morales, VP of Student Affairs. Dr. Ben Meeker of the University of Chicago was then contacted, and he brought personnel from the Chicago branch of CIP to discuss the program with Coleman. Ollendorff also visited Community Services, and it was decided that UNI will host ten social workers from five continents in the fall.

In the nineteen years CIP has been in operation, about 3,000 social workers from 105 countries have participated. Each year about 175 people from seventy nations participate. The selection of visitors is very rigorous; they must be practicing social workers; no students or administrators; must speak fluent English, pass approval by the State Department, the foreign government, and unanimous vote by the CIP committee.

Coleman said that the five weeks of orientation will include seminars, observations, and visits in order to help participants get some back-

ground on American government, economy, culture and education; to give them an understanding of our major social problems and our social welfare structure; and most important, to allow both American social work students and faculty the chance to exchange ideas with practicing workers in their field.

It is something of an honor for UNI to be selected for this program, as a memoir from Ollendorff to Meeker in early June states:

"While a graduate or undergraduate school of social work would be best, it would be entirely feasible to make the necessary arrangements with a good department of a good college." Coleman is determined to make the experience as exciting and in-depth as possible in the short time. While the proper amount of scholarly classes and discussions will be held, Coleman said, "We'll all learn more, not in the sterile confines of a classroom, but out there — all over urban Chicago."

AISG picks new director

by Robert J. Kosinski

Mary McDonough Brady of Springfield was elected, July 11, as executive director of the Association of Illinois Student Governments (AISG). Brady, a staff representative for the Illinois State Employees Association, defeated Northern Illinois University graduate, Robert P. Simutis, by an 11 to 1 vote of the participating colleges and universities including Northeastern at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Brady, 26, claims over six years of political experience. She has directed numerous lobbying efforts in Springfield and has conducted or participated in the election efforts of Governor Dan Walker and William Singer, delivering large percentages of votes for her candidates in hostile coun-

ties and districts.

As legislative liaison for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Brady designed and supervised a legislative internship program, established the scope and procedures for a new federal liaison function, and developed liaison with citizen environmental groups.

Brady, as executive director of the AISG, intends to increase voter registration on affiliated campuses in order to build a powerful lobbying force in Springfield. She also hopes to influence decisions of the Illinois Board of Higher Education by developing proposals, recommending areas of action and presenting pertinent testimony; conduct political education and action programs and keep the member schools of the AISG

informed of action taking place in Springfield.

Brady has achieved a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in social science from the University of Illinois at Urbana with a political science grade-point average of 4.64 (on a 5.0 scale). Her husband is a member of the Illinois Board of Regents.

The Association of Illinois Student Governments is the only state-wide student organization in Illinois. Its purposes include supplying information and services to student governments in Illinois, keeping in close contact with government officials in Springfield, and fostering cooperation between educational institutions in providing and maintaining programs and services for students.

Commuter Center

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first floor: space now utilized by the food service.

The Media Board, Activity Board, Student Senate and others will have permanent space on the second floor of the current Commuter Center.

The game room will remain where it is on the lower level, but remodeling will expand the facilities of the other basement

occupants.

The PRINT will move downstairs into a larger area, and the typing room will also be enlarged and moved to the basement. Separate darkrooms are planned for the yearbook and the newspaper, WZRD radio station's facilities will be improved, and a storage room for the Book Nook will also be

located downstairs.

The underground corridor connecting the Classroom Building with the present Commuter Center will continue through the new Commuter Center.

The area directly above the tunnel on the first floor, to be called Main Street, will also provide direct access between the buildings, running through the present buffeteria.

The new Commuter Center was designed with three objectives in mind, said Mr. Harralson. These were to obtain as much space as possible for the money spent, to build flexibility into it, and to make the area easy and inexpensive to maintain.

Another concern was for accessibility to the handicapped. Low phones, low drinking fountains and a long, gentle ramp leading to the cafeteria are planned. The entrance facing the Science Building and the west end of the "B" wing will have pressure-sensitive automatic doors, and the ground will be gradually graded from the south parking lot to the main level of the Commuter Center.

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by Dan Pearson

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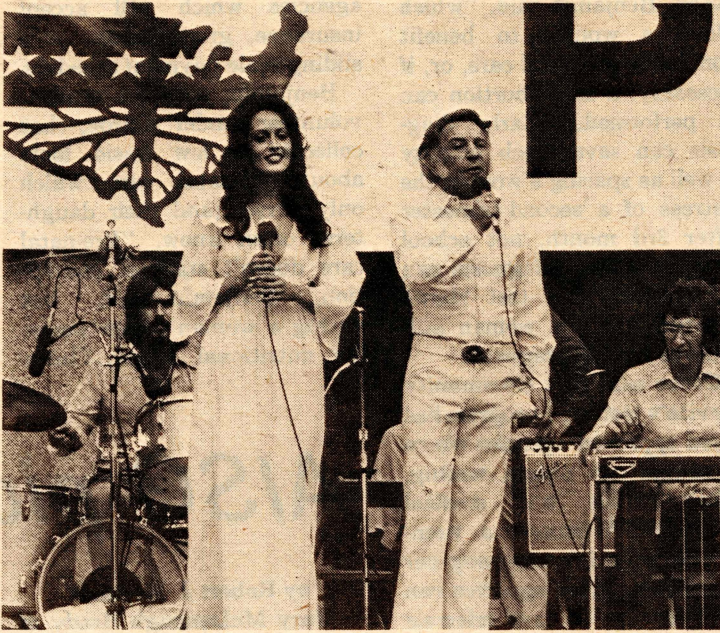
NASHVILLE is essentially the story of twenty-four individuals involved with each other and a political rally for five days in the good ole country-western capital of the USA, Nashville, Tennessee. I say essentially because the film cannot be defined. It is, at times, a rollicking musical, a satirical comedy, a moving social drama, a taut political documentary and a dark portrait of America; sometimes

all of these at once.

If there is any major fault in this film it is in its generosity. There is, as is Altman's style, a smorgasboard of visual and vocal delights to sample, which makes this a film that cannot be consumed at one sitting. There is just too much going on for two eyes and one brain to follow from scene to scene. That is the way this man makes his movies, like it or not. I happen to like it. Altman creates an environment, an atmosphere, not a story. What happens comes out of what has been created. He doesn't tell a story, he shows one.

It is impossible to devote the proper acknowledgement to this cast of characters. Many are veterans of previous Altman films, but all work together to create this sprawling spectacular. Many of the songs were written by the cast as well as certain dialogue.

Above all, Altman presents characters that are real and vivid. We get to know these people and react to them by



what we know. Geraldine Chaplin's ambition is forgiven by total inadequacies as a person. Keith Carradine's callousness is overshadowed by his unconfessed need. We respect and care for Lily Tomlin's gospel singer because she cares and respects herself. The flash and falseness portrayed

by Henry Gibson, Michael Murphy, and Karen Black is countered by the decent and sincere goodness of the people played by Keenan Wynn, Robert Doqui, Scott Glenn and Ronee Blakely. These are real people and not just characterizations.

NASHVILLE is a film of

America. It is a film about our values and our vices. This is a film about the Somebodies and all those who want to be the Somebodies. It is a story of people who sacrifice and are sacrificed. All of Altman's film since *M*A*S*H* have concluded with the physical or spiritual death of his antihero or as in *CALIFORNIA SPLIT* with a killing at the gaming table, if a point can be stretched. *NASHVILLE* continues in this bloody vein.

Moments after a totally senseless assassination attempt the gathered crowd at the political rally is participating in a sing-along. "This isn't Dallas, it's Nashville," declares a shocked country-western superstar as he is led from the platform, "so sing everybody, sing!" They do, but so does the audience, who clap and stomp and follow along on the chorus of "You may say that I ain't free, but it don't worry me," with an apathetic gusto that stuns.

Volunteering helps in job hunt

by Jeff Clever

While most people think of volunteer work as benefitting those in need, Career Services shows that the greatest benefit may be the volunteer himself.

On July 8, Career Services (Room B-117) conducted an-

other seminar on volunteering. The seminar emphasized the importance of volunteer work in helping a student find out what he does and doesn't like to do, before he makes a commitment to a paying job in that field.

"Volunteering is, or should

be, a large part of the students' education," said Janice Offman, coordinator of the job search seminars. "It makes the student aware of his abilities and tolerances towards a particular type of work, and helps him acquire resources related to career fact-finding. Of course, there's a great value to the community a student works for, too."

Offman recommended an organization in Chicago which is an excellent clearinghouse for volunteer openings and information. "The Volunteer Action Center (VAC) stresses that any interest can be matched by a volunteer position," said Offman.

Offman also pointed out that VAC places heavy em-

phasis on an interview with the prospective volunteer. "A very important part of VAC is their training program, Offman said, "including supervision, if needed."

The seminar also focused on the benefits to the community. In addition to the role it plays in the job selection process, the commitment that goes with volunteering is important to the people students help and work with. Some of the groups being served by VAC's program, for example, are the elderly, mentally retarded, ex-offenders and juvenile offenders.

Guest speaker Karen Lorch of the Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens, talked about her special interest in the

senior citizens of Chicago.

"You learn a lot about basic one-to-one relationships," Lorch explained. "It's so very important to be that human contact to older people. Also, you feel very good about what you're doing." Lorch assured the students that "as with any endeavor, it seems difficult to get started, and perhaps volunteering is the most difficult because you are dealing with people. But the hardest part of volunteering is the first few days. Then it becomes good to being to accomplish what you set out to do."

To obtain further information about volunteering, call the Volunteer Action Center, 427-9151, Ext. 213, or stop by the Career Services Office, Room B-117 (in the B-Wing).

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