

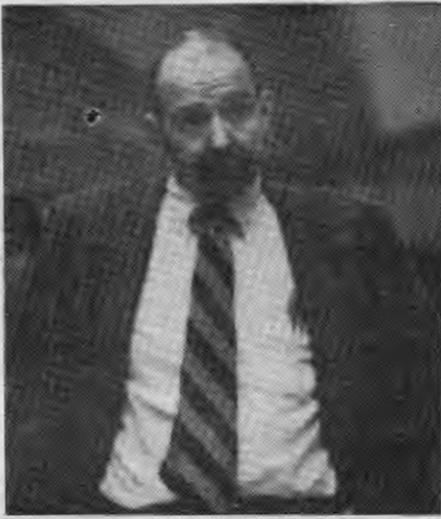


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SUNY College at Purchase

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College Says It Will Sue Protesting Students

BY ADAM J. NAGOURNEY

College officials have threatened to bring civil suit against a group of students identified as being central to a takeover of the College Administration Building that occurred last spring.

The threatened suit stems from a \$1200 phone bill that was incurred during the week-long occupation.

A list of 54 students, compiled by college administrators, were sent individual letters by registered mail by Dean of Students Ed Redkey. The letters informed them to pay their share of the bill by July 15th or face legal action. The letter followed an earlier one informing students that arrangements to pay the bill had to be made by July 15th.

Since that time, explained Redkey, only \$45 has been raised,

leaving a balance of just over \$1100. Redkey states that because of this outstanding debt, the College will supply the names of the students to the legal council of the State University of New York, who will then proceed through the Attorney General's office to bring civil suit against the students.

The deadline of July 15th has been extended, following an effort by Student Senate leaders to convince college officials to postpone the deadline until September, when further efforts at college-wide fund raising can be attempted.

The Administration Building takeover had been in protest of the refusal on the part of the SUNY Board of Trustees to hold open regional hearings with students regarding a proposed \$100 tuition and \$100 room rent hike.

Telephones had been used throughout the strike as students kept in touch with various media and with students on other State University campuses who had been involved in similar takeovers.

Since the letter was mailed, controversy has grown concerning the composition of the list itself. The Administration takeover had involved as many as 500 students at certain points, and there is no clear estimate of how many students maintained a constant vigil in the Administration Building throughout the week. There is also no way of determining which students used the telephones.

"The list represents the best we were able to draw up," says Redkey. "It's complete and fair as possible."

When questioned regarding the arbitrary nature of the list, Redkey

would only insist that it had been compiled fairly. He would not specify which administrators had been involved in drawing it up, but said that it was based on who they saw going in and out of the Administration Building, who they dealt with in negotiations throughout the week, and who answered the phones during the strike.

Nevertheless, many students feel that the list is both arbitrary and inaccurate.

"I really don't know why my name was on that list," said one particularly irate student. "I only was in the Administration Building twice during the whole takeover, and both times it was to attend mass meetings. I wasn't really in support of what they were doing." He has presented his case to Redkey's office.

Another student felt the exact opposite way.

"I don't know whether to feel insulted or relieved that my name's not on the list," he said. "I certainly don't see how it isn't, but I'm not really sure I want to go complain about it."

There were students who did complain about it, and Redkey duly added their names to the list.

Students who were involved in the takeover and whose names were on the list responded unenthusiastically to Redkey's ultimatum.

"If the College was worried about the phone bill, they should have turned off the phones while we were in there," said one leader of the Fightback Coalition, the group that had spearheaded the takeover. "They knew we were using the telephones."

"It's a College-wide responsibility," said another. "I don't see how you can just isolate 50 students and hold them responsible for the phone bill. What we were doing was to benefit the entire college, including the Administration and the Faculty. I haven't seen the faculty who were involved in any way with the takeover being threatened with suit."

Lawyers at the American Civil Liberties Union did not feel that this case represented a constitutional issue, but did express an opinion that the case would probably not hold up in court -- due to the randomness of the list. Lawyers at the State University of New York legal council office, who said they have yet to hear anything about this matter from Purchase College officials, refused to comment on the specifics of the case itself, and would say only that if the College brought the complaint to them, they would automatically proceed to take it to the Attorney General's office.

Strike Slows Campus Construction

BY JOSEPH T. MCGEE

Commuters driving onto campus over the past few weeks have grown accustomed to the sight of two or three strikers sitting with placards in front of stalled construction equipment at the entrance of the new road. The strike has been in progress since July 9 and one thing that both sides are agreed upon is that there is no immediate end in sight.

On June 30th, a contract between the Teamsters Local 456 and the Association of Builders and Contractors expired. After nine days of working without a contract, the teamsters walked off the job. Virtually all the other unions involved in projects affected by the striking teamsters walked out in sympathy. This has brought construction in Westchester, Putnam and part of Dutchess counties to a standstill; it is estimated that 105 construction firms have been hit. Most of these firms have contracts for jobs outside the strike area, making it easier

for the firms to sustain the strike.

Teamster pickets were reticent to talk to the "media" under orders from their union leaders. They maintain that their position has been seriously distorted in the local press.

The strikers claim that the one year contract they are seeking involves no increase in wages and is in fact an extension of the old contract that recently expired. This was confirmed by Bernard Doyle, a union delegate from Local 456 who represents more than 3500 members. Doyle also stated that negotiations were "making progress" but that certain "conditions" were preventing final resolution.

However, Ross Pepe, spokesman for the Builders Institute of Westchester and Putnam Counties, Inc. stated that the talks were at a "standstill."

"We can't meet," he said. "They want a 50¢ an hour increase without any other changes in the contract and we don't want to give it

to them." Representatives met last Thursday with no real progress reported and a follow-up meeting had not been arranged as of yesterday morning.

According to John Straus, Vice President for the Arts here at Purchase, "This is the most serious strike I've seen in my seven years here." Although food and employees are allowed to pass unhindered onto campus, no construction supplies have come in since the strike began. Straus is concerned because the delay caused by the strike will probably cause buildings presently under construction to open behind schedule. He is confident that it will have no impact on the opening of classes in September. In fact, besides the problems with delays in building openings, he feels that the strike will not seriously hurt the college at all. The roads that aren't being worked on aren't essential and the increases in cost caused by the delays, he believes, will be absorbed by the builders -- not the school.

Pepe from the Building Institute disputed Straus's statement.

"Delays are expensive for the contractor and the owner, which is in this case the State."

Aside from the roads which are under contract to the Nigro Brothers Inc., other construction on campus affected by the strike includes the Music building, the Visual Arts Building, the Social Science Building, and the extension of the Heating Plant. Work on the Performing Arts Center will not be affected because an interim agreement was reached with that contractor.



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One of the Hardcore Moves On

THE SUNDAY ROAD, Tuesday, July 27, 1976

BY JOANNE WASSERMAN

Paula Wilkes did not leave Purchase with a bang. Sorry folks, there will be no juicy pieces of gossip to pass the long summer days. Paula Wilkes left her position of Registrar without reciting a long list of who and what is wrong with Purchase.

"The position of Registrar is a neutral one," Wilkes says. "It's professionalism does not include personal opinions." But she is quick to add, "I have got real opinions."

And indeed she does. In September of 1973, Paula Wilkes standing in front of her office in the Humanities Building reciting the joys of the Cluster to a group of transfer students.

"It's one of the best programs this school has," she says to the 30 credit not-quite-sophomore crowd.

"The teaching is excellent and the subject matter is wonderful. You should all experience it."

Wow, the crowd thinks, this place is neat. Even the Registrar is pushing academics.

In September of 1975, Paula Wilkes is elected President of

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the local United University Professionals. She refers to her office as a "shop," takes job complaints from employees to the Administration and fights like hell for the campus Non-Teaching Professionals. But, she reminds us, "This is a faculty college." These memories make her wince a little.

"I was so in love with the cluster that I didn't notice you," she says. She tries to figure out what happened between September 1973 and September 1975.

"One must act on what one teaches in the Cluster. There's a whole political moral stance..." she trails off, not quite having figured out her disillusionment with the program.

"What holds," she announces, "is the Senior Project. I believe in it more now than I did when I first came. The Senior Project is the one time you decide on something that is of concern to you." She describes "hassled Seniors" who end up saying, "Hey Paula, look what I did" after it's all over.

But for a woman in the "neutral" position, this was not enough.

"I had to be a Union Advocate, to uphold laws and equalize power. The community must have power. Too much passivity and there can be no community."

She has strong ideas about the position of Registrar:

"I have attempted to never take

sides academically. I can say that the evaluation system is expensive, but I should not move to the next step and decide if it's good or bad. If someone asks me, that's another story."

And because she is asked, Wilkes gives some opinions.

"We must remember that this is a developing institution and this is a particular class' only experience with that institution. Secondly, we should publish the requirements for Board of Studies and Divisions in the College Catalogue and thirdly, I think having NTP's be an equal only in the Union and not in the college arena is an error."

Wilkes is not modest about the job she's done:

"I have an honest record, do a superb registration -- it's as good as it can get. I really love developing systems. The Registrar should figure out a way to make things work the best she can, give her resources and authority."

Wilkes is pleased with the job she has done.

"I've done all I can for this school. This community can only take so much change."

Accreditation Around the Corner?

BY BRUCE MONK

Following a year of self-study and introspection, Purchase is moving into the final stages of the long and involved Accreditation procedure.

The College is presently involved in writing up a final report to submit to representatives of the Middle States Accreditation Association in anticipation of a visit from representatives from the Association in the third week of September.

Purchase automatically became qualified for the accreditation procedure with the graduation of its first four-year class last spring. To coordinate the wide-ranging procedure, Philosophy Professor Bob Neville was appointed Coordinator of the chain of committees involved in the self-study process.

The procedure, which resulted in self-study reports from all the

divisions of the college, culminating in more general reports on various aspects of the College such as Academic and Student Life, produced a Self Study Summary report which was then presented to the College as a whole for inspection and criticism. Last week, an edited down version of the Self Study Summary -- incorporating some of the criticisms that were received from the community -- was presented to representatives from the Middle States Association and to college staff for final discussion. Coordinator Neville says that the report is now ready for a final drafting and presentation to the Middle States Accreditation Association.

"The previous reports are no longer operative," he said. This report will go to the Middle States representatives, who will visit the campus and make recommendations to the Association itself. Final decision is expected in December.



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Letter to the Editor

Van Abuse Ends Food Co-op

To the Editor:

The following petition was drawn up to be presented to Clint Spiegel, Director of Student Activities, with copies going to Kevin Wallin, Ed Redkey, Sunil Weermantry and Jon Cykeman.

"This petition has been initiated by the Purchase Food Co-op as a result of our inability to carry on business as usual because of problems with the Student Senate-owned Van. We have encountered these difficulties three times; twice the van was in for repairs which we learned the night before we were scheduled to pick up the food, leaving us without any alternatives -- and once, the "van supervisor" was so security conscious that he hid the key and neglected to tell our driver where it was. We blame the first two instances on what we see as overuse and abuse of the van, and since there are presently only two legitimate Senate-funded organizations on campus, this strikes us as rather curious. The Food Co-op and The Load use the van for a total of perhaps three fourths of a day per week. No one else is scheduled to be using the van on a regular basis.

As a result of the problems with the van, the Food Co-op is losing the confidence of its members. We the undersigned demand that personal use of the van be ceased, and that only official organizations be permitted use of the van as specified by Student Senate bylaws and guidelines. We further demand that if the van is not in operating order, that if the office that is administering the van (Student Activities) knows in advance that the van is no in operating order, that it makes alternate arrangements for legitimate Senate use. If Student Activities is not willing to accept full responsibility for the Senate Van, we demand that its use be ceased entirely."

NOTE: Before this petition was circulated, the supervisors of the Food Co-op decided to close down the Co-op for the remainder of the summer. This was a direct result of the problems we encountered with the van. In the continuing battle of the bureaucrats versus the good guys, the bureaucrats have won out again. Sure hope certain "people" on the second floor of Campus Center South can figure out how to run a Co-op with paper clips instead of cooperation.

Bob Kahan
The Purchase Food Co-op



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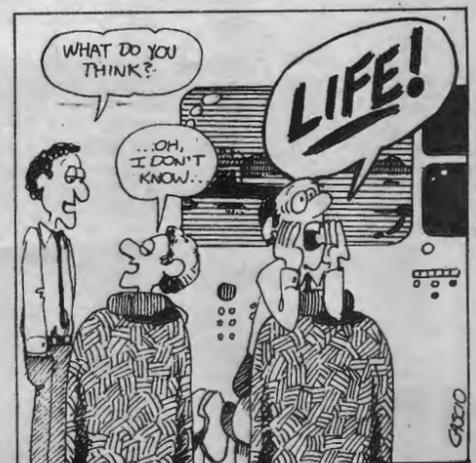
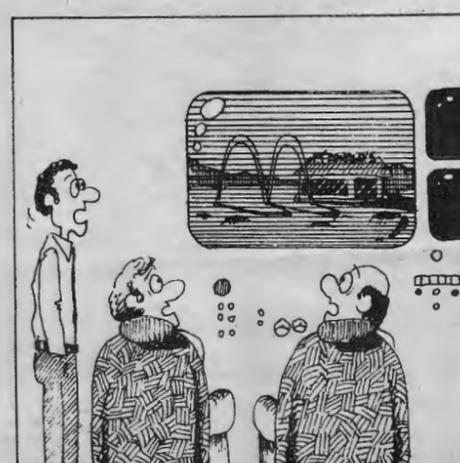
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Quote of the Week:

"It's a good thing this paper is free, Nagourney..."

-- Rick the Cop



SHOT FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME

HUHS? Sweep Volleyball Series Dynamic Team Stuns Campus

BY BARRY X

In a rare show of bar room spirit, the Continuing Education Volleyball Team "Atilla & The Huhs?" has swept the campus Volley Ball series, loosing only one game over the already decided but yet-to-be completed series.

The series started in early July with a game against the Business Office. Startling their players with an impressive exhibition (to music) of the official Huh? T-shirts, Continuing Education players proceeded to wrap the Business Office team up into the net. Even to this objective reporter, the Business Office put on a sorry show, relying on, well, "superstars" Richie Ford and Gil Charon to pull the game through.

The Huhs? proceeded the following week to smash a Redkey-less Student Affairs team. Despite the absence of "The Fierce Walrus" as he's known in the Yale circuit, Student Affairs was able to put on a decent showing, with the help of top-notch, prep-school trained Power Volley Ball Athlete "Baby Face" O'Rourke. Some Continuing

Education players had to be dragged on to the field as they saw "Baby Face" saunter out onto the field, growling sporadically, and flashing his blue eyes at the admiring audience.

Of course, the Huhs? creamed Student Affairs, crippling "Baby Face" with verbal abuse regarding his wives. (He has apparently introduced seven different women as his wife at different campus events this summer).

The following week, Continuing Education, after challenging the entire Humanities Building, was given its first defeat as it faced a team loaded with a species finally identified as Bionic Haitians. The Huhs?, good sports that they are, accepted the defeat gracefully, not complaining about the obviously questionable tactics used by the other side. Of course, the game will not count in the series.

Finally, last week, Continuing Education faced and pounded a sparse Housing/Security team, consisting of Paul Brown, Paul Brown, Paul Brown and Paul Brown. Dee Molinari, refused to play, pointing to a broken toe.

The Continuing Education team



Killer Student Affairs player "Baby Face" O'Rourke

sported some of the most gonzo players north of Haiti. Of particular note was Joanne Coviello, who has been known to levitate the ball with her green eyes (see picture). Dr. X, recently released from Wingdale Hospital to par-

ticipate in the series, has been known to stab the ball with a butchers knife, and burn it with gasoline. Team members Supernews and Poobah have usually been able to manage to stop Dr. X at least until the game ended.

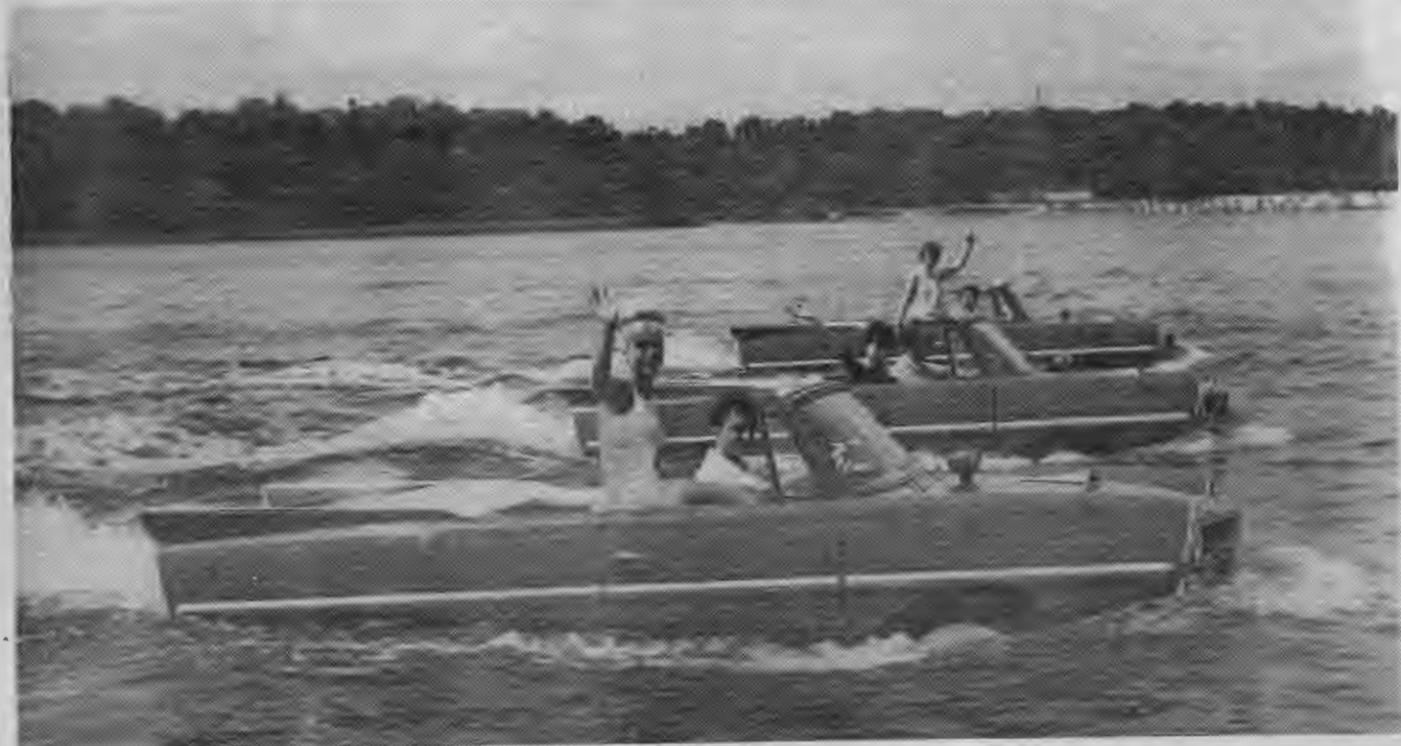


Guess who owns the fancy sports car

Quote of the Week

"There goes the back story..."

-The Great Feldini, pouncing head-first for a well-delivered volleyball serve



Bye, Folks...Have a Great Summer!!!

CELEBRATE THE BICENTENNIAL BUY A TOASTER

