

M E M O R A N D U M

September 2, 1980

TO: ALL NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS

A new academic year has just begun, and the Student Union wants to take this first opportunity to welcome you.

WELCOME TO OLD WESTBURY!!!

We know for sure that this campus will provide you with the setting for quite an interesting experience as you pursue your education. Of course, this will not be easy; it involves a constant struggle. As many of you know, the struggles of the '60's created this institution. The struggle is still being carried on here in order to preserve the Mission and the uniqueness of Old Westbury.

Throughout the last few years, we have been facing financial cuts by both state and federal government to almost all social services: health care, job opportunities, public education, and many others. It took a long and hard struggle to get these services, but now that people have "cooled down", the opportunity is taken to give even less to those in need -- those same people to whom this college is supposed to be committed, the traditionally bypassed: Blacks, Hispanics, poor whites, women, the working class in general. The contradictions that existed in this society prior to the 60's still prevail. Now, those rights (which we gained through sweat, hard struggle and even blood) are being phased out by the bourgeoisie-oppressive class that rules this nation. This is being done full-scale in our society and it is reflected at all levels, including public education. Therefore, this college, being a state institution, is used to carry on the oppression against economically deprived people - the working class which includes Blacks, Hispanics, poor whites and women.

To familiarize you with the "old" issues and the "new" ones that are affecting this college, and as a result of it YOUR EDUCATION, the Student Union will conduct various activities throughout the semester. Our first activity is a teach-in on the History of C.O.W. which will be held on Monday, Sept. 8th at 8:30 P.M. and on Tuesday, Sept. 9th at 1:00 P.M. (location to be posted).

We want you to know, to understand, and to get involved in the issues that affect your career, your community and your society at large. That is why we invite you to attend this activity. But also, if by any chance you are unable to be present, find out about it. Ask your teachers, inquire about the C.O.W.'s history and its Mission. Start being a part of the campus community. Get involved, and finally...

WELCOME TO OLD WESTBURY!

WELCOME TO THE STRUGGLE!!

WELCOME TO OUR MISSION!!!

As always in the struggle,
THE STUDENT UNION

¡ LA LUCHA CONTINUA! -- THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES!