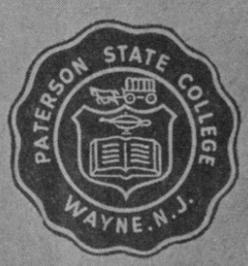


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Modern Sculpture Shown In Wing

A display of functional sculpture is now on exhibit in the Wing Lounge. The display, under the direction of the Art Department, will be shown during the entire month of March.

Mr. Emil Milan, whose work is on exhibition, is a designer-craftsman in wood, who refers to his bowls, hors d'oeuvre servers and sandwich trays as "functional sculpture." Pure sculpture, however,



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are his three-dimensional forms abstracted from bird and fish motifs.

While Mr. Milan does not classify himself as an exhibitor, his work has been included in many noteworthy exhibitions including shows at the Museum of Contemporary Crafts in New York City, trade fairs in Milan, Italy and Barcelona.

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SELECTED AS REPRESENTATIVES to the Eastern States Conference to be held March 19, 20 and 21 in New York City are twelve Paterson State students. Left to right seated around the conference table are Cathy Cahill, Damon Neroni, Sally Abramowitz and Gene Taub who cannot attend and has been replaced by Phil Lees; also, Mike Burns, Ernest Fisher, who is no longer in school and has been replaced by Max Konigsberg, Diane Butcher, Mary Ellen Cassidy, Advisor Anita Este, Cathy Sain and Ross Alfieri. Also attending but not present for the picture are Emma Trifiletti and Tom Terreri.

PSC Delegates Attend Eastern States Confab

Twelve student delegates will represent Paterson State at the annual Eastern States Conference to be held in New York City on March 19, 20 and 21. Attending the conference are seniors Sally Abramowitz, Ross Alfieri, Mike Burns, and Emma Trifiletti, and juniors Cathy Cahill, Max Konigsberg, Phil Lees, and Damon Neroni. Also attending the convention

are sophomores Diane Butcher, Mary Ellen Cassidy and Tom Terreri, and freshman Cathleen Sain. Representatives from more than seventy teacher education institutions will be present at the convention, to be held at the Hotel New Yorker.

This year's theme is **Conflict, Challenge, Change**. Attention will be focused on changing forces in society affecting the teacher, group dynamics, teacher associations, effectiveness of the preparation of teachers, and the effect of political and legislative change on education.

Mike Burns, co-editor of the **BEACON**, has been selected as the official school delegate to the conference. Discussing the "Challenge to Education" are Max Konigsberg and Phil Lees. They will probe the effect of democracy on the curriculum in today's schools and the effect of our materialistic society on education. "Professionalism vs. Unionism" will be analyzed by Diane Butcher and Damon Neroni. This topic includes the type of associations teachers join and the teacher's motive affecting his job.

Cathy Cahill will participate in the topic "Human Relations Training in the Classroom." Her topic covers group dynamics as well as certain techniques involved in group development. Discussing the "Teacher in a Changing Society" is Cathleen Sain, who will look into society's controls over the teacher and the role of the teacher in initiating change.

Emma Trifiletti and Ross Alfieri will examine the "Effectiveness of teacher preparation in our colleges." They will scrutinize the student's knowledge of subject matter and the problems encountered in student teaching. Analyzing the "Challenge of Political and Legislative Change" are Mike Burns, Sally Abramowitz and Tom Terreri. Mary Ellen Cassidy will discuss "Professional Education," which involves the effectiveness of teachers and the place of the liberal arts philosophy in teacher education.

After registration on Thursday afternoon, March 19, the delegates will visit Hunter College's school for gifted children. That evening they will attend a performance of the Broadway play, "Luther." Friday's schedule is comprised of numerous discussion group meetings. The conference will close on Saturday afternoon with a general session for all delegates.

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PSC Students Selected As College Ambassadors

Beverly Rabner, Peter Belmont and Lon Lawson have been chosen to represent Paterson State overseas in the **Experiment In International Living** program. Beverly, a Social Science major, will be staying in Israel. Although no language is required, Beverly speaks Hebrew. Peter, an Art major and 1964-65 yearbook editor, will be located in Egypt during the six week stay. While in Egypt Peter expects to study some Egyptian art. Lon Lawson, a Social Science major and president of the Sophomore class, will live in Great Britain.

The three students were chosen from a total of nineteen applicants. Seven students were chosen from the nineteen by the Student Faculty Evaluation Committee consisting of Dr. Paul Vouras, assistant professor of Social Science, Dr. Marie Yevak and Miss Anita Este, both assistant directors of student personnel, and three past Experimenters, Pat Carson, Nancy Sommer and Emma Trifiletti. The seven application forms were sent to Putney, Vermont, headquarters for the Experiment, and all the forms were ranked as excellent.

Putney rates the applicants with

the families abroad in an effort to match the students. An objective evaluation sheet is drawn up by the Evaluation Committee based on Putney's requirements.

The Experimenters will leave at the end of June and return at the end of August. They will have an orientation before they leave in June at which time they will become acquainted with fellow Experimenters and their group leader. The Experimenters will spend four weeks with their families and two weeks in group traveling.

Dr. Wittick Main Speaker At First Language Confab

Dr. Mildred Letton Wittick, Professor of English at Paterson State College, will be the luncheon speaker Saturday, March 14th, at the First Language Arts Conference at the college. The meeting will be held in the Faculty Dining Room of Wayne Hall, from 9:15 A.M. to 2:15 P.M.

Dr. Wittick, who will speak about "Children's Books in West Africa," returned from a visit to Ghana early in January. In Cape Coast she was the house guest of Dr. Virginia Carlton, chairman of the Department of Mathematics, at Cape Coast College, a branch of the University of Ghana. Dr. Wittick will display a large collection of children's books in English and Fante as well as examples of the handicrafts of the Ghanaians which she collected on a 1600 mile automobile trip in the country.

Alumni Sponsor Homecoming Fete

The annual homecoming dinner of the Paterson State Alumni Association will be held on April 25 in Wayne Hall. Several awards, both to students and teachers, will be announced at this time.

Three alumni awards will be presented to teachers who have made the most outstanding contributions to the alumni association during the year. The Emily Greenaway award will also be given to the winner of the creative writing competition. The selection of the outstanding senior at Paterson State is also announced. The dinner usually provides an opportunity for alumni reunions.

Students are invited to attend the dinner at a charge of \$3.50 per person.

Pres. Shea Releases Statement To Press

Since the seven Paterson State College suspended students have taken the disciplinary action to the Commissioner of Education through their lawyer, the problem here at the college is to wait out a recommendation and in the meantime resume the essential work of the college.

In order to make this possible in the climate which prevails, let me make certain things perfectly clear —

1. There has been no censorship of the student newspaper or of student expression at anytime.
2. Students have not at any time been warned not to communicate with the press. They have done so freely.
3. During the last troubled ten days, many delegations of both students and faculty have met individually and with the President to discuss the problems and possible solutions.

With these facts out of the way, I should like to make the following statement about the suspension action itself:

The Paterson State College 13-member Advisory Committee on Policy, Program and Budget recently felt it necessary to recom-

mend the suspension of seven students for actions detrimental to the college. The background of the suspension is as follows:

There are a number of channels through which students on this campus may express their grievances — the Student Government Association, the Student-Faculty Relations Committee, the student newspaper and direct access to the administration.

For most of the academic year 1963-64 the chief question which has concerned a section of the student body has been the policy of the college, recently reaffirmed, on non-recognition of sororities, fraternities, political and religious



PIONEERS OF THE FUTURE board buses to depart for a week at Stokes State Forest School of Outdoor Education. One hundred and forty sophomore K.P., Junior High and Social Science majors accompanied by twenty advisors left Monday at 8:30 a.m. from in front of Hunziker Hall.

Aid!

Two weeks have passed, and the appeal by the seven students to remove the suspension verdict has been rejected.

Spirit has seemed to wane on campus and President Marion E. Shea has asked for students to resume normal activity. Yet in these past two weeks the news has spread to other colleges and they have inquired at the BEACON office to know the full story.

News papers which exchange with the BEACON have offered their support. Alumni have written letters. But it would seem that the impact of the suspensions would be felt most on the PSC campus by both students and faculty. However, the BEACON has received relatively few letters concerning the suspensions.

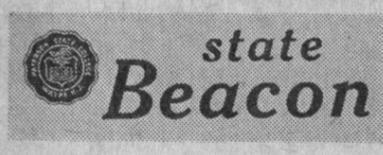
At last week's SGA meeting, the sentiment was, no doubt, with the seven who were suspended. Now, in a matter of ten days, the quest to find the answers has seemingly been abandoned by the student body.

A renewal of the original efforts will not only lead to a fuller explanation of the reasons for suspension, but will give the suspended students the moral support which is needed in this type of situation.

To return this semester to PSC, these students may have to take legal action. Such a move will take more than support through demonstrations such as occurred last Thursday. Such action will require financial support. Students should express their sentiments through any assistance which they might be able to give. Steps should be taken to meet with the seven students so that the processes of legal action may be as expedient as possible.

Act!

Students are aware of how effective leadership can make the SGA more than an organization which plans dances and distributes handbooks. Through effective leadership the word "government" in Student Government Association may come to really mean an exercise of authority that is, as the second article of the SGA constitution states, "to promote the interests of the College and the welfare of the student body." Preparation for effective leadership is now possible through the SGA Leadership Conference. If you think you're capable and can not stand by to see ineffective leadership, then apply for the upcoming Leadership Conference on May 14-17. Perhaps the SGA can once again renew its efforts to make student sentiment known.



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(Continued from Page 1) groups on campus. This problem was turned over to the Student-Faculty Relations Committee for discussion and recommendation. The committee is a duly constituted regular committee consisting of three representatives of the faculty appointed by the President of the College and five representatives of the Student Government Association appointed by the President of the Association. The committee has been meeting regularly to discuss the pros and cons of this controversial question. It was fully aware of the fact that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the State Commissioner of Education had established a joint committee of State Board Members and State college presidents to gather data on the problem and to develop a policy for the State colleges by the end of the academic year. This committee has been meeting regularly on the college campuses, calling in other college presidents and student representatives. This study is still in progress.

The student representatives on the Student-Faculty Relations Committee at Paterson State College included four of the suspended students, the SGA President (ex-officio) and the Treasurer of the Student Government Association, as well as two others. Therefore these four students had been party to the discussion which had gone on throughout the year on this controversial subject. The other three students were well aware of the work of the local committee and of the Committee of the State Board. In spite of this fact, these students who bore the responsibility for much of the conduct of student affairs on the campus decided to go outside the regular channels of communication to set up an unauthorized and anonymous

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Letters To The Editor

Mr. Editor:

We, the undersigned, being alumni of Paterson State College, wish to express the following observations and opinions on the recent events at the college which culminated in the suspension of seven students "for actions detrimental to the college."

1. The controversy at PSC began over the refusal of the college administration to extend recognition to social, religious, and political groups on campus. This position has been dogmatically maintained by the administration despite the overwhelming opposition of the student-body (as indicated in a poll taken among the students some months ago). In our view, the students of the college, as American citizens, have the right to protest, to agitate, to demonstrate in reaction to an administrative policy that so blatantly clashes with the predominant sentiment of the college community. The recent maneuvers of the administration to suppress student opposition are reminiscent of the fascist tactics used by the Nazis under Hitler. This most unseemly conduct by the college bureaucracy is, in our opinion, deplorable and truly "detrimental to the school's reputation."

2. The suspension of the seven students appears to us to constitute unduly harsh and unusual punishment — a punishment which, on the basis of the available evidence, was totally uncalled for. Also, this administrative action represents a serious abridgement of the rights of the students to protest, to speak freely, to air their views in the press, and so on.

3. The suspended students have been warned by the college officials not to communicate with the press in any way on pain of total expulsion from the school. We can only view this move of the

administration as a shocking example of its attempt to construct an "iron curtain" around PSC. Why this insistence on secrecy? Why this fear of publicity? Why this attempt to prevent a "security leak?" Can it be that the administration is afraid that the public will perceive how unfair and foolish the college government has become?

4. Of the seven students suspended, three of them, Ernest Fisher, Clifford Raymond, and James Miller, are honor students. Mr. Fisher is also President of the Student Government Association and Mr. Raymond is Treasurer of that institution. The Vice-President, Robert Biaggi, was also among those suspended, and the remaining three were students of good standing at the college. These facts strongly suggest that there is something amiss with the policies and procedures of the college administration. Why should students of the above-described caliber rise in opposition if the policy of the administration is a just one? It is clear enough to us that the college officialdom has lost its sense of fair play and has retreated to a position of veritable autocracy.

5. We, as alumni, look back to the many times that we sat in assemblies and heard the President of PSC, Dr. Marion Shea, make speeches in favor of democracy, of liberty, of the rights of man. And now, to our astonishment, this same President Shea has acted in the role of a dictator, opposing

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Alumni Exec. Council Endorses Suspension Of Seven Students

Regarding the recent suspension of seven students from the College, the Executive Council of the Paterson State College Alumni Association released the following statement on March 9, 1964:

"1. The Executive Council wishes to make clear that this is the first release which it has authorized. Any other statements which may have been made up to this time by other individuals are clearly personal opinions and do not represent the position of the Executive Council of the Paterson State College Alumni Association."

"2. The Executive Council feels that many of the statements about Dr. Marion E. Shea, President of the College, have been completely false or distorted. First, it should be made clear that when Dr. Shea became President of the College in 1954, the College did not recognize exclusive fraternities, sororities, political and religious groups. They were not permitted to operate on campus and they were not to be associated with the College in any way. Upon evaluating the policy, Dr. Shea felt that it had merit and chose to continue it. Since that time the policy has been affirmed and re-affirmed on several occasions, most recently in October 1963, when the Advisory Committee on Policy, Program and Budget unanimously recommended that the policy be re-affirmed. It is most important that the Alumni and friends of the College realize that the decision to suspend the students on February 25, 1964 was made by the thirteen-member Advisory Committee, consisting of the Dean of the College, the Dean of Students, the Business Manager, and the ten Chairmen of the

academic departments."

"3. From our own experience in working with the college administration and from our review of recent events, it is our opinion that the College has shown a remarkable tolerance and restraint. The student newspaper, without censorship, has carried stories, editorials and letters advocating the recognition of fraternities and attacking the administration for not yielding. The Student-Faculty Relations Committee has been meeting regularly for months discussing the situation. The President has re-iterated her willingness to have social groups on campus whenever they agree to eliminate exclusive features in choosing members."

The Executive Council of the Paterson State College Alumni Association meeting in special session, March 9, 1964 unanimously approved the following resolution: **RESOLVED:** That the officers and Executive Council of the Paterson State College Alumni Association do hereby endorse the action taken by the President and her Advisory Committee on Policy, Program, and Budget of Paterson State College in the matter of the recent suspension of seven students

for actions deemed detrimental to the College.

Further, it is felt that the establishment of student pressure groups or committees, designed undemocratically to by-pass and usurp the responsibilities and rights of the duly created and constituted Student-Faculty Relations Committee and the Student Government Association, is to be strongly condemned.

The recognition of sororities, fraternities, political and religious groups on the campus of a public institution of higher education is the primary issue. This has been for many years a highly controversial topic of discourse among legislators, educators and students. The matter calls for statewide resolution. Until such time as a statewide policy is developed, the Executive Council of the Alumni Association supports the right of any state college administration to accept or reject such groups on campus.

Now, therefore, be it directed that this resolution be made public and that a copy be spread in full upon the minutes of the Paterson State College Alumni Association.

Mae Hansen
President



AT FIRST ONLY a few students, the gathering at the Rock soon swelled into a full-fledged demonstration (top row). They proceeded to Haledon Hall, and then across the campus to the Windmill (second row). The group later returned to the Rock and Haledon Hall (bottom row) before the demonstration was finally dispersed.

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 both the liberties and the rights of her students. We are dismayed, we are overwhelmed, we are shocked! What can this be but hypocrisy? Do we not have here a case of pseudo-liberalism turned into despotism?
 6. In conclusion, we hold that the administration of PSC has acted unjustly in suspending the aforementioned seven students and in attempting to suppress the opposition of the students to its policies.

We call for the reinstatement of the students and the reopening of free debate between the administration and the student-body. We call for an end to the tyranny of the PSC bureaucracy and the re-establishment of justice at the college.

George Francis Cronk, '63
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Students Stage Demonstration, As 500 March On Haledon Hall

by Steve Moncher

Demonstrations at Paterson State have been increasing in size, improving in order and organization and more vehement in protest. On Thursday, March 5, approximately 500-600 students congregated on and off campus to protest against the suspension of seven fellow students.

At 1:30 small groups of wary and curious students began to mill about the Rock. Informed by a number of posters and encouraged by an unidentified "group of students," the small, disjointed handfulls swelled to about 50 within five minutes. In another five minutes the group, now numbering over 100, formed an orderly mass and marched to the main entrance of Haledon Hall (the administration building). Here the group, joined by about fifty other students, began walking around the circle of grass in front of the building. Without any "apparent" leadership they sang patriotic songs such as "America" and chanted "We want rights."

crease in numbers, soon overflowed from the small parking area behind the restaurant onto Pompton Road. Moments later a Wayne police officer arrived in a squad car and asked the students to move to one side of the road. The students immediately complied with his request. The officer estimated that the size of the group, at this time, was between 500 and 600. He also noted that the demonstration was as peaceful as a "nature hike."

demonstration ended at about 3:00 leaving silent stragglers milling about.

During the second, on-campus phase of the demonstration, Dr. Shea was conferring with Lon Lawson and Ross Alfieri, two of the remaining SGA leaders.

In addition to the students who participated actively, there were also about 100 student and faculty spectators.

Moments later the group, now numbering over 200 (plus inactive observers) strong, stopped demonstrating and walked past the library and back to the Rock in a single body. There they were informed that speeches would be made at the Windmill Restaurant at the intersection of Pompton Road and the Hamburg Turnpike. The site was presumably chosen because it is off-campus. A very brief speech was delivered from the top step of the side entrance asking the assembly to boycott their classes.

The group, continuing to in-

Now safely grouped along the side of the road they were addressed by Lanny Reinhart and Bill Rosacker. They again urged those assembled to boycott their classes. They also requested that Dr. Shea convene a meeting of the entire student body in order to present a complete explanation of the events and decisions leading to the suspension of the seven students. (Dr. Shea has since issued a public statement concerning these questions.)

The group dispersed at about 2:15 and returned to the campus. About 100 of these regrouped at the Rock and again proceeded to Haledon Hall. There they seated themselves on the lawn and began chanting, "We want Shea." This

Modern Sculpture . . .

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 Spain, the Newark Museum and the Walker Gallery of Art in Minneapolis. Concurrently with the Paterson State College exhibition, Mr. Milan's work in wood is being shown at the Museum School of Art in Philadelphia.

Mr. Milan uses a variety of woods in his craftwork. These woods include domestic walnut and oak, lapacho and inbuys and inbuya from South America, bange, rosewood and wenge from Africa; all woods are selected for their density and color.

Leadership Laboratory Applications Available

Applications for the College Leadership Laboratory are still available in the SGA office, second floor of the College Center. All qualified students are free to make application to the Conference, which will be held at Hidden Valley, New York, from May 14-17.

In order to participate in this laboratory, students should

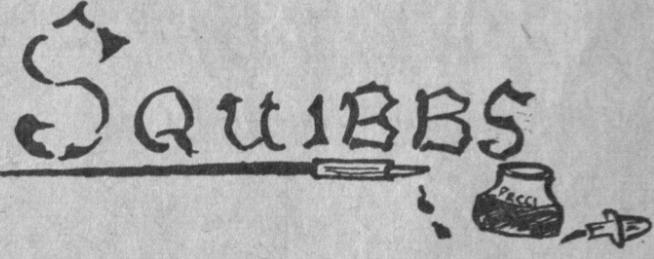


Students Tour Fish Hatchery

The Natural History Club of Paterson State College is sponsoring a field trip to the Hackettstown Fish Hatchery on Saturday, March 21, 1964. At the Hatchery the group will be given a guided tour of the facilities.

The Fish Hatchery is in the peak of its season due to the anticipation of the Trout Season which will open shortly. The Hatchery stocks many of the public fresh water streams in New Jersey.

Anyone who is interested please sign the sheet which will be posted outside the Science Reception Room on the third floor of the wing, before Tuesday, March 17th. The cost of the trip will be one dollar to cover bus transportation. The bus will leave the campus at 9 A.M.



A Freshman class meeting is scheduled for March 17, at 1:30 in the Little Theater . . . Dave Brubeck tickets on sale beginning March 23 in the Octagonal Room of the College Center . . . Dr. J. Clees McKray has announced auditions for the 1964-65 Chansonettes. Interested students should see Dr. McKray as soon as possible . . . When are they going to complete the other half of the freshman path???????? . . . Peter Belmont, Editor-in-Chief of the 1964-65 Pioneer Yearbook, is still selecting his staff. Positions are available for interested students . . . The English Club will present **The Roof**, an Italian film produced by Vittorio de Sica, at 7:30 on Thursday, March 19, in W101 . . .

have a distinguished service record in campus and/or community activities, either as a member or an elected officer. The preferred grade point average is 2.5, although this is not mandatory; no less than a 2.0 GPA will be considered.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of five: one faculty representative, one administrative representative, two members of the Leadership committee, and Dr. Kenneth Herrold of Columbia University, who will supervise the program.

North Atlantic Fencing Tournament At PSC Saturday

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, March 16

Secondary, K.P., G.E. Junior Practicum—All Week
G.E. Seniors Student Teaching—All Week
4:30—Assembly Committee—C.C. Conf.
Choir—H-109
4:30-6:30—Pioneer Players—L.T.

Tuesday, March 17

1:30—Men's Intramurals—Gym B
Freshman Class Meeting—L.T.
Junior Class Meeting—W-101
Choir—H-101, H-104
Speakers Bureau—L-3
WRA, Advisors—G1
Romance Language—W-130
4:30-6:30—WRA Activities—Gym A and B
7:30—Women's Fencing—NYU—Gym

Wednesday, March 18

4:30-6:00—Phys. Ed.—Gym
7:00-10:00—Pioneer Players—L.T.

Thursday, March 19

9:30—USAF—Octagonal Room
1:30—Citizenship Club—W-07
SGA Executive Committee—C.C. Conf.
Men's Intramurals—Gym B
Choir—H-101, H-104
Women's Choral Ensemble—H-109
International Relations Club—H-205
Modern Dance—Gym Stage
WRA Activities—Gym A
Natural History Club—W-232
Brass Ensemble—L.T.
Romance Language—H-130
Math Club—H-10
English Club—H-202
4:30—SGA Executive Committee—C.C. Conf.
7:00—Philosophy Club—W-04
7:30—English Club Film "The Roof,"—W-101

Friday, March 20

9:30—USAF—Octagonal Room
1:00-5:00—USAF Testing—C.C. Conf.

Saturday, March 21, 1964

11:00—Women's Fencing, Hunter—Gym

PSC Fencers Drop First To West Point

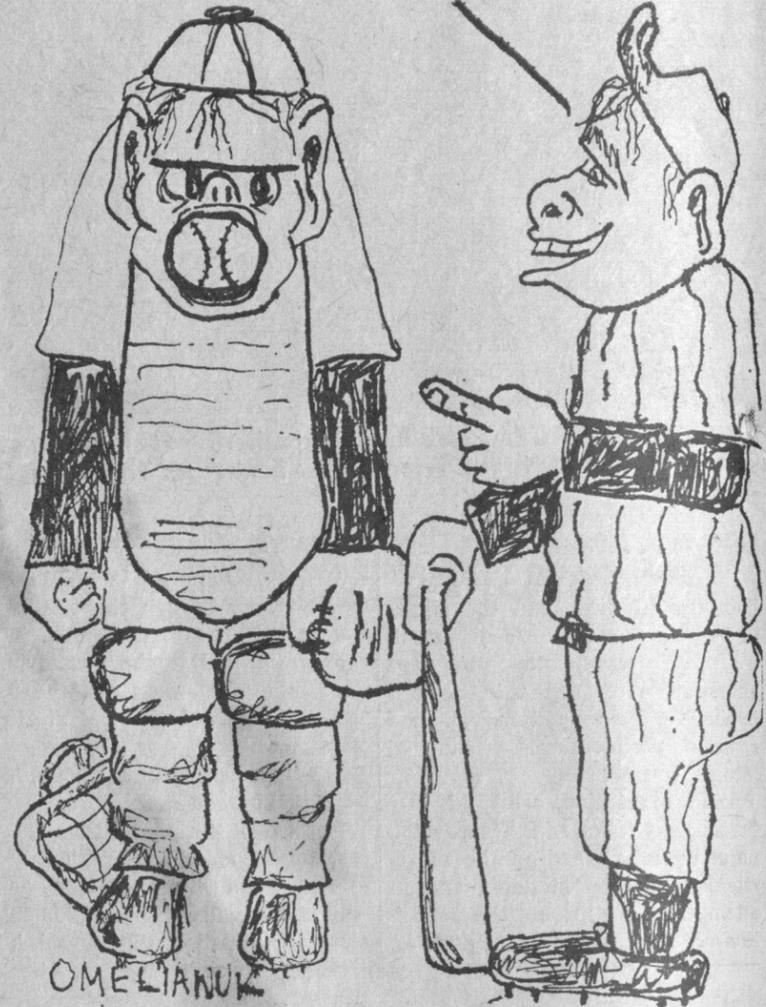
Paterson State's men fencers began an end-of-the-season string of meets by defeating St. Peter's of Jersey City 22-5. One of the easiest wins of the season, St. Peter's lost all nine sabre bouts to PSC, eight foil bouts and only five epee bouts.

Two days later on March 6 the team fenced a close 15-12 meet against Lafayette University (Easton, Pa.). Although the lead changed hands several times during the evening the two teams were never more than three points apart. The score was tied 12-12 when the epee team came through to take PSC's three winning bouts.

The next day the team traveled to West Point, for their first loss of the season to the United States Military Academy 13-14. A new team, West Point was 5-3 for the season last year and undefeated (8-0) before last Saturday's meet. PSC defeated the Point 14-13 last year.

The team fenced Yeshiva Thursday night. Paterson will be the host college for this year's North Atlantic Intercollegiate Fencing Championship. Among the participating teams in the biggest of the year-end tournaments will be Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, and many of the teams already fenced during the regular season. This year's team to beat is Drew University.

"I DIDN'T EVEN SEE IT"



Dyer-Bennet Enjoys

Troubadour's Life

by Judy Turick

"I do not consider myself a true folk singer," remarked Richard Dyer-Bennet at the music seminar held Monday, 2:30 in Wayne Hall. "A true folk singer is one who grows up knowing only the songs of the area where he lived."

During this informative hour Mr. Dyer-Bennet, the famed modern day troubador, explained why he must wander about, bringing his talents to the people.

"You cannot make a living in your home town so you must go to your audience." Mr. Dyer-Bennet also defined folk singing as "self-accompanied music consisting of the voice and the guitar or lute."



Currently Mr. Dyer-Bennet is learning to play the lute and predicts that he will be ready to use it in his act by next year. He feels that some songs lend themselves to the lute as the accompaniment. The dignified troubador can sing songs in many languages and pre-

sents the history behind each folk song in a learned manner.

Mr. Dyer-Bennet sang "scraps" of songs from his wide repertoire which included folk songs, classic ballads, and art songs which are those songs composed specifically for voice and accompaniment.

"I slid into this business without knowing what I was becoming," remarked Mr. Dyer-Bennet when asked why he decided to become a troubador. "It all started when my grandmother used to give me Swedish music boxes. I would play these over and over, learn the tune and then demand a new music box." While attending school in Germany he took up the guitar as a hobby. His first serious thought concerning the possibility of becoming a professional folk singer came during a Christmas party where he played and sang for the guests. Mr. Bennet finally made up his mind to make this his career after hearing Sven Scholander sing, the greatest minstrel of the recent past.

"I try to put poetry, melodic line, and an instrument together, such as Mr. Scholander has," explained Mr. Dyer-Bennet.

"I have no objections to the commercial folk singers and groups of today, and consider some of them

President Shea ...

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student committee to organize immediate action on the matter being considered, as well as on certain other alleged grievances, some of which had not been presented previously to the Student Government Association or to the administration.

The impact of a call for "immediate action" served to vitiate the educative process of solving a mutual problem through careful and reasonable discussion and study; it provided a climate in which the professional academic community and its principal business of education was threatened by undue outside pressures and growing resistance to a recognition of our responsibilities as students and teachers.

It was this irresponsible act of setting up the pressure committee, the action which ensued, together with the expressed intention on the part of the students to continue such procedure even though they admitted that it was detrimental to the college which prompted the Advisory Committee to recommend suspension. At the request of faculty and students the committee has carefully reconsidered the action and held to the original recommendation.

quite good." Even though they took different directions in their field, Mr. Dyer-Bennet has been good friends with Pete Seeger for quite some time. At one time Burl Ives and Mr. Dyer-Bennet planned to make their New York debut together.

Mr. Dyer-Bennet is fully engrossed in his life as a folk singer for he believes that "you cannot stop a good story."

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