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APRIL MEETING AT MANHATTANVILLE

The next Regional Council Meeting will be held at Manhattanville College, Purchase, New York, on Sunday, April 4 at 1:00 p.m. Executive Committee will meet at 12:30; the Nominations Committee will interview candidates for regional office at 12:45.

An orientation session for all Appalachia volunteers, year-end reports of the exec committee, election of new officers, and a Philosophy Symposium are planned for this meeting. Please plan to be there; there was no quorum last meeting.

Candidates for regional office:

- a. Must have written permission of moderator.
- b. Should be prepared to meet with the Nominations Committee.
- c. Should arrange for a nominating speech and seconding statement.

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NATIONAL DUES

National dues must be paid before April 1. Otherwise, the college risks suspension of voting rights at the National Congress. There is no such thing as regional affiliation without national affiliation; if national dues are not paid, the college will be suspended from the region as well, effective July 1. No students from colleges which have not paid national dues will be eligible to participate in Federation travel programs, or to run for regional or national office.

DEVELOPMENTS IN APPALACHIA PROJECT

1. Each volunteer will have to pay \$15 for food. This will be due on or before the April 4 meeting, so that supplies can be purchased in Kentucky ahead of time.

2. All will be traveling by chartered buses. No one will be allowed to use other means of transportation, since the buses have been chartered on a per-person basis. If it is impossible to go by bus, or if you wish to use a private car, the following conditions apply:

- a. Get written permission of the regional president.
- b. Make sure that you arrive in Kentucky at the same time as the other volunteers, i.e., Thursday, April 15.
- c. The \$25 bus fare must be paid anyway, either by yourself or your college. It would be an unfair burden to the other volunteers to charge them more so that some can travel by car.

We regret having to be so stringent in this regard. However, the rationale is simple: The cost must be kept at a minimum for each volunteer, and the group must be divided into readily accountable work teams in order to achieve maximum performance.

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3. If there are any volunteers who cannot comply with the above regulation, it is asked that they immediately contact the regional president, notifying him of their situation. If a volunteer wishes to drop out for any reason between now and April 10, it will be the responsibility of the senior delegate at the college to designate a substitute or to immediately notify the regional president.

4. A packet containing full information for each volunteer, a publicity questionnaire, and a letter to his or her parents will be sent to each college, care of the senior delegate. The senior delegate will be responsible for passing these forms on to the volunteers. The packet will be sent out by the end of this week.

DELEGATES' CHECK LIST

1. Year-end reports should be submitted in writing to the regional president by each senior delegate as soon as possible--not later than April 4. These should include:

- a. Description of campus activities.
- b. Analysis of their effect; their good and bad points; student response to them.
- c. Critical evaluation of the Federation, the region, and the campus committee as to how they could better serve individual students.

2. A summary of the Student Government Conference held in conjunction with the March 7 regional meeting at Marymount can be obtained from Charles Sullivan, Siena College, Loudonville, New York.

3. Please report changes in NF delegates, SG presidents, and newspaper editors to the regional secretary so that the mailing list will be kept up-to-date.

4. Plan ahead: The College of Saint Rose, Albany, New York, will host the May 9 regional meeting. This is a three-hour trip from New York City.

5. See you April 4.

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WORK PROJECTS AT NEW ROCHELLE

Betty Vander Putten
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College of New Rochelle

At a recent college assembly, Ceil McCarton, the student body president, outlined two major programs for the College. This first involves the federal poverty programs as it will be applied to the City of New Rochelle. CNR will participate in this program in five basic ways:

1. The girls will help staff two existing and one potential youth centers which will be open after school, evenings, and weekends.

2. The educational and recreational facilities of the College will be used for a summer camp program. The camp will be open to academically deficient children who will be tutored, and gifted children from poor economic and cultural backgrounds who will be offered an enriching program.

3. Along with the City, the College will help set up libraries in low-rent housing projects in order to increase the exposure which the residents have to books.

4. The tutorial programs which we already participate in will be extended.

5. The final project consists in pre-school training programs involving children of three-and-a-half to four-and-a-half years of age.

The second major program presented by Ceil consists of six Easter-week projects:

1. Girls will work with the YWCA in a voter registration project in Petersburg and Lynchburg, Virginia, and in Rochester, New York.

2. A second project consists of working among Negro and Mexican minorities with Father Flanagan in Kansas.

3. Others will work with Mr. John Grady of the Drew Foundation in Harlem dealing with certain

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HARYOU ACTORS AT MANHATTANVILLE

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Manhattanville College

One by one, the Negro youths stood and solemnly accused a squirming figure... "We find you guilty of not knowing how to love, of not knowing how..., of not knowing." The figure, dressed in white and wearing a white mask was Michael Francis Mulligan, a cop whose father had taught him to "watch out for those coons." One spectator wept quietly...

The Negro youths were enacting a scene from Original Sin, a play written, directed, and acted by the Theater Unit of Harlem Youth Opportunities Unlimited. These young people, ranging in age from fourteen to twenty-two, performed a series of socio-dramas at Manhattanville on February 23. The performance was the high point of Interracial Justice Week, and the College will remember its message for a long time.

Besides Original Sin, one Haryou actor gave a fiery speech of Frederick Douglass; several others, a whimsical piece called "The Name Game" (based on a well-known modern madrigal) a comedy of a scotch-sipping Mama sobbing soundly over her son's corpse, who, annoyed by his sudden resurrection, cajoles him into dying again! Perhaps the most impressive presentation was the dramatic re-telling of the feelings and reactions of the first Negro youngster to integrate a Little Rock school.

After the performance, students had an opportunity to speak with the actors. The group is enthusiastic about the chance to perform before other college audiences. Any college wishing to sponsor them is urged to contact:

Mr. Rick Somers, Director
Theater Unit of HARYOU
180 West 135th Street
New York, New York 10030

Such a performance is a unique opportunity for college students to enter into the minds of our Negro contemporaries. We guarantee an unforgettable evening!

INTERRACIAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AT ST. JOSEPH'S

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Saint Joseph's College

Saint Joseph's campus board has established a new program this semester, which is aimed at developing a better understanding of interracial problems, not only for members of NF, but for the entire student body.

The campus board began this program with a panel discussion of several outstanding areas of interracial tension, such as education, housing, and job opportunities. The panel was composed of both Negro and white students who also discussed the personal problems faced by a student in a college where she is part of a very small minority.

The second phase of this program will be one of informing the entire student body of the results of the discussion by a feature article in Counterpoint, our literary magazine.

The third and final phase of the program is to prepare girls for interracial home-visiting. This will be done in two steps: first, a priest from the Christian Family Movement will instruct the girls on principles of successful home-visiting, and give them some background on pertinent issues to be discussed. Finally, the girls will participate in home visits with Negro families as part of the program sponsored by the Christian Family Movement.

On Tuesday, March 16, Mr. Peter Davidson of Manhattan College addressed the NF campus board at Saint Joseph's.

Mr. Davidson is a foreign student from the Union of South Africa, and spoke to about thirty girls on the problem of apartheid in his native country. He explained that the demonstration planned for March 19, in which students were to protest the financial support given to the Union of South Africa by American banks, is an example of student interest in foreign relations.

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sociological factors.

4. And five involve work on the Catholic Worker Farm in upstate New York and a comparable place in Montreal called Saint Benedict's.

5. The sixth project involves a secular institute in Mississippi actively involved in the education and economic and civil rights of the Negro.

These programs are broad enough so that anyone in the college, including faculty members who wish to participate, may do so.

A great deal of credit belongs to Ceil McCarton for the enormous work she did in collecting and coordinating these programs.

SENATE RULE XXII

by Paul Nuccio

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The perennial fight to emasculate Senate Rule XXII, which permits unlimited debate, or filibustering, is on again.

One of the problems of the democratic set-up of this country is that the majority, rightfully or wrongly, can impose its will upon the minority. To safeguard the rights of the minority, the Founding Fathers built into our system of government the House and Senate. In this way, in the Senate, the smaller states could offset the heavy majority of population represented in the House. That the majority is always right is a philosophical fallacy.

Another safeguard of the minority is Senate Rule XXII. Senator LaFollette stated in 1917: "Sir, the moment that the majority imposes the (filibuster) restriction ... you will have broken down one of the greatest weapons against wrong and oppression that the members of this body possess."

A good thing to bear in mind when confronted with the proposed watering-down of Rule XXII is that someday you may be in the oppressed minority and will have no alterna-

tive but to stand passively by and be crushed.

What a filibuster does, in attempting to talk a bill to death, is test the conviction and commitment of adherents to said bill. This was shown last spring when the Civil Rights Bill was filibustered. Certain senators felt that this bill and/or portions of it were detrimental to their constituents or the American way of life. Had the majority not been as committed as they were, the minority rights would have been safeguarded further (in addition to the actual filibuster).

It is good to remember that filibustering can be practiced with regard to other legislation besides civil rights: labor laws, defense contracts, federal aid of various sorts and protection of civil rights, to name a few. (Thus, we can see that it is perfectly logical and reasonable to support the filibuster and civil rights without fear of contradiction.)

In safeguarding the rights of the minority, the Douglas-Kuchel proposal to amend (and weaken greatly) Rule XXII can be seen, therefore, only as an "instant" (and how modern society is "instant-oriented?") solution to a present problem (civil rights) without any regard for the ramifications of this action in the future; namely, one safeguard of the minority subtracted from the few that exist. In other words, the proposed amendment to Rule XXII is an unjust means to a dubious end.

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- set and/or staff local
youth centers

- a summer camp program
with tutoring (July-O-Rama)

- Easter vacation ^{volunteer} projects:
voter registration, Harlem,
Catholic Worker farm

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