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Autumn Hayride For Rocken Ranch

A hayride, sponsored by the student body, will be held on Saturday, November 12 at the Rocken Ranch in Middlebush. After the hayride a dance will be held around a bonfire on the ranch.

Students who attend the affair will meet on campus at six o'clock in the evening. They will form a car caravan and proceed to the ranch.

Each student will be permitted to bring one guest from outside of the school. The cost of admission will be announced in the near future.

Sharpe Moves To Morris College

President Chambers has accepted the resignation of the Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Robert Sharpe. Mr. Sharpe will continue in his office until November 15 when he will leave for his new position in the founding of Morris County College.

Mr. Sharpe has made significant contributions in the development of the business office, the data processing office, and the supervision of the buildings and grounds. In the October 26 "Daily Bulletin", President Chambers expressed his regrets in the loss of Mr. Sharpe.

On October 24 Mr. Sharpe's replacement, Mr. William R. Walsh was appointed. Mr. Walsh was previously Secretary and Business Administrator on the Piscataway Township Board of Education.

MCC Represented By Newspaper



Executive Officers. From left, James Mooney, Marianne Ciccone, Richard Tindall, and Gail Nisbet.

Under the guidance of Mr. Perkins, co-ordinator of Student Activities, students interested in the field of journalism organized to form the Middlesex County College Newspaper, Quo Vadis.

At the third meeting the editors were elected. The Editor-in-chief is Richard Sheldon with Richard Rothstein as News Editor, Francine Jackson as Feature Editor, Editorial Editor is Richard Bennet, Tony Scala heading the Photo Department and Myra Lumberg is the circulation Manager. Chris Heidt is Business Manager.

Mr. Charles DiDominico of the English Department has offered his services in the capacity of advisor.

Spokesman Press of Metuchen will publish the four page, bi-monthly newspaper.

The paper will be given to the day students and the faculty. For the night students who do not pay an activity fee, copies will be made available around the campus. Quo Vadis will exchange papers with colleges in the surrounding area in order to keep up with the publishing trends of college journalism and send copies to high schools which are represented at MCC.

First Officers At MCC Elected

The first executive officers of Middlesex County College were elected by the nine curriculums on October 21. The victors were announced by Mr. Perkins at the Victory dance in Edison Lanes after the Polls closed.

Two weeks of campaigning were climaxed by a rally on October 20, when the candidates voiced their platforms. The next day three hundred twenty seven students out of over seven hundred voted for their executive and legislative officers.

Richard Tindall, a graduate of Carteret High and a student in Business is President of the MCC student body. He will represent MCC at public functions and be a leader in determining the image of MCC.

The Vice-president who will preside over the Student Senate and aid the President is Gail Nisbet, a graduate of Woodbridge High. She is enrolled in the Nurse Education Program.

Marianne Ciccone, a graduate of



Quo Vadis Editorial Staff. From left, Richard Bennett, Francine Jackson, Richard Sheldon, Myra Lumberg and Steve Silock.

Carteret High, is the Secretary. Marianne is enrolled in the Liberal Arts curriculum.

Treasurer James Mooney was elected to control MCC's finances. Jim is a transfer student from Rut-

gers and is in the Business program.

Mr. Perkins called the first executive meeting during the student hour on October 24, and an outline was drawn up in preparation for further plans.

The elected senators from the nine curriculums met on October 26. They approved budgets for the various clubs which have been formed.

THREE BUILDINGS COMPLETE BY NEXT FALL

The MCC campus will see the completion of three ultra modern structures in September of 1967. This two and half million dollar complex will consist of a gymnasium, academic-science building, and a library.

The gymnasium will be located behind the main parking lot. It will be partitioned into two sections by a folding door. With locker rooms for both men and women, the gymnasium will provide the opportunity for basketball, gymnastics and other indoor sports.

The academic-science building will house twenty-two classrooms and eight laboratories. In the main building one will find the language and

nursing labs. The physics, biology, and chemistry labs will be located in the wing. The building will be found across from the administration buildings. It will also house two student lounges which will face a patio.

The library, a duplicate of the Douglas Library, is being constructed behind the Administration Buildings. 35,000 volumes will be housed on two floors. On the first there will be a smoking lounge, a group study room and a main reading room which will have separate corrals for individual study.

The basement will have a group study room, a lounge and facilities for office processing.

C. B. U. STUDENT FORUM

At an open forum sponsored by the College Union Board on November 2, some 75 students voiced their opinions on current Board policy.

The forum conducted by Mr. Joan Perkins, coordinator of student activities, was the first of such discussions to be held this year. Students commented on the current provisional constitution and the nomination procedures for members of the College Union Board.

Theater Reborn

For "Come Blow Your Horn"

The Dramatics Club of MCC plans a production of "Come Blow Your Horn," to be staged in early January. Auditions for the comedy are not restricted to members, but are open to anyone who has an interest and a flair for the dramatic. The tryouts will begin as soon as scripts are acquired.

The College Theater, the first building on the right as one enters the campus, will house the production. The play will be opened to the general public and will run for three or four consecutive nights. Miss Sein, the club's advisor, will assist with the business and organizational affairs of the club.

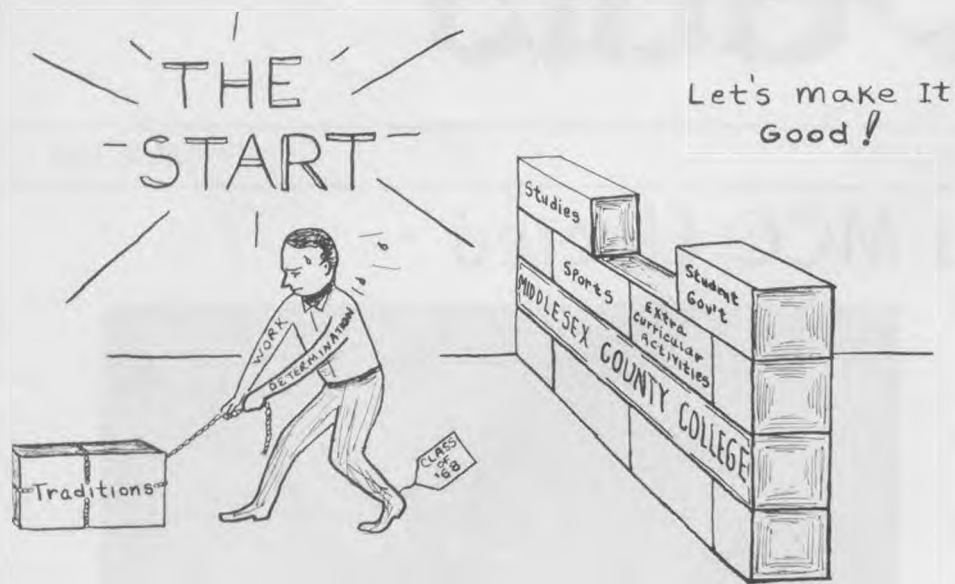
Elections were held for the purpose of selecting officers. Marie Livakos was elected president with Sandy Sonabria assisting her as vice-president. Jo-ann MacCallister and Dennis were elected secretary and treasurer respectively.

Area Hospitals Train Students

As of Thursday, October 20, students enrolled in the nursing curriculum at MCC began attending area hospitals for their training as nurses.

Twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, the students attend classes at three area hospitals; Perth Amboy General, St. Peters, and Middlesex General, both in New Brunswick.

The pupils are divided into four groups with an instructor from the college for each group. At the hospitals, the students practice the skills learned during their classes on campus.



Opportunity Knocks

Human beings are strange creatures. Strange in their unique ability to disregard opportunity when it stands before them, and yet cry a woe-some wail of sorrow when it is gone. Now, we the students of M.C.C. are at a crossroads. Do we grab the opportunity to be the first to build a solid foundation of Tradition, Law, and Learning, on which the future of our school and our lives will rest, or do we just shrug our shoulders, wave good-by and in latter years cry about the opportunity we lost?

It is the opinion of this writer that we build. Build an orientation program that will not only make the adjustment to college life fun, but also informative. A program that will run the gamut from a lecture on study, to hazing freshmen. Build a student government that will set the pace for all the governments to come.

We can be the first to set up clubs and activities that will give the student a chance to use his many talents, and help him enjoy a full academic life.

These are some of the things we must do if we are to say: "We were the first to be; we were the first to see; we were the first to do."

We Shall Overcome

The scholastic life of Middlesex County College is well on its way to becoming an established institution. In fact, during the first six weeks of our existence, the students have already begun to form a solid foundation of academic responsibility. But, who ever heard of a college in these modern times doing everything that is expected, and not having a protest over something? Now I don't say a large protest, maybe just a little one. A protest against those who attend classes dressed the bad taste of Jeans and Sweatshirts, and no Socks.

Now I would not presume to tell anyone to protest. If you want these undesireables walking the campus, if you want to say, "That is one of us" that's your prerogative, but if you want a smart school image, "Say so."

Quo Vadis

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Editorial

Fellow students, members of the faculty, administration, patrons and friends.

It is with mixed sentiments of pride and humility that we, the members of the QUO VADIS staff, bring to you the first edition of our campus newspaper. Pride, in that we are honored to be among the first students in this vast educational program undertaken by our county. Pride in that we are the first to bring to you, the news, pulse-beat, and life of our school set down as a permanent history of what actually occurred on the campus of Middlesex County College during the days of its infancy. Feelings of humility arise when we realize that each of us, as an individual, are only a small part of the tremendous complexities of education which function here on our grounds and in our buildings daily; the works of which the student often does not learn about, but which we, as members of the newspaper staff, frequently come in contact with. We have chosen as a slogan for our publication the phrase "a forum for ideas." The ideas expressed in these columns today are ours, but we hope this won't be so in the future. We trust that this paper will become a sounding-board, not only for news but also for the opinions of our readers on topics which are pertinent and relevant to our Colligate and community lives.

It is for this reason, then, that I invite you to share your ideas and opinions with us in your college publication. It is for this same reason also, that I urge you to take an active or more active part in the affairs of your college. For though the individual is small as he stands alone, the fruits of a united student body cannot be easily overlooked. It is our intent also that this newspaper serves as a link between student, teacher, administration, patron and friend, so that we may emerge as a well informed whole, rather than uninformed individuals. Our primary functions as a paper are to inform and interpret, and we hope that through the proper performance of these duties we may serve you to the best of our abilities in this and future issues of your publication.

With these ideals in mind, we urge you not only to read our publication, but also aid us in our endeavors with your encouragement and support. One way in which you can do this is through your letters to the editor. These will be gladly accepted and published, if possible, in your paper. I remind you that the newspaper is the voice of the people. . . . that voice can be either strong or weak, meaningful or meaningless; in short, anything we make it. With this in mind then, let us raise our voices for a powerful and vibrant instrument of news.

Richard Sheldon
Editor-in-Chief

Give Me Liberty Or



The freedoms of speech, religion, press and election may play roles second to none in the lives of a vibrant and thriving democracy. Society has placed certain limitations upon the exercise of these rights, making them privileges. The highest privilege democracy can bestow upon its citizens is the privilege of free election. Curtailment of this privilege in any democratic circumstance inevitably leads to an abuse of government.

The day of October 14, 1966, saw the first formal exercise of a democratic privilege on our campus; that of primary balloting for the executive and legislative offices of our student government.

True democratic etiquette respects the opinion of the voter by enabling him to exercise his privilege in the presence of himself and his conscience. We use the phrase "himself and his conscience," not ambiguously, for we feel that only in true conscience can a member of such a society choose his leaders. This form of true conscience can only be obtained after careful and scrupulous review of each candidate for office. This confirmation of opinion should not be swayed in any way by partisan remarks or encroachment.

This is the ideal — Utopia revisited, but men and minds distort our claims.



Work-Study Student Linda Woodward makes sure Library files are in order.

WORK-STUDY PROGRAM OFF TO GOOD START

"Besides offering the opportunity to assist in paying for their tuition, the work-study program can be an educational experience in itself." Dean Reynolds also went on to say, "Students are assigned to jobs such as library aids, office helpers, lab assistances and maintenance."

Dean Reynolds also commented on the work-study which began July first. During the summer, 17 students were employed full time to help open the college. This coming summer, the same plan will be in effect.

Presently, 21 students are enrolled on the program for part-time. The limit that one can work, is 15 hours each week. Wages range from \$1.25 per hour to \$1.75 per hour determined by the position held. Working hours are after school, but many students put in time in between classes.

The federal Government now pays up to 90 per cent of the cost for employment. However, next year most of the cost will be assumed by the college. Openings are still available for 30 to 40 students. These jobs include: Laboratory, clerical, and library assistants, and working on the maintenance and grounds crew. Preference is given to those students who have the greatest financial need in paying for their education.

Seventeen students have been employed during this past summer under the auspices of the work-study program and contributed greatly in the renovation and readying of the buildings and grounds for use by September. The same program is slated for this coming summer inasmuch as three new buildings will have to be equipped for the fall semester.

Work Study Program employment applications are available in Dean Reynolds office, building 126. Listings for summer jobs will appear in the paper during the spring.

Are You Right For Middlesex County College?

By Miss H. Joan Purtell

How should attendance at Middlesex County College affect a student? What should you get from your two years here?

As discussed in the film we saw during orientation, students come to college for a variety of reasons. Some come to avoid work or the draft; some come because their parents insist; some come because their friends were coming, or they want to meet and mate with a college-educated person. Many want to prepare for a better job in the future and want to build a good life as well as a good career.

For whatever reasons you came, you have probably had to re-evaluate your needs and goals in the harshlight of the day to day rigor of college work. What your counselor recommended, what your parents hoped for, what your friends expected of you becomes part of the background. Your goals, your standards and your dreams must now predominate. For education is a very personal thing and you will gain the type of education you seek.

The college provides the setting. We have brought together a faculty representing knowledge and skills acquired through years of teaching and studying in some of the best colleges and universities of the country. They also bring to you a background of achievement in industry, business, the military, research and public service.

We have attempted to provide good facilities to complement their teaching — labs, library, leisure and recreational areas. The administrative and student personnel staff are prepared to guide and assist you in a host of other areas. From your own student group, you will find the opportunity for learning; from our veterans just home from war, from our men and women returning from hospitals, industry and police forces, striving to expand their knowledge; from our married men and women, with their family responsibilities at home, working to complement their education and experience. But no college or university can give one an education.

What, after all, does it mean to become educated? Is it the way a college man dresses and talks, or the type of job he has? Is it the way she behaves with people, or the ability to handle particular situations?



Tom Diamond surrounded by females (from left to right) Kathie Davall, Melinda Soricelli, Sharon Nelson, Bernadette Garabo and Gail Moffitt.

MALE NURSE SETS AIMS

Completely surrounded by females! What does our only male day-time nurse, Thomas Diamond, have to say concerning this situation? It doesn't really phase him, well, almost never. The first day he experienced some uneasiness, but since then it hasn't posed any problems. Says he, "I am a student, here to learn just as they are." This really isn't the first time Tom has been en-compassed by multitudes of the fair sex. He served as a corpsman in the Navy for three years and afterwards became licensed as a practical nurse. While taking his nursing exams he was exclusively in female company. While still in the Navy this twenty-three year old bachelor, who feels that there is an immediate demand for male nurses, decided to obtain his R.N. "A man is physically stronger than a woman and can do more for his patients, especially the

male ones." Another dominating influence is a mysterious person named "Vern". At first Mr. Diamond had decided on X-ray school, but "Vern" convinced him to work for his R.N. After this, his goal is to gain entrance to anesthesia school. Of course, he admits, "I was always interested in medicine anyway." This can be proven by his background which includes being a member of South Plainfield's Rescue Squad four years ago, and at present, engagement in the emergency ward work at Raritan Valley Hospital, Greenbrook.

As for the curriculum, Tom adds, "So far the studies are good nursing courses with an excellent staff of instructors."

Middlesex County College is fortunate in having so versatile and ambitious a young man pursuing his studies in its midst.

These are probably part of it, but what can it mean for you personally? Not what it should or will mean, but what can it mean is important. As Voeks states in her book "On Becoming An Educated Person", 'to become educated can mean to learn new skills and thinking; to build wider, deeper interests and develop the habit of continually expanding your interests

It can mean a developing understanding of the complexities of this world and an eagerness to go on learning. You can increase your ability to see inter-relationships of all kinds and make new, more meaningful integrations. You can seek every opportunity to develop an increasing appreciation and love for the arts as part of our heritage. You can develop a deeper compassion and understanding of all other people and gain an appreciation of individual differences. Perhaps of most importance, you can acquire a growing ability to assume responsibility for your own life.'

Education, then, is not something you achieve, but rather something you will continue to seek. However, for most people the years in college are the concentrated years when you draw a clear focus on the kind of adult you want to become. The pleasures you seek, the ideas you explore, the problems that intrigue you, the moral issues that challenge you, the feelings you have for friends and strangers are a few of the guideposts. The impact of these two years at Middlesex County College will depend upon how you choose to evaluate the guideposts and upon your final goals.

HAYRIDE TICKETS AVAILABLE

Tickets for the hayride, planned for November 12, and sponsored by the College Union Board will be on sale starting today at the receptionist's office in the main lobby. Tickets are being sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Only sixty tickets are being sold because of limited facilities.

TROOPERS BEFALL CAMPUS

Peter Caughlin and Anthony DeMasi, evening division students at M.C.C., have an interesting line of work; they are state troopers.

Both men are presently involved in criminal investigation, however, they both hope, by the gained education they will receive at M.C.C., to someday specialize in some advanced field. Both are taking courses in sociology and English composition this semester.

Not at all indifferent to the aspects of higher education, both men found the state police academy much like college in some respects. When asked how he felt to be back in school, Trooper Caughlin retorted: "The extra work a guy finds when he returns to school can sure take the cobweb off the brain in a hurry!"

Student Government!

What Does It Do?

On October 21, 1966 the student body of Middlesex County College went to the poles and made history. Yes, every one of us who signed his name to a ballot in the Student Union building made history in a small connotation of the word. We as members of the first student body established here at M.C.C. there and then elected our first representative student government. But how many of us really know what our student government is? What are its aims and goals, its functions and demands upon us; does it work for us, the students or for the administration, or for both? Yes, we must admit we are at a loss.

CONSTITUTION PREPARED

One could compare this body to a high school student council, but it would not be a valid analogy. It is far too advanced for any such comparison. It is your fellow students at work for you and for your school. Already they have a tentative constitution prepared and published for student review. In it are contained articles on such pertinent topics as the student body, the legislature, election procedures, powers and duties of the various officers, limitation of powers and the College Union Board. Although it is a tentative document waiting for a committee of duly elected officers to vote and act upon its clarification and revival, it is a sound document and a strong foundation. The constitution was compiled in the absence of a governing body, by Mr. John Perkins, Coordinator of Student Activities.

The committees outlined in this document are in themselves a keen example of what we as students may expect from our Student Government. Such Senate Committees as the Judicial and Rules Committees, Election and Appointments, Organizations and finance, and Social Committees are but a mere indication of our student government at work for us.

SENATE WORKINGS

The Student Senate, which includes delegates from every curriculum, must vote on all legislation including laws, acts and, charters handled by our government and must be passed or rejected by a two thirds vote. Each piece of legislation is then subject to review by such officials authorized constitutionally to do so by the Administrative Council for Student Activities, the Board of Trustees, or by the President of the College. By this brief outline of Student Senate procedure one can see that organization plays no second in the aims of our government.

The executive body of our government acts in the capacity of chairmen and over-seers of the actions of the aforesaid Senate Committees and bodies. They voice a strong opinion on the affairs of our government, and are, in a sense, the backbone of our student affairs.

PURPOSE OUTLINED

The purposes of this organization are, in short, to provide the means whereby the members of the Student Body may express themselves effectively on college programs which directly affect them; to coordinate and regulate the affairs of the student body, to promote better citizenship by providing a experience of responsibility and providing practice in democratic living; to assist in the commitment of college resources in the community; and to act as a service organization for the college.

Through the effective carrying-out of these purposes we will have a Student Government to be proud of. They're off to a fine start, let us wish them well and success in the future.

Motorists beware! Traffic and speeding tickets may prove to be a necessity in the very near future if the present campus traffic situation continues, according to Dean Michael Reynolds.

Because of students who park on lawns, in faculty and staff parking lots, in driveways or other designated no-parking areas; because of students who drive non-registered vehicles to school or students who exceed the fifteen mile per hour campus speed limit, the school may be forced to hire permanent parking attendants and issue stiff fines to violators. "This," commented Dean Reynolds, "would be a grave injustice to those students who do observe the traffic regulations. The funds necessary to maintain a full time traffic authority could be put to very good use elsewhere for the benefit of all. I feel that such a position is unnecessary, insomuch as the regulations are very simple and the students are mature enough to understand and comply. If, however, these abuses continue, then there can be no alternative but to enforce disciplinary action."

W. R. A. Formed, Sports Begin

Women of MCC unite! Have you been wondering what to do with your spare time? Use this spare time bowling, playing soccer and many other recreational pastimes as a member of the Woman's Recreational Association.

This association, designed for people who "just want to have fun," is headed by Mr. Richard Flynn, director of Physical Education. Officers are now being elected and representatives chosen from each curriculum.

The W.R.A. is mainly an intramural program, But Mr. Flynn is planning intercollegiate competition in most of the activities. Within the intramural program, Mr. Flynn intends to have tournaments, awarding trophies to the outstanding teams.

The W.R.A. is not exclusive. You don't have to excel in any particular sport, anyone can join and be a part of the activities the W.R.A. provides.

Although it is not associated with the National Women's Athletic Association, they share the same aims: that of providing sports activities for women. Membership is still open and Mr. Flynn welcomes potential members because, as he puts it, this program's success is "dependant upon interest."

College Union Board Attends Convention

Four students and Mr. John Perkins, coordinator of student activities, journeyed to Farmingdale, L.I. last Friday, there to attend the Annual Regional Conference of the Association of College Unions — International.

The conference, which was a two day intensive study on the problems of planning social and cultural affairs in colleges, was held at the Agricultural and Technical College of the New York University.

Those students attending the conference were Andrew Berezeny, Gail Nisbet, Carol Parente and Wayne Cavallaro.

35 EX G. I. 's Attend M.C.C.

Thirty-five veterans, ranging in ages from twenty-one to twenty-seven years, have come to Middlesex County College to share classes with 715 other students. Six months of active duty qualify them, under the G.I. Bill, with a provision of \$100 per month for matriculated students.

The ex-G.I.'s have chosen M.C.C. for its proximity and to be members of it's first graduating class.

The feelings of all are expressed by one veteran who stated: Now that the tough times are behind me, I know things will work out well here at Middlesex County College." What a better way could there be to end active G.I. duty?

NURSES DESIGN OWN CAPS

Nursing Students have the opportunity of designing their own nursing cap. The students will have submit their own designs for judging by the President, Dean of students, Dean of Instruction, Chairman and Faculty of the Nursing Department, before November 1.

A prize of the first cap and a two year subscription to the American Journal of Nursing will go to the winner.

The winning style will be that worn by the students here in the nursing curriculum and will be worn by future students who enroll in this program in the college. Upon graduation from our nursing curriculum, the nurses will wear these caps in keeping with the accepted and long standing tradition that nurses wear caps representative of their former schools.

The winner of this contest will then have the added satisfaction of knowing that the cap to be worn by possibly thousands of our future graduate nurses was designed by herself.

Nurse Buntaine Reports

The clinic is the Medical Department of the College. Our purpose is to initially care for the students if they become ill or injured on campus. When the student has been hurt, we will give every assistance to their parents, their doctor or doctors and the local health agencies.

* Visual treating equipment is in! Have your eyes been watering? Do they tire easily while reading? Do they feel strained? You may come to the Clinic on your free period and have your vision checked. Location — Faculty building 111 — Side Door Entrance.

HELP WANTED

It is not the policy of this newspaper to print classified ads, but in some instances, it is necessary to overlook a policy to suit a need.

We, the members of the newspaper staff are in need of new members. If you are interested in helping your college newspaper be a really excellent publication; if you can write reasonably well; if you have a flair for photography, art, or the original; if you can type, punctuate, or spell, then by all means come up and see us.

We are located in the main classroom building in room 307 and are there almost any hour of the day, and sometimes night. We love company so don't be shy.

WHAT'S IN A NAME ?

Our name QUO VADIS is a latin term meaning "Where are you going?" It encompasses the spirit and cause of our two year college in all curriculums. Whatever the student's field, he must leave after two years and take his place in the world or in another college.

It is appropriate than that we ask of our readers "Quo Vadis?"