

CHRISTMAS DANCE PLANNED AS FIRST COLLEGE UNION BOARD ACTIVITY

The Christmas Dance, to be held Saturday, December 19, will highlight the social calendar at Middlesex County College this semester.

A poll was taken around the school concerning: formal or informal dress, the type of dance—whether buffet or dinner, the school you date attends, if any; the desired price to pay for tickets and suggestions for a place to hold the dance.

POLL DECIDES

It was decided that the event would be a dinner-dance and it would be semi-formal. These are the only definite decisions. It is not as yet certain where the Christmas Dance will take place but suggestions such as the Redwood Inn in Sommerville and the Brunswick Inn in New Brunswick have been made.

The various committees have not as yet been formed for the dance; however, it is expected that all who want MCC's Christmas Dance to be a wonderful night to be remembered by all will volunteer to contribute his or her share to the work involved. It is hoped that everyone will support the dance by purchasing tickets.

KISTULENTZ HEADS READERS GROUP

A developmental reading group, under the direction and instruction of Mr. Andrew Kistulentz, is underway and meets every Friday in classroom 113 during the third and fourth periods.

Mr. Gordon Harrower, admissions counselor, first realized the need for such a program when he was approached by three students who expressed their difficulties in reading comprehension and retention. Claiming that their poor reading abilities were becoming evident in such subjects as history, philosophy and sociology; all extensive reading courses, it became evident that some remedy must be found.

RUTGERS PRESENTS CONCERTS MCC STUDENTS INVITED

Rutgers University will present the Moscow Chamber Orchestra, with William Steinberg conducting, at the Rutgers University Gymnasium, Wed. Nov. 30, at 8:30 p.m.

This will be the fourth of eleven cultural concerts to be presented by the State University this year.

Included in these concerts will be The Early Music Quartet returning by popular demand on Thursday, December 8, The Netherlands Chamber Choir, with Felix de Noble conducting, Thursday, February 2, and Gerald Souzay, a celebrated French baritone, Tuesday, February 14.

This year the special concert in the gym will be the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Rutgers University Choir on March 2. This program features "Et Occidentem Illustra" by Robert Moevs (commissioned for the Rutgers Bicentennial) on the "Creation" Mass by Hayden.

Next is Evelyne Crochet, a brilliant young French pianist, who will be presented on Tuesday, March 7. On Wednesday, April 5, Gina Bachauer, a distinguished Greek pianist, will be at the gymnasium.

The Robert Shaw Corale and Orchestra conducted by Robert Shaw will conclude this series on May 8.

As a direct consequent of these three student's seeking aid in a specific problem, we now have a developmental reading group, formed specifically for aiding poor readers in the hope that it will directly benefit them in their studies.

The class is relatively normal, having an enrollment of 15 students, and it is felt that as students learn more about the workings of this course that there will be more of a need realized and displayed for this type of classroom aid. Admission to the class is not difficult, as all that is required is \$12.12, the price of the books used in the course.

When asked to comment on the course, Mr. Harrower replied, "I wish everyone who feels he needs this type of help would come forward. Almost everyone's reading can be improved." Then he added with a quick smile, "By the way, how's your reading, son?"

CHAMBERS REPORTS TO SUPERS

Superintendents of schools of all Middlesex County schools visited the MCC campus on Tuesday November 17, for President Frank Chambers progress report.

The program consisted of a tour of the campus of all superintendents conducted by President Chambers himself. The tour, starting at the library at 10:45 AM was concluded with an address by President Chambers and Dean Reynolds.

In November of 1965, President Chambers spoke to the superintendents of schools and told them of his plans for the college. His report to them last Tuesday was a report of the progress made since last November. The physical state of the college including existing buildings and new structures was the primary concern of his report. The student enrollment and the number of students from each Middlesex County high school comprised the second half of the report. Third and final on the agenda was a listing of the curriculums and programs contained in each.



Miss Purtell address counselors.

COUNSELORS AND SUPERINTENDANTS ARE GUESTS OF COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

Miss H. Joan Purtell, director of admissions, and Dr. Frank Chambers, college president, entertained guidance counselors and superintendents of schools respectively on November 16 and 17.

The 51 counselors, representing the 27 high schools in the county of Middlesex, met in the faculty lounge on November 16, 1966 to discuss the admission policies of our college with Miss Purtell and to glean information as to the curriculums which we offer. After the general meeting, the counselors were given a tour of the existing campus and acquainted with the campus of the near future.

SUPERINTENDANTS ATTEND

Twenty superintendents of schools from Middlesex County met with Dr. Chambers on the 17 and received basically the same program as that given the day before to the counselors with a few minor changes added.

Phamplets concerning admissions requirements and copies of the first issue of Quo Vadis were distributed at these meetings.

Dean Announces:

New Exit "Effective Monday"

Effective Monday, all campus traffic will be rerouted in order to facilitate the flow of traffic and to ease congestion, the following procedure is to be inaugurated:

All autos leaving the campus will proceed down Avenue B towards the former entrance-exit gate but instead of turning right as in the past, vehicles should go straight ahead towards the middle gate adjoining the former officers' club. Before reaching this gate, a left turn must be made before reaching the officers' club and proceed down this road until the gate is reached.

This system has been inaugurated by Mr. Michael Reynolds, dean of students.

School Seal Released

The Board of Trustees has released a tentative college seal. This circular, scalloped-edged seal focuses on a horse's head as the main figure. Below this are a book, symbol of learning, and an atomic symbol, significant of the future. The words, Middlesex County College and the establishment date will also be on the seal. The exact seal design has not yet been decided upon, but the listed symbols will definitely be included.

This seal will become the official stamp of the college. It will appear on school documents and on various other college oriented materials. Hopefully a college blazer will be approved and be emblazoned with this seal. A proposed design for a school ring has also been submitted to the Board of Trustees with the seal as its focal point.

OF COURSE . . .

The MCC Athletic Department has been granted permission for their students to utilize the nine hole golf course adjacent to the college.

Use of the course is free for students enrolled in college golf classes. They are permitted to play on the course any week day and after 3 PM on Saturday.

Golf clubs are provided by the school and the golf students are encouraged to play nine holes a week, according to Mr. Richard Flynn, director of physical education.



GIVE US THIS DAY . . .

I sure am dirty and tired, its been a long, weary patrol. Whats today? Say, today's Thanksgiving. Boy, do I wish I were home! Football games, turkey, and girls; thats O.K. one of these days I'll be home again, if my luck holds out. Whats that? Relax, its only a rat. Better get your mind back on that sniper or you won't live long enough to see another Thanksgiving. This sure is a heck of a way to spend the day, dodging mortars, killing people, and being thankful for just being alive. I wonder if the people back home know how lucky they are? I doubt it.

I can't get the thought of turkey out of my mind. Remember those meals I used to have on Thanksgiving Day; turkey, potatoes, salad, bread—— Oh quit complaining, you had your meal; just because it consisted of cold beans, soggy bread, and that "good" G.I. coffee is no reason to get upset. It beats no meal at all, and you've had days like that.

Boy it is hot, must be at least 130°. It sure must be nice back home. Forget it soldier, get your mind back on the job. Sure its nice back home, but its up to you to make it stay that way.

First get that V.C. before he has you for Thanksgiving dinner; then you can sit back, dream of home, and do nothing but let the mosquitoes bite.

NEATNESS COUNTS

I think by now it is evident to all that the bulletin boards in the main class room building are a pathetic sight. Students insist on hanging idiotic signs and posters on these boards. It is not only the signs that lend themselves to the confusion but also the manner in which they are hung. They are creating an appearance of complete chaos which reflects on all the students of M.C.C.

Quo Vadis

The Quo Vadis is published bi-monthly by the student-journalists of Middlesex County College of Edison, New Jersey.

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In taking a survey of opinion among the students, I have found that most of the students agree that it is a problem that must be overcome if we are to improve communication between different activities.

My suggestions to improve the condition now existing are as follows: Use two of the five boards for personal ads; one on the main floor, the other on the second. All ads should be typed on three by five file cards, dated, and approved by a committee. Daily notices should have a special board near the cafeteria. The remaining two boards may be used for the posting of club activities, concert dates, and any program of interest to the student.

I feel that if these suggestions are put into effect many existing problems will be eliminated.

Letters to the Editor . . .

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the entire staff of "Quo Vadis" upon its first edition. Also, I would like to offer a few comments on the editorial, "We shall overcome". I agree with the writer that we should set up some sort of code in regard to dress. Within two years, many of the students will be entering the World of Business. It would be to the advantage of all concerned that a good image is projected to everyone.

Best of luck in future endeavors.

Sincerely,
A Student

Dear Editor:

In reference to your Editorial on school dress, I think your view to be opinionated, narrow minded, and totally uncalled for. I do not advocate sloppy dress, but I do think that we, the students, should be allowed to dress as we see fit. This is not high school. We are encouraged to make our own decisions, and manner of dress should be one of them. Also I think that there should not be any restriction on girls wearing slacks to class. This is my opinion and I hope you print it.

Sincerely,
Dotty G. Chiera

WE THE STUDENTS . . .

When college students prepare to embark on a great task much is needed to insure its success.

The student government of M.C.C. is about to undertake a task of such magnitude, that the words and deeds of its workers will forever be recorded in the annals of school history.

The Government is preparing to draft the constitution and by-laws of Middlesex County College. This endeavor, if begun in the right manner would be difficult, but to proceed in the manner proposed would be next to impossible.

The plan as it stands is to ask for volunteers to write the constitution, have a student forum on its content, and then bring it before the senate for ratification. This in my opinion is the same as stuffing a ballot box. I say let the students nominate, and elect a constitutional committee that will truly represent the masses and not a select few.

When this is done, and a forum held on the content, then and only then will a true democratic constitution be drafted. After all is completed, bring it before the senate and assembly for ratification.

The job ahead will be long and hard, so may I wish its workers a wise and speedy journey.

"TO BE OR NOT TO BE"

In one of her celebrated and widely read poems, Miss Emily Dickenson stated, "I'm nobody, who are you? Are you a nobody too?" Miss Dickenson thought of herself as a "Nobody" because she was an invalid for the greatest part of her short life and lived almost completely in isolation from the world about her. She had then, good reason to think of herself in this sense. But who, sir or madame, are you? "Are you a nobody too?" I certainly hope not.

If you consider yourself so, then it's your own doing. This college, young and bursting with opportunity and challenges for anyone who has a mind to take a step in it's direction, is yours and mine, to make of it what we will and do. Will you make of it what you want, or will you be a "nobody too?" . . . "T'is a question."



Mr. John Perkins and Gail Nisbet, student gov't. vice-president consult.

PERKINS HEADS STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Who can that personable young man, always roaming the campus, possibly be? It's our own Student Activities Co-ordinator, Mr. John Perkins. Educated at Florida State University, he has received a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Music History with a minor in higher education. While pursuing his studies in Tallahassee, Florida, Mr. Perkins partially supported himself in an unusual and unique manner. Being the assistant program director for a campus broadcasting station, he helped produce and direct an educational television show called "Focus".

PAST EXPERIENCE

For the past two years, he has been actively working in the Student Activities program at Florida State, where he served as a member of the University Union Board. Consequently, the planning and creating of a new union program and building is nothing new to him. In Mr. Perkins' first year on the board, Florida State opened their multi-million dollar building, and established a full program of activities. He was specifically responsible for setting up numerous programs in the Fine Arts.

When asked why he applied for his present job, this dynamic individual replies, "I had heard about this college as evidently being a leader in the New Jersey college system and I was intrigued by the main ideas and philosophy of the administration."

Mr. Perkins' future plans include meeting the requirements to obtain his doctoral degree, and seeing the completion of the new union building.

HIS OPINION

As for Mr. Perkins' opinion of the student body, he comments, "Realizing that we have a student body of all freshmen, it is sometimes difficult for those of us on the faculty to realistically judge this class. Our standards are high and we often expect these standards to be shared by the students - standards that we are here to develop in you, the students. I must say that I was immediately impressed by the initial show of leadership and enthusiasm as expressed by the "Pathfinder" group and transmitted to the rest of the student body. I only trust that these qualities will continue to manifest themselves as the year progresses.

"The college administration has given the student body wide latitude in governing their own affairs and creating their own extra-curricular program. It is my wish that you will now accept the tremendous responsibility that accompanies this freedom."

NURSE BUNTAIN REPORTS

If you are not feeling well or are ill, notify Nurse Buntaine in the College Clinic. If you need to see a physician due to illness or have had an accident, notify the Health Service Office, phone 548-6000, extension 217, as soon as possible, in order that your College Health Insurance forms may be completed. Upon completion of these forms by the student and the nurse they will either be taken by the student or sent to the attending physician or the hospital in which you may seek care.

Just a reminder about your insurance coverage. The policy provides:

1. \$500 blanket coverage for medical and accident sickness.
2. For medical care the student's first visit to the hospital is paid.
3. Medical policy pays for the second visit and hereafter to the physician's office.
4. The student has 24 hour coverage.
5. Your policy expires September 20, 1967.
6. If you have any questions concerning your College Health Insurance stop in at the Health Service.

GRADING SYSTEM DISCLOSED

Miss Wilhelm, College Registrar

On November 16, the faculty will file mid-term grades for all students. It seems appropriate, therefore, to take this opportunity to present the details of the grading system at Middlesex County College and to explain the policies of the College with respect to scholastic standing.

GRADING: The mid-term report card will list the grade of "S" in each course in which a student is making satisfactory progress. Those doing below average work will receive the appropriate letter grade of "D" or "F".

The grades to be used at the end of each semester, with their accompanying honor points, are as follows:

Grade	Honor Points Per Credit Hr.	Explanation
A	4	Outstanding achievement in meeting the objectives of the course
B	3	Above average achievement
C	2	Average achievement
D	1	Below average achievement
F	0	Failure to meet the objectives of the course
W	0	Withdrawal from course when authorized by the Dean of Students. Withdrawal other than the above will result in a grade of "F"
I	0	Incomplete work to be made up within one week from the end of the semester or by special arrangement of the Department
S	0	Satisfactory work

Grade Point Average: Honor points are used to calculate a grade point average at the end of each semester and cumulatively throughout a student's college years. This average is determined in the following manner:

1. Multiply the number of credit hours for each course by the honor points per credit hour for the grade earned in each course (see above table).

Examples: A grade of "A" in a 3 credit course earns 12 honor points
A grade of "C" in a 4 credit course earns 8 honor points

2. Add the number of credit hours which the student attempted.
3. Add the honor points earned in all courses.
4. Divide the total honor points by the total credit hours.

Example: Sample Report Card for a Liberal Arts Student:

Course	Grade	Credit Hrs.	Honor Pts.	
ENG 121	A	3	12	(4 x 3)
HIS 121	C	3	6	(2 x 3)
BIO 121	C	4	8	(2 x 4)
HPE 101	B	1	3	(3 x 1)
FRE 121	B	3	9	(3 x 3)
MAT 121	D	3	3	(1 x 3)
TOTALS		17	41	
GRADE PT. AVG.		2.41	(41 ÷ 17)	

SCHOLASTIC STANDING: To remain in satisfactory standing, a student must earn a grade point average of 1.2 the first semester, 1.5 the second semester, and 1.7 the third semester. He must also demonstrate a mature attitude, interest and cooperation. A student who does not maintain the minimum grade point average, or who receives an "F" in any course, will be placed on probation.

All students on probation are ineligible to participate in inter-collegiate sports, student senate, student publications, or to hold office in any student organization. In general, probation students may not devote more than two hours per week to co-curricular activities.

A student will be subject to dismissal from the College under the following conditions:

1. If he earns a grade point average of less than 1.0 in any semester.
2. If he receives more than one "F" in a semester.
If a Pre-Technical student receives one "F" in a semester.
3. If he fails to regain satisfactory standing at the end of a probationary period.

Students will be dismissed in February if any of these conditions apply.

A student who is doing below average or unsatisfactory work at mid-term is urged to seek assistance from his Faculty Advisor. There is still time to improve your work before final examinations in January. Failure to take such action now, however, may result in dismissal at the end of the current semester.

Constitutional Committee Formed

Proposals were made at the first Student Senate meeting of the school year, for the formation of a constitutional committee to be responsible for the writing of a constitution, governing the action of the Student Government and College Union Board.

A tentative constitution had been prepared by Mr. John Perkins, coordinator of student activities, and is serving as a guideline in the absence of a permanent document.

October 31, saw the third Sen-

ate meeting and the announcement of an 18 man volunteered committee to head the task of constitutional writings. It was then established that the committee and its sub-committees were responsible for the complete writing and compiling of the constitution, and that this should be done entirely independent of the student senate until such time as they had completed the document and then the Senate would ratify it if it deemed it worthy. The committee is headed by Senator Michael McCormick and has to date 24 members.



L. to R. — Andy Berezney, Mr. Perkins, Carole Parente and Wayne Cavallaro discuss convention.

MAIL BOXES INSTALLED

New to the snack bar in the Student Union Building is a large mailbox complex. These boxes are for the use of members of the Student Government, Newspaper, College Union Board and various other student organizations.

Questions, suggestions, information, and any other form of correspondence concerning the college should be left in the mailbox of the person to whom this information is being passed on.

The primary purpose of these mailboxes is your convenience in helping to communicate with your senators and organizational heads. You are then urged to use these boxes and to keep them in good order, according to Mr. John Perkins, coordinator of student activities.

Union Board Happenings *by Carole Parente*

The philosophy and objectives of our College are interpreted and inacted into the programs of the College Union Board. In addition, to the creation of programs, this board is also responsible for advising in the construction of our new union building. The board is composed of three students and four non-students (faculty). It is chaired by the Coordinator of Student Activities who serves as Director of the College Union.

The implementing of the general program areas created by the board is the responsibility of a semi-autonomous group of program committees. A general meeting of all those interested in participating on committees was held Wednesday, November 16. At this time further information

regarding the duties and functions of these committees was presented by Mr. John Perkins, coordinator of student activities. Material concerning the Board and its committees may be obtained from the College Union or Union Board members.

SKI CLUB FORMED

Last Monday saw the first formal meeting of the newest campus organization, the ski club. The club is open to all full-time students on campus.

On the tentative slate of events for the club are several ski trips with first-hand instruction to be afforded to all those who cannot ski, and all of those who can also.

ORGANIZATIONAL HINTS

Outlined briefly here are a few details submitted by Mr. John Perkins, coordinator of student activities, for the formation of a new club or student organization on our campus.

These requirements will be outlined in a student handbook which will soon be published, but here you are given a few of the basic and firsts in the organization of student activities.

If you are interested in starting a new organization on the campus there are a number of things to consider. Is there a need for your group?

First of all, you should ask yourself whether or not there is a real need for the organization you are thinking of forming; are there any other groups which would service the same purpose and objectives as the one you are thinking of? Are there enough persons interested in your type of organization who would benefit by the mutual fellowship and exchange of ideas that you would follow? Would the organization make for the social development of its members?

You should also be fairly certain that the nature of the new group you are forming is such that it would continue to function after you have left the campus.

PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW

A. After you have considered carefully the answers to the questions such as those, you should be able to determine whether or not there is a real need for your organization on campus. If you feel there is a need for the group you are considering please contact the Coordinator of Student Activities for a petition form.

B. During your first several meeting you should elect a temporary slate of officers, select your faculty advisor(s), establish a permanent time and place for meetings and formulate your constitution.

OFFICERS

Naturally it is desirable that responsible persons be elected to various offices. It is recommended that officers be enrolled as full-time students and have a C (2.0 grade average).

FACULTY ADVISOR

Each organization is required to have a faculty advisor who should be selected at, if not before your first meeting. It is desirable that the faculty advisor have the same interest as the members of the organization and that he not be so busy that his attendance at meetings would work hardship on him.

After you have completed these requirements, you are now ready to petition for charter. This can be done through the office of the Coordinator of Student Activities.

SENATE SLATES

by Marianne Ciccone

Immediately after elections, the Officers and Student Senate went to work. At the first four Senate sessions, committees were formed, and chairmen were elected. The Constitution Committee, the first to get under way, has reported rapid progress in the formation of our constitution.

The Senate has also voted on various organization budgets. The first newspaper budget was passed, but a second appeal was turned down. The Drama Club's budget, was also rejected, but a small amount was allocated for immediate expenses.

At future sessions, similar issues and new ideas will be brought forth to the Student Government.

UNION BOARD REPORTS FINDINGS

Andy Berezney, Wayne Cavallaro, Carol Parente, members of the College Union Board and Gail Nisbet, student body vice-president have reported on the progress of the convention which they recently attended at Farmingdale, Long Island.

The Association of College Unions Convention was held October 28 and 29 at the New York State University Agricultural and Technical College.

Miss Parente attended conferences on union organizational and recreational activities. Social conferences were attended by Miss Gail Nisbet and organizational meetings by Andrew Berezney and Wayne Cavallaro.