

Obi Sets Down Goals At Open Meeting

By Jerry Gollinger

Last Friday's "Interracial Soul Search," the Obi Society's first public presentation, brought into clearer focus the forces acting for and against the newly formed society.

The 150 to 200 students and listeners who packed into room 15-8 were mainly white. The panel consisted of four representa-

tives of the Obi Society, three representatives of student government and one independent.

Jim Korschuh, who is petition-



Jim Korschuh voiced his grievances against Obi Society.



Reggie Douglas told the group that he came to the meeting with hostility.

ing against the student government's recognizing and funding of the Obi Society, gave a short introductory speech in which he outlined his grievances. Korschuh has founded a counter group which he referred to as "S.O.U.L." — Students Opposed to Unjust Legislation.

Jack Merritt then gave an explanation of why he had circulated an earlier petition and why he had withdrawn it. He finally gave Obi his partial support by saying, "I don't want to be put in the position of being the great white leader on this campus, because there is no great white leader and there is no great white race and there is no great black race, so be open-minded and listen to them and ask questions because it will be good for them and it will be good for you."

A third prepared speech was delivered by Charles Canada. The speech seemed well-polished and reflected Canada's award-winning style in debate and oratory.

Canada first spoke generally, saying, "I foresee in the future one of two alternatives. Either we live together as brothers and sisters or we face total destruction."

He then went on to answer some questions raised by the first two speakers. He explained brief-

ly Obi's scholarship fund and its membership policy.

The remainder of the session was a question and answer period.

It was said that Obi has no political ties, nor is it associated with the Black Panthers or other Black Nationalists.

Some students interpreted the poem, "Obi Won't Bite Unless



Charles Canada listed two alternatives; "live together" or "total destruction."

You Bite Obi," which appeared in the last Art and Literary Supplement, as a threat.

William Hall, the author and one of the panelists, explained, "That poem meant just what it says. If you want to play games, we'll play them with you."

The prime minister of the Obi Society, Jim Walton, extended an invitation saying, "Our doors are open to anybody who wants to expose themselves to Obi, and I wish more students would come down. Nobody is going to turn you away from Obi's office . . . so if you want to come in, come in, don't stand and peep in."

The student government's representatives explained why they increased Obi's budget overnight. It seems that they had more money than they thought they had and there were "threats" made by individuals.

Obi's prime minister pointed out to those who were arguing financial matters that the things Obi can do are hard to put a price on.

Finally, it was stated that Obi was for "Black people," not "Negroes." As Maurice Alexander put it, "There are many, numerous thousands, hundreds of thousands, millions of Negroes. There are very few Black people."

Prime Minister Walton of the Obi Society made a concluding speech urging students to come to the Obi office, room 18-4, for more information, and asking them to work to bring about the changes Obi is looking forward to.

Election Results

Bob Robinson is the freshman class president.

Robinson polled 180 votes to defeat Ron Ericson who finished with 157 votes in Wednesday's final election.

Mark Jesling is the freshman class vice president.

Freshmen class secretary-treasurer is Joanne Lewis.

Representatives for the freshman class are Dave Brown, Tina Hoffman, Laura Shenkel and John Stella.

David DeForrest won the representative position for the sophomore class.

The amendments both passed by very large margins.

Five hundred and forty-five students voted in the election.

The sophomore class secretary-treasurer will be chosen by Charles Canada, the sophomore class president.

The Board of Trustees of Tacoma Community College will meet at 3:30 p.m. Thursday (10-24) in the Board Room of the Administration Building. Chairman Frank Cooper announced.

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AWS Sponsoring Dance Tonight For Gifts

Lots of people talk about Vietnam, but the Associated Women Students of Tacoma Community College have decided to do something about it.

They're sponsoring a dance from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. tonight in the TCC gymnasium. Live music will be provided by "The Soul Set." Admission is 50c plus a gift for servicemen or orphaned children in South Vietnam. Gwen Lang, AWS president, said the list of usable gifts includes:

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Pocket Knives
Tire Patching Kits
Candles

She said proceeds will go to gifts, packing, and shipping charges.

When the dance is over, the work for the dance committee will have just begun. Miss Lang said the members intend to spend Saturday wrapping and packing gifts.



AWS members (from left to right) Gwen Lang, Julie Bender, Carol Allen and Brenta Truitt examine gifts received.

EDITORIALS . . .

A Few Words to Obi

In the initial fall quarter issue of this paper, most students learned of the new society on campus, Obi, which declared both in this paper and before student government that its primary purposes were:

(1) To foster and encourage Black cultural awareness for "all" students on campus, and;

(2) To encourage better, more fruitful communication, and hopefully, better understanding between Blacks and Whites on campus.

Although only four weeks have passed, it would seem that the Obi Society is not only heading, but heading at flank speed, toward failure in the accomplishment of these goals.

The cornerstone of failure in this effort is the unrealistic attitude which Obi has displayed at each and every dealing that society has had with student government, this paper, and more important, with the general student body of this college. This attitude is clearly exemplified by statements such as: "WE DEMAND . . ." ". . . BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY." It is further exemplified by Obi's personification of the entire staff of TCC as "The Racist Administration" and the student body as "This Racist Campus."

Related to this attitude, perhaps as cause, perhaps as effect, is the equally unrealistic approach the society as a unit takes in implementing its goals. It is inconceivable that a group which declares as its goals communication, interaction and acceptance could honestly believe that it was effecting progress by either deliberately, or inadvertently, blocking communication with hostility, unilaterally isolating its membership into a black clique, and provoking rejection through its offensive manner. Seemingly, Obi's accomplishments to date are totally antithetical to its avowed objectives.

On the basis of its actions, Obi must truly believe that it is faced with a campus administration which would be unresponsive without threats, a student government which would do nothing positive without demands, and a student body composed of Ku Klux Klansmen just waiting to string Obi members up at the first opportunity. Perhaps these conceptions, however false, are at the foundation of Obi's negative direction.

If so, it might alleviate the situation to point out several facts, these being:

(1) To any objective observer the administration has done all within its power, and even more, to accommodate the needs of Obi and ALL black students on campus.

(2) Prior to the hostile and offensive displays which took place during the student government meetings at which Obi was recognized and its budget approved, most members of the student government were either indifferent or positively inclined toward Obi.

(3) TCC student body members are an apathetic crew as a rule and it is extremely unlikely that any great percentage had formulated any attitude whatsoever regarding Obi, until, I repeat, UNTIL Obi began its DEMANDS and veiled extortion before the student government and in Fred Lowe's articles in this newspaper.

Demands, veiled threats and something akin to mass paranoia will encourage neither 'favorable' Black awareness, nor understanding between Obi and the general student body on this campus.

At the present time, it is possible, even probable, that many members of student government and a large number of the general student body have at least the beginning of a very negative attitude toward Obi.

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Shock It To Me

Shrieks and screams will be in abundance when Tacoma's second annual HAUNTED HOUSE comes alive on Friday, Oct. 25. Located in the old Storlie Mortuary at 5036 South Tacoma Way, the house is scheduled to run through Thursday, Oct. 31. The house will be open from 6 to 10 p.m. on weekdays and 4 to 10 p.m. on Saturday and

Sunday. Donations are 50c for adults and 25c for children under 12.

Proceeds will go toward furnishing rooms in the new wing of Remann Hall. Last year's successful "Haunt" by members of Omicron Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Sorority, raised over \$4,000 for the dependent children's fund.

AWARENESS

The idea of a Black man standing eye to eye with a White man and saying, "I am a man, and as a man, I demand everything a man should have," is quite inconceivable to a White society, especially when most of White America considers itself so openminded to the plight of "colored people," that they are making drastic efforts to integrate the "colored" people into the White society.

What Whitey did not realize is that there are Black people who did not want sympathy or to be whitewashed into society, but want to be Black and do his own thing his Black way. As long as the "colored" people agree with the White man and stay hung up on the idea that integration will solve their plight, they will remain the White man's tool. Until the "colored" boy comes to the realization that integration will only do him good when he comes to know that he

Black Support Not Complete

By Frederick Lowe

Since the organizing and establishing of the Obi Society, the few dedicated workers of the Obi Society have found more Black and aware people among the White students than the colored boys and girls on campus. Black is no longer the pigmentation of a person's skin. It is the philosophy of a proud people.

During the first week that the Obi Society was set on campus, interested white students came into the Obi office and offered support to every committee, drive and fund that Obi is working for. This type of support is welcomed by Obi, but since the purpose of Obi is for the Black man to work for a society of justice, black support is needed. It is true that several colored students have offered support to Obi, but this support has never materialized. These students have found themselves in the snackbar daily playing cards. Is this a way of showing that the White man has beaten you down so far that the only thing you can do is to be another Stepin Fetchit?

Fred Lowe is a "Black man" with pride and dignity, not that "colored" boy who has no identity or pride in himself, he will remain a tool.

Unless the colored people become fully Black men and women, they will still be in Whitey's back pocket, taking everything the "Man" gives you. The "Man" can then point to the integrated "colored" boy with pride and say, "That's my watermelon eating, dancing, house nigger." Black is an educated experience for every man and woman.

words of merritt

By Jack Merritt

"Obi Society just burned down the newspaper office!" This could be one of the many fallacious rumors which riddled our campus during the last two weeks. All of these rumors seem to stem from yet another of those famous blunders our student government makes.

As a college student in this country, I am, as most students, a natural critic. As a critic, I find a normal routine on this campus an exhausting chore. How is it possible for anyone to ignore the ridiculous procedures of student government, or to neglect the definite interference of the administration into student affairs, or fail to watch an organization which obviously does not want to be watched? Because too many students fail to keep a watchful eye on the factions of this school, we are constantly subject to the rumors and misunderstandings which took place the previous two weeks.

Our student government met Oct. 3 and approved an audit recommendation of \$4,550 for the budget of Obi Society. This budget was a cut of \$1,300 from the original of \$5,850. It was generally felt that Obi was neglected the right to adequately discuss the budget before the vote. Considerable unrest was present within the Society, and upon a membership vote, it was decided that it would not accept the \$1,300 cut. Obi Society then voiced their general unrest to TCC President Thornton M. Ford, who in turn, called an informal meeting of GASTCC officers.

WACCSG Sets Meeting Date

The Washington Association of Community College Student Governments will hold a meeting of their southern region in November. Vice president Ross Briggs will represent TCC at the conference.

WACCSG is a state-wide organization which strives to promote ideas on student government and give student government leaders a chance to find out what is happening on other campuses.

One of the objectives of WACCSG is to form a lobby to represent them at Olympia.

WACCSG has a total membership of 22 community colleges but as yet the organization doesn't have any voice in Olympia.

The November 16 meeting will include the members of the southern region which include: Centralia Community College, Clark Community College, Grayland Community College, Lower Columbia Community College, and Peninsula Community College.

After discussing the budget and the financial state of student government, it was decided to give Obi their original budget of \$5,850. A special meeting was called at 10 a.m. Oct. 4 and the proposed Obi budget was unanimously approved. It was at this point that the student body began to show disapproval. Why had student government changed its mind within 24 hours? Was it a threat of violence that caused them to call a special meeting? Why did the administration interfere in student affairs? Did our student government bow to the administration? All these questions were asked and discussed by students on this campus, but the questions which most people wanted to know was, "What is Obi Society? How is Obi Society going to improve this campus? How can I become a useful part of Obi Society?"

In an attempt to receive answers to the latter set of questions, a number of petitions were started. The object of these petitions were to erase the decisions of government over Obi Society and to force the Society to inform the general student body and not to just deal with the administration. As a result, an open discussion was held by the Obi Society Oct. 11 and all questions were readily answered.

Just a suggestive hint to all of the students on this campus who pride themselves as being critical, but depend on this newspaper to inform them on campus activities: "The reporters on this staff may very well be a bunch of biased liars."

A Few Words to Obi Society (Con'td)

The greatest single factor in this new general attitude has been the large sum of money Obi DEMANDED (and got) from ASB. Aside from the fact that no club or organization on campus receives anywhere near the \$5,850 Obi has gotten, aside from this point, the prime consideration is that Obi doesn't 'request' things from ASB or 'ask' for things from ASB—Obi DEMANDS things from ASB, demands with the attitude that ASB and Tacoma Community College "owe" Obi the things it demands. This is the prime basis for the developing negative attitude of many students.

The simple truth of the matter is that neither the college nor the associated students of this college "owe" Obi anything, anymore than they "owe" the American Indian or the Japanese American anything. Both of these ethnic groups are represented on campus. Should either, or both, ever organize into societies it would be hoped that they, by virtue of the fact that young men and women attending college should possess some degree of intelligence and maturity, would not DEMAND or EXTORT their requests from this college.

This editorial is not intended to add pressure to an already sensitive and unfavorable situation. Its only purpose is to point out that should Obi continue its present course they will not only waste \$5,850 of the associated students' money, but much more serious, they will certainly fail to accomplish what they were given that money, in good faith, to accomplish; namely, to promote understanding and integration between the Black man and the White on this campus.

It is hoped that Obi will re-evaluate its attitude and its approach in order to work toward a more realistic effort. A primary consideration of this re-evaluation should be the fact that every Black student who follows Obi through TCC will attend this school in the shadow of Obi's success or Obi's failure in the 1968-69 academic year.

—Loman West

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Look closely at the word "Obi." Does it look like Swahili to you? In the Sept. 27 issue of the **Collegiate Challenge**, the Minister of Information for the newly formed Obi Society stated that Obi means "soul" in the Swahili language.

Well, it just didn't look like Swahili to me, so a little investigation was in order. I first contacted the University of Washington, Anthropology Department. Professor Eastman, an expert in the Swahili language said, "There is no such word in the Swahili language. The closest to it is "Raha" which means the core of humanness, rest and comfort, but the general inter-

pretation means soul; wait, there is a better one, 'Roho,' which means spirit and vital principle, with again the general interpretation as soul."

Still not satisfied, I called the University of Puget Sound and talked with Professor N'engo who speaks Swahili and has a working knowledge of many other African languages. "I am not aware of any such word as Obi in the Swahili language meaning soul, maybe in Youta, Ibo, or Hausa, but not Swahili."

I submit that Obi does not mean soul at all but are the initials of some unknown slogan. Furthermore, I think there should be an investigation by the Obi Society to prove the meaning of "Obi."
—Signed, "Sarge"

Dear Editor:

Following the release of the most recent issue of your paper, many a conversation was heard concerning that of the six printed pages, only two could be considered of merit to all.

It strikes me as appalling that a school of this size and with the number of intelligent people it must possess has to be satisfied with such a mediocre newspaper. One only has to look around the campus on a Friday afternoon to see what an impression the paper has on the student mind. Trash cans are its filing cabinets. Classrooms, hallways, outside areas and the cafeteria are the limits of its circulation. In other schools, the campus paper is often taken home to be re-read and considered. The **Challenge** get no further than the parking lots in its travels.

Consider this all. TCC needs a good paper!! Over 3,000 students demand, expect and should get this. It's early in the year and not too late. Answer the challenge with a good **Challenge**.

—S. Grant Jeynes

Delta Pi Lambda Offers Tutor Service

The Delta Phi Lambda was a group organized last November to give outstanding students at Tacoma Community College a chance to meet and work together.

The club's main undertaking last year was that of organizing a tutorial service. This service was put into full swing in the spring quarter of 1968 when 32 students devoted one hour per week giving free tutoring to needy students.

Anyone who has maintained a 3.0 grade point average for one quarter is eligible to tutor. No qualifications are required to obtain help from the service. A letter of invitation into the club will be sent out to freshmen with a previous high scholastic record. There will be a freshmen initiation into the club.

There is also a probation program for students who don't maintain their 3.0 GPA.

At the end of the year there are plans for a Scholastic Excellence Award to be presented to those students who show exceptional scholastic achievement.

Future programs planned by the club are softball games,

meetings of Honor Societies from surrounding schools, and presentations of scholarships to students with exceptional scholastic achievement.

Delta Phi Lambda has received \$190 for publication of course critiques, payment of the umpires for the softball games, and other activities sponsored by the club.

Allan Shaw, a tutor, had this to say about the program, "Last year I noticed a misconception with students thinking that tutors are superhuman. Not much can be accomplished in just one sitting and a great number of students never return. I do feel we helped students last year and hope to continue in the future."

The first meeting will be held Oct. 23 in Building 15, Room 4 at noon. Any persons interested are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Mr. Paul Griffin, counselor and club adviser, in Building 1.

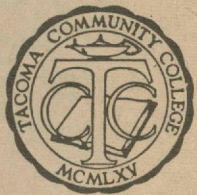
Dear Mr. Jeynes:

Following the receipt of your recent letter to the editor, many a conversation was heard in the newsroom — none of which is printable.

It strikes me as appalling that out of a school of this size and with the number of intelligent people that must attend it and have some solid criticism of the **Challenge**, I have to settle for such a mediocre letter to the editor.

Consider this — the **Challenge** needs good letters to the editor. It's early in the year, so try taking an English composition class or two and writing an intelligent letter of discontent.

— The Editor



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Sports

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By Keith Hunter

Comments concerning Husky football coach Jim Owens have been increasing lately. These remarks are usually pointed toward his coaching ability and the large sums of money that are being spent to make the University of Washington's football team something that it isn't.

Let no one say that the U of W hasn't had some top performers . . . they did and do have. Not every college can afford to use their top athletes as "examples" . . . the University of Washington has. Jim Owens has, in the past, hand picked from a group of gridders breaking training rules the one whom he felt would make the best example. What is so wrong with this? Why should Owens have made the others pay for breaking training rules when he was able to use just one member as an "example?"

One cheer that probably won't be heard too loudly in the Husky camp this winter (unless from the other team), goes something like this: "We've got the coach on OUR side, he's Gr-r-eat!"

It would be impossible to continue this column any further without saying at least one good word to Coach Owens . . . "QUIT!"

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Off The Cuff

In keeping in line with the column this week, I'll make the following prediction: Southern California stomps Owens . . . USC 27 — U of W 6.

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Not bad . . . Tacoma Community College has not been scored against in football yet!

Placement Service Finds Part-time Jobs

The Placement Service at TCC is for students who are interested in part-time employment according to George Jansen, financial aids officer.

For part-time work on campus the Work Study program places students in jobs such as library aids, office assistants, lunchroom attendants, and ground maintenance personnel. About 80 per cent of this program is financed by the federal government leaving only 20 per cent to come from school funds. So far this year this program has employed about 80 students.

For part-time work off campus, private businesses contact TCC asking for help in filling part-time positions. Already 70 requests have been filled for this type of employment.

This year the Placement Service is promoting more services for those who are planning to enter the job market after two years of college. In the spring Jansen hopes to have representatives from different companies here to talk with students about fulltime employment.

Loans, grants, and scholarship applications can also be obtained through the Placement Service. Among these is the new Equal Opportunity Grant Fund. The bulletin board in Building 5 carries a list of part-time jobs.

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X-Country Meet at Skagit

Today the cross-country team will travel to Skagit Valley for an invitational meet. Other teams which the Titans will be facing are Bellevue, Shoreline, Clark and Trinity College from Canada. More teams are also expected to show up.

"This will be a good meet competitively for our team and will also give us an opportunity to look over the Skagit Valley Community College cross-country course, as that is where the state meet will be held," said Coach Ed Fisher.



TCC cross country coach Ed Fisher shows his disappointment over the teams performance last Friday at Centralia.

Running in the mud and rain last Friday, the best the Titan runners could do was third as they suffered their first defeat of the young season. Following an excellent performance the week before, the Titans couldn't master the cold, rain and muddy field as they slogged and slipped their way to a third place finish in the Columbia invitational.

First place honors went to Jack Pyle of Highline as he covered the 3.2 mile course in 15:14 to better the course record set by Terry Rice of Tacoma Community College last year. Highline

College matched Pyle's performance as they took meet honors. They were followed by Shoreline, Tacoma, Yakima, Skagit Valley, Centralia and Lower Columbia.

First place finisher for the Titans was Roger Fenter as he crossed the finish line in eighth place. He was followed by Terry Rice, 10th place; Jon Hayes, 14th place; Pablo Hayes, 17th place; Chris Taylor, 24th place; Jeff Schuenmann, 30th place; and Todd Ketter, 32nd place, to round out the seven from Tacoma.

"It was a poor exhibition of our team's ability," said Coach Fisher.



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The year was 1965
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The land was hot, the sky was
dark
and I was safe from harm

Beneath the shelter of my tent
I slept a peaceful sleep
Dreaming of the girls back home
and things almost as sweet

When, deep inside, my fear of
death
began to come around
The sweat was dripping from my
brow
made puddles in the ground

I sat up straight, I'd heard a
scream
so close, yet far away
So scared was I, I trembled so
back down I had to lay
With all the noises of the night
I thought my mind would snap
Though in a while things quieted
and everything went black

Then by some freakish twist of fate
with everything so calm
The Viet-Cong attacked our camp
I heard the first alarm

I froze up stiff, my mind went
blank
a chill ran down my spine
The urine ran all down my leg,
I didn't even mind

I opened up my mouth to speak,
no sounds could I bring forth
The gunny came into our tent
his voice was loud and coarse

His orders were defend this post
I know it will be hell
But you're a part of my Marines
I know you will do well

So go out there beside your
friends
destroy the enemy
And you will reap a taste so sweet
the taste of victory

As I went out, the gunny's words
kept running through my mind
I wished I were in a different
place
and in a different time

I tried to kill, I cried instead
my bloodstained tears did fall
Upon my comrades' bodies,
wasted on an unknown soil

Well, the battle raged all
through the night
and half the day to come
And, the really very funny thing
was that neither side had won

Then as I walked this war-torn
land
through blood and guts and gore
I spied a thing unrecognized
my innards released their
hoards

For I did realize
'Twas the gunny's forearm
laying on a pile of slime
Bent rather hideously in a V
for the victory sign

I fell down on my knees, I cried
the tears I shed were real
I asked our GOD to take away,
in other words to steal,

Man's greed, man's lust,
his very will to fight
And in their place, put
brotherhood
and other things as right

That night the Cong attacked
again
while in my tent I slept
And when I heard that first alarm
I broke down again, I wept

These tears I shed weren't born
of fear
their parents were pity and
shame

For I got up, went out to fight
out to kill again.

Well now it's 1968,
the place the U.S.A.
And things are pretty much the
same
as they were that very day

Except that I am wiser
for I know that man won't
change
And I see GOD had his reasons
when he sent that first big rain

And I think that up in heaven
there's an angel hard at work
Preparing the final fires cause
the LORD said "Go for broke"

SO it's love we need, not violence
and wisdom in the place of fear
For the fig leaf grows on the
left hand side
and the way out end is near.

—William Hall, Jr.

Nothing

You tell me to write
of joy; of happy
people who
spend their lives
smiling and laughing;
But I cannot;

for to me
your joy, your happy
is false, and thusly
meaningless
to me and my kind.
People (your society)
don't live; they exist.
Their joy, their happy,
their life (?)
is shallow, false, wasted.
So . . . you see —
I cannot write
of (your) joy, of (your)
happy
for it is not
mine, and
yours is false,
and how does one speak
of something that
is not?

—Kathy Greenlaw

Editor's Note

by Jerry Gollinger

The Art and Literary Supplement is meant to serve as a showcase for the creative efforts of Tacoma Community College students. Unfortunately, some forms of artistic creation cannot be translated directly into forms consistent with the newspaper medium (music, drama, or sculpture, for example). We hope to observe and report on achievements in these other creative fields when it is impossible to display them.

As the name implies, this supplement will include more than just "literary" creations (such as poetry, short stories, etc.). We encourage those working in the visual arts to also submit material (drawings, prints, lithographs, photographs, etc.)

As the editor of this supplement, I personally invite anyone interested in submitting anything they have done, published or unpublished, in any useable media, to bring it to the *Challenge* office (Building 18, Room 1) and let me see it!

Up
Been So Long, It Looks Like to Me
Down

After reading hundreds of books and ingesting possibly thousands of characters, I find myself surprised when I open a book I have come across by sheer accident and find myself nose to nose with someone bigger in life, brassier than the Pentagon and possessing more cool than an ice cube factory.

Gnossos Pappadopoulos, "furry pooh bear," "keeper of the flame," Ivy League astronomy student, drinker of Cutty Sark, pot smoker, occasional acid head, possessor of a Captain Midnight Code-O-Graph, and accuator and haver of gargantuan hangovers is just such a character.

Gnossos leaps upon the mind, often screaming, from the initial page of *Been Down So Long* through the ambiguous ending which trails off into a vague fog. In the interim, from the shaggy curled mane and often bloodshot eyes, past his Boy Scout Shirt and omnipresent rucksack and parka ("the blanket of Linus"), his cord pants and huge workman's boots, you get as involved with Gnossos as Gnossos is involved with himself and his concept of living.

In a period when Marshall McLuhan can write with some certainty that the greatest need of the post-war generation is the need of involvement, Gnossos impacts on the sociological scene with far greater force than Jake Barnes of Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises*, epic of another post-war generation.

Without attempting moral judgment on the use of drugs, alcohol, sex or the sum of Gnossos' generally nihilistic attitude, without attempting to superimpose my own values or attitudes on Athene, I read *Been Down So Long* . . . and I was involved and entertained.

The style, suiting the material, is appropriate to the scenes handled and is a fluid, fast-paced style that embodies movement and action. Forinna handles the somber stillness of near death in an Appalachian snow scene with as much virtuosity as he handles a mad binge at a fraternity rush party.

Probably the best of *Been Down So Long* . . . is the tremendous quantity and quality of the humor (like Joyce who spent hungry, indigent hours in the Paris National Library studying Ben Jonson's humor) Forinna perceives the necessity of comedy in handling an essentially human story. Where there is not action to involve, there is humor, slapstick, Black, raunchy and ribald, still humor and some of the best I have ever read. Laughing re-

quires involvement and involvement is the essential of a good or a great book.

Glimmering through the mad-cap action, the farcical comedy, the dangerous irresponsibility (objectively) with which Gnossos wheels through *Been Down So Long* . . . are the gentle, beautiful needs of a human being. Gnossos, if he has a purpose in life at all, is looking for and needs love. He repudiates viciously the current trend toward lumping Sex and Love in the same bed. He journeys, by thumb, across country looking for a reasonable substitute and finds instead only drugs, neon marquees, alcohol, gambling and a loss of identity in San Francisco. Frightened, he returns to the security of the campus and the pose he's built carefully under the guise of various characters such as "Plastic Man," "The Shadow," "Captain Midnight" and with a few, as Gnossos.

Essentially, Gnossos is afraid to give love, and without giving, it's hard to get. Kristin McLeod, girl genius in the study of government, wafts in on Gnossos and saves (if that's the word) him. He achieves love and a little personal regularity in her and begins to think about marriage.

For an exciting conclusion to our serial this week, tune in next week same time, same station and discover the fabulous escape Super-Gnossos makes from the clutches of the diabolical Alonso G. Oeuf.

—Loman West

A Man Among
Men

He wasn't a big man
as some men go
But he had a heart
and he had a soul.
He had a plan
of his own creation
To better his people
and better his nation.
His purpose in life
is easy to say
Was to better the world
in his own little way.
He went on a journey
to make the South peaceful
His desperate goal
was to make all men equal
He was killed by a bullet
from a man who had hate
The country must suffer
from that shot of fate.
It will always be said
he was doing his "thing"
He will always be known
as Doctor King.

—Jack Merritt

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SUPPLEMENT

GASTCC News:

'Ban the Gun'

By John McCarthy

Unarmed security guards on campus during daylight hours was a proposal by Vice President Ross Briggs to student government during their Oct. 10 meeting. Briggs was appointed by ASB to look into charges that security guards were overstepping their authority.

Briggs said that he is looking into the contract that was made with the security company to find out just what the guards can and cannot do. Briggs would also like the guards to leave their guns somewhere else during the day.

"The only time they need their guns is during registration and at night," said Briggs.

The guards object to taking off their guns because it is a part of their uniform. They say that they would have to change their uniforms every time they came on campus.

Other news:

It was disclosed last week that \$3,000 was stolen during registration.

Mr. Gilman and Mr. Lathrop don't want rock and roll music during lunch—rock isn't conducive to good digestion, they say.

"But maybe the students would like it," suggested President Bill Kageler.

"Well," hesitated Kathy Williams," Domi Petrinovich doesn't like it either." Mr. Petrinovich operates the cafeteria.

So instead of rock there will be bland super-market sounds piped into the cafeteria from tapes located in the resource center.

Lynn Harlass, secretary of WACCSG, a state organization of community colleges, got a new desk for \$90. Lynn complained that she didn't have anyplace to put her mail.

Robert Shupp was appointed to the Audit Committee.

fashion scene

By Terri Bale

Break away from the "one good wool coat" establishment this winter. Brave the cold days ahead with wrap-ups that are excitingly new and different.

Capes and cloaks are coming on strong. They look smart in bold plaids with contrasting bright stocking caps and gloves.

Don a "beastee" in wild Cheetah or lamb. Complement it with a furry hat to match.

Leather coats with boots are great for our rainy climate. Team them with a floppy rainhat. Imitation leather is less expensive and easier to care for. Another groovy look is "layered and laced" trench coats in earthy colors of suede.

Be super-chic in a midi-coat of herringbone or tweed. Wrap a couple of yards of woolen scarf around your neck. Top it off with a 1920's eye-catching hat.

Beauty Tip of the Week? Scrub your face with cornmeal. It's the best deep pore cleanser going!

Film Club Formed

Recent movies such as "The Graduate," "Bonnie and Clyde," and "Doctor Zhivago" are vivid testimonies to a change which is taking place in the modern cinema. To a steadily increasing extent, the film is becoming more than just a medium of entertainment; it is becoming a form of expression.

An organization under the advisorship of Harry Woodward is being formed on campus to study the art of the film. Proposed activities of the organization include:

the art of the films' direction.

- 2. Actual movie making on subjects of the students' choice.

If you have an interest in movies or are interested in cultivating such an interest, come to the short (15 minutes) meeting on October 17 at noon in 15-10.

Nesbitt Archeological Explorer

Paul Nesbitt, a new instructor on campus, has much experience in actual archeological work in anthropology.

Nesbitt did work pertaining to the stylistic locales of the Indian tribes that existed before the time of Lewis and Clark along the Lower Snake River in Washington.

Nesbitt analyzed shapes of pecked glyphs and paintings of early periods.

As usual in all scientific work and experiments, there are certain obstacles to be encountered and surmounted. Nesbitt has had many such encounters in his work. One of the major problems which he encountered was the flooding of the Snake River caused by dams. At such times he had to rely on previous photographs of the area to make his observations.

The work that Nesbitt did was for the Department of Anthropology at Washington State University. His findings were reported in a publication called **Stylistic Locales and Enthographic Groups: Petroglyph of the Lower Snake River**. The results of the glyphs of that area are reported in the book.

Nesbitt also studied the legal systems of law to find if there was a common law for man to follow. This study could be grouped under a study of the Social Anthropology of People.

Mr. Nesbitt went to a small town in Yucatan and discovered it is different from Mexican cities. The reason

for this, Nesbitt explained, is that there is no transportation or real communication with the rest of the world in that small town. In reality, they are living behind the times in the same manner that the North American Indian was living behind the times before the white man came.

Earlier, Mr. Nesbitt had done work in Guatemala. There his entire perspective was destroyed.

He should have been looking out across a field or through a wooded area, but he had to get used to seeing clouds in the sky, then following drops thousands of feet to see the reflections of the sheer cliffs in a crystal-clear lake far below. Nesbitt went on to say that Guatemala was exquisite with its rain forests in the low lands.

While in Guatemala he visited the classical sites and studied the features of their architecture. Nesbitt went into the highlands to check on conclusions to certain unanswerable questions resulting from the analysis of textiles in the University of Wisconsin collections. However all research here was done independently.

Nesbitt was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and has attended the University of Washington, the University of California, Washington State University, and the University of Wisconsin.

Nesbitt taught at Washington State University, and was a Reader of Anthropology at the University of Wisconsin. Nesbitt said that his interest in anthropology came while attending college, but previously his interests lay in interior design. He has worked as an Interior Designer.

Dental Coverage Now Available

Dental Accident Insurance is now available to all students and employees of Tacoma Community College through the Washington Dental Service.

Mrs. Rogene Ragsdale, Tacoma Community College Health Advisor, hopes that all students will avail themselves of this inexpensive protection against dental accidents. She says this policy has the unique advantage of covering all dental accidents regardless of where they happen, when they happen, or how they happen. Coverage is for 24 hours per day, seven days per week, for a full calendar year.

The cost to each person is \$2 per year for the full coverage policy, or \$1 per year for the \$10 deductible plan. Information pamphlets have been distributed throughout the campus. Payment envelopes are available in Bldg. 5 or from the evening counselor in the Resource Center. All applications must be in before October 31.

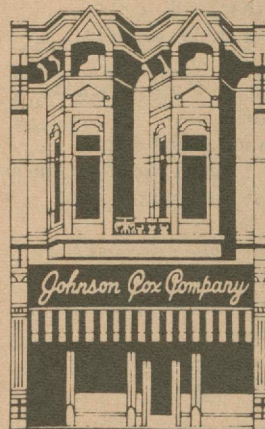
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What's That You Say?

"Bienvidos a estudiar espanol." "Soyez les bienvenus a la France!"

"Wilkommen zu jeder Zeit!" That's the invitation from Mario Faye, chairman of the foreign language department, to students who plan to begin their studies in German, French or Spanish 102, in the winter quarter.

He said students who have studied those languages in high school are permitted to begin with the 102 course. These students are invited to attend the 101 classes this fall, with advance permission of the instructor, and to use the listening laboratory in the Resource Center as a warm-up before beginning class in January.

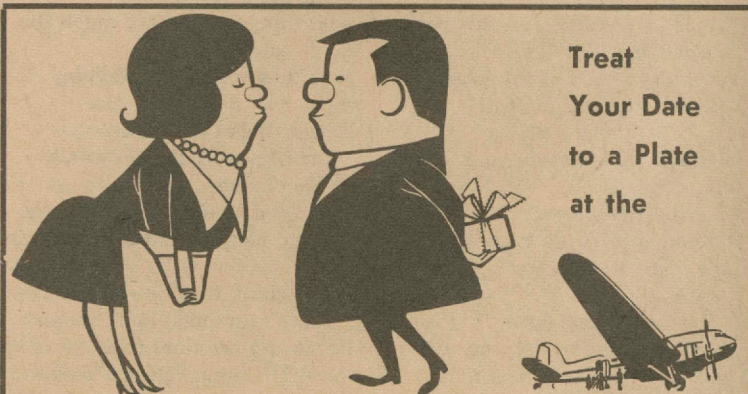


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