FRUSTRATION

By Alvin Anderson

My thoughts are on frustration. As I look around me, I find the present political, racial and economic situation that exists in this country today, I can only think of frustration. I am frustrated when I think of the upcoming nation wide election to pick a ‘leader’ for the next four years and I look at the two candidates as they project their views across the tube and deep down in my heart I feel no matter who is elected the climate of the country will continue to be one of fear towards another, hostility between those who want one thing and those who want something else, and the indifference of people based on self-righteousness.

I am frustrated when I know regardless of who makes it to the Presidency, it will be the masses of everyday people who will get the crumbs of anything thrown their way.

I am frustrated when I see a man with a family to support being turned away from possible employment and laying off due to economic reasons.

I am frustrated when I hear talk about ‘those people who want something else’ and if they were to work they would have to do it in the same way.

I am frustrated when I see a man who suffered the arrows of affliction doing what he could do best, dies with words of praise for his efforts bestowed on him but the pain and humiliation he suffered didn’t erase the institutional racism that permeates this country like an insidious disease cloaking itself in self-righteousness.

I am frustrated when I see the apathy of the young people who busy themselves with the hedonistic pursuit of drugs that makes a mockery of Brother Malcolm teachings.

I am frustrated when in this ‘space age’, an age where all knowledge known to man is now greater than ten million years ago, and yet the considerations to give our fellow brother or sister is predicated on how much is in it for us.

I am frustrated when the sum total of a man’s existence is offered to the lowest bidder and if you haven’t got shit then you ain’t shit.

Yes, I am frustrated because I know this isn’t the way it should be and yet the way it is and the way it looks like it will be for a long time to come.

FAY STENDER

Prison Law Project

As a member of the Prison Law Project, I came to campus on October 17th. She talked of many things that need to be done in the prisons and the correctional system.

Mrs. Stender stated that “There are 20,000 parolees in the state of California, and those who are on parole are having a complex relationship with the Adult Correction Board.”

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Determined to close our school, the PCCD Board cut 288,000 dollars and 15% of our teachers: All this in addition to the over-all 6% budget cut for all the colleges. The Board has further succeeded in alienating Grove Street from the community by cutting off the inter-action of community and students on the campus. The activity starved youth, once free to use the gymnasium after schoolhave been turned back to the monitory of the streets and the corner hang-outs. The free library that the students and community worked so hard for bureau-cratically phased out and the student's Free Breakfast Program for School Children was suddenly and silently, except for the hollow rumbling of the children's stomachs, dropped like an unwanted doll. This alienation of community from student was meant to break up the danger of a strong, unified alliance.

**Grove Street BSU**

The major demand of the Grove Street BSU, said James Gregory, is that the District cease the critical acts being perpetuated against Grove Street and all the other colleges, specifically in Black Studies and Third World oriented programs. He says that "Young Parks is an affective as the PCCD will allow him to be." Young Parks' renaming Grove Street to North Peralta Community College, which has about as much charisma as a dead saint, was just another attempt by the board to keep us from relating to our school.

A specific incident of this, says Gregory, is in the area of La Raza Studies. By the board's cutting of race courses and financial aid, the chicano's "physical presence has been made so minimal, that a definitive inter-relationship between Chicano and Blacks has not existed since the last strike," Besides the Vocational Students Union at Laney, which was formed to save their courses and teachers during last Spring's cut backs, there are no predominantly white groups of any significance on any of the campuses and, thus, the BSA is left with the task of saving our schools. Here at Grove Street the need for unity is especially necessary because the wheels of destruction are constantly grinding away. James characterizes the white students at Grove Street as "much more aware, much more willing to work...with more potential for correct work then at any other campus," This is "manifested in the fact that they are here", and not at other campuses. James also says they are trying to depict the relevancy of all the programs to the students and community. All these programs will be going on "simultaneously."

Academic genocide is not unique to Grove Street. On Laney College campus the BSU is fighting for recognition of existence. Last Spring all organizations had to submit a charter prior to recognition. The BSU has done so several times, and several times it has been conveniently lost.
This may come as no surprise to you, my friend but as you know there are many of us who are not aware of this fact.

We, the modern day slaves are still very much dependent on our master for our everything, from our daily bread to our nightly bed. From the cradle to the grave, he's there to lead you into temptation and destruction.

The game's still the same only it's called by a different name, you-we-they have an ill-vision of freedom but on close examination we realize it's a total farce.

We cannot make a move without disturbing the delicate balance of master-slave relationships. You are ordered to do this that or the other by your master, you had better do it or get outta Dodge cause with no Unity we are like sitting ducks like shooting fish in a barrel.

But Wait! Maybe there's hope after all though the jive ain't changed the characters have and so has the setting.

Laney

At Laney, like Merritt and Alameda colleges, the hapless victim of the superstructure. Specifically designed to devoid the student of any affinity for school or comrades, coupled with the impersonal amount of 10,000 students, they successfully succeeded in disseminating the student body like massive compound fracture. It is the subtleness as this that we must be continually on guard for.

Merritt

At Merritt, as the other Peralta colleges, there has been a drastic cut back in funds and courses. The BSA discovered, through investigation, a 250,000 dollar debt of the administration. This exposure united the students and helped make them aware of their school's shortcomings. The meal tickets and book loans are limited and the students are often made to pay for mimeographed assignments and other such absurdities.

Black Studies is greatly suffering and their budget has dropped from $80000 to $50,000. Said that the Black student should utilize the campus resources to serve the community. The alliance, in conjunction with all BSU's, is in the process of developing a student skills bank from which the community could draw from freely, and would be of mutual benefit to both. Such programs will include a tutorial program that would reach from the grammar schools to the colleges and include those not interested in institutional education but still hungry for knowledge; free legal referral; and free Sickle Cell testing.

Alameda

At Alameda College the BSU is helping La Raza get organized, giving them advice on leafletting, sharing their resources and skills. They sponsored a dance during Survival Week on campus, in which they both gained a lot of student support.

The next step is to go under the table to get the information. We're trying to educate the community about that. There are tactical differences between La Raza and the BSA, at Merritt and Laney, La Raza is encouraging students from buying student body cards, while the BSU's are aware of this fact.

The BSA has made the BSU's more aware and to recruit new members for the BSU. Relevant to the student. The BSA has made the BSU's more aware and to recruit new members for the BSU.

The setting has changed from a slowed down rural plantation scene to the Big City. The Big Apple, Super Plantation! Where you get Pencil & Pistol whipped by real X-per's from driving miles in ala-bam to driving tanks in Vietnam. It's time to get your hat and head to points south. The World Wide depression is very close. The BSU has taken over the Slave's revolution around the Planet. The Ecology trip, the Nuclear blowout, Earthquakes, tidal waves and all the other goodies.

BIG & BLACK get ready for champs who dare mess up a good thing.

Love-Jason

To be Young Gifted and Black, a special film, will be shown in the Pacific Archive Theatre Berkeley on November 1 at 5:00 PM. No reservations, first come first served.
Television and Culture is perhaps the most unusual class being offered by the Humanities Department this fall. It is taught by Mitch Cohen, the producer of a noted documentary about the television industry entitled, "What would we do without TV?"

Q: Mr. Cohen, why did you start teaching a course on TV?

MC: I started teaching TV and Culture because it seemed to me that television and television watching is something fantastically important in terms of understanding this country. And it tends not to get talked about in academic institutions because teachers seem to have such a prejudice for print. I just happened to be someone who grew up watching TV and simply started to think about my TV watching critically.

Q: Your class has been read mostly about McLuhan and Joe McGinness. Why these two?

MC: I assign McLuhan as a primary source. McLuhan and his writings are themselves a part of the culture. Understanding McLuhan is understanding the kind of many media men. I assign McGinness largely because it seemed that with my class running through the election, there was an opportunity to discuss the connection between media and the election.

"Jazz"

by Charles Lighteard

I bet there aren't many people that know where the word jazz comes from. Or do you? For those of you that don't know, it comes from whites that were confused by black music, so they labeled it with a word called jazz, meaning jive, be-bop, etc. But now, since they have fallen into the clock of everything, it's no longer black music, it's our music. Our music belongs to the good old U.S.A. Blacks have made America's music what it is, whether or not it's admitted. Most of the musicians you hear have attended big colleges or universities. They learned by listening to cats like John Coltrane, Miles Davis, Charles Mingus, McCoy Tyner. These are the people they listen to. It helps them develop tone and timing.

It's strange, since this music is called America's music, it seems like the blacks should be able to enjoy some of the fruits of this life, but most blacks don't have a gig half the time. They have to take what they can get, but this doesn't stop them, they keep on trying.

One way of getting a gig is to join a white group and get in on the H-O-N-E-Y, brother.

Q: How important is this media election?

MC: Media is incredibly important because I think that the TV ads for the Presidential candidates are more than commercials for a product. They are pilots for a series. The American people will be choosing between two TV shows on November 7.

Q: What is the general attitude toward television?

MC: The average American household watches four hours and 37 minutes of TV a day.

Q: What is the student attitude toward television?

MC: People are largely alienated and negative toward TV.

MC: I think that many people associate TV watching with boredom in their lives, which they've projected. But even for people who already have a negative attitude toward TV, I think that a course on TV is a valuable chance for people to talk about TV. Like most addictions, TV is seldom talked about.

Q: What do you think about what people watch on TV?

MC: Many people watch TV for many different reasons, what's most interesting to me is TV's use as a substitute therapeutic reality. A TV set seems to create a peaceful place and time to be in.

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(DRAWING: Chicago Jour. Review)

Q: How would you like to see TV used?

MC: I would like to see TV used either not at all or as the simplest mode of television communication. I think people are better off with each other.

"Unity is just a word unless practiced. Grove St. College B.S.U. will try to bring everybody together.

For further information contact the B.S.U. in D-3.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Tuesday, October 31--
One show only at 7:30 PM.
$1.25 155 Dwainelle, U.C.B.

Black Panther Halloween Party: Black House, 4th & Alston Way Berkeley. 10:00 PM $1.00

Sunday, October 29--
Jazz work-shop and jam session: Both And Club, San Francisco. No charge.

Saturday, October 28--
Field Trip to S.F. Zoo: Meet at Grove & Allene Streets at 7:45 AM for Pool Rides. Return to Oakland at 3 PM.

"Next week marks the beginning of Survival Week (Oct. 30-Nov. 3) sponsored by Grove St. College B.S.U. The purpose is to stimulate and motivate the awareness of Black Students and campus community. Survival Week will also serve as an important factor in organizing and setting up machinery to better serve the needs of campus and community.

Survival Week will start on Monday. The B.S.U. will have information on its future programs, plans, details, and how to get involved in some of the activities. There will be Free Sickle Cell Anemia Testing everyday and free films showing such as "Stardust with Bobby Seale" Strike of S.F., State of the Union, THE MURDER OF FRED HAMPTON, etc.

Tuesday will be a rally in the Gym at 1 o'clock. Thursday will highlight a revolutionary peoples' art exhibit by Emory Douglas of The Black Panther Party and also Carolyn Craven, writer and reporter of F.O.G.B.O. tv will speak at 11:00 in E-4.

Survival Week will end on Friday night at the Black House 8th & Addison, with a People's Party."
La Raza

NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

WE MUST LEND ALL OUR EFFORTS TO HELP DEFEAT PROPOSITION 22

The Farm-Workers need student support in their struggle against the exploiting classes.

COME TO LA RAZA STUDENT UNION MEETINGS: Thursday 11 a.m. E-3

PROPOSITION 22 está en la cartilla este Noviembre y está financiado por los sindicatos agrícolas de California para destruir la Unión de Campesinos cuyo director es César Chavez. Desde 1965 los campesinos han estado aumentando su poder en California y por todo el país. Ahora los gigantes de las sociedades agrícolas de California desean derrotar la organización de campesinos con la PROPOSITION 22. Si la PROPOSITION 22 logra ser ley, va a hacer las siguientes cosas:

1. Será un crimen para los campesinos salir en huelga.
2. Va a prohibir a 85% de los campesinos migradores que voten en las elecciones para que no sean representados por U.F.W.
3. Será un crimen para los que respalden a U.F.W., digan "Boycoteen la lechuga."

PROPOSITION 22 es un ataque a los derechos básicos y humanos de los campesinos. Es parte de la opresión a los trabajadores menores y los pobres por los intereses de los ricos. Unidos apoyamos y respaldamos a los campesinos.

REGISTRESE PARA VOTAR

Para ayudar en la campaña de justicia para los campesinos póngase en contacto con: UNITED FARMWORKERS, AFL-CIO

San Francisco
626-8187

Oakland
568-4322

San Jose
292-4651

San Mateo
344-2033

BOBBY SEALE RETURNS to campus

Bobby Seale, chairman of the Black Panther Party, as well as many other Party members, is attending classes at Grove Street this quarter, and will be doing so indefinitely. This is a clear indication of the Party's, concern for the struggles of this campus and our community. If you see the Chairman on the campus let him know that we appreciate the aid in our fight for survival.

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Yours,
Jason
The coming elections in our great, democratic, incorruptible Union feature not only Smilin' George but Tricky Dick but a number of initiatives and proposals on the ballot for the public to relate to.

One of the most important of these is Proposition 22, the so-called "farm-labor initiative."

The reader may or may not remember that Proposition 22 was placed on the ballot. Petitions were circulated by individuals who received 35¢ a signature which later went to 50¢ as the deadline approached.

It seems to me a curiously high figure to pay for individual names, but for more curious was the fact that people were solicited to sign because they were led to believe that this proposition would be of great value and aid to the farm-workers and their union movement. But here's the punch-line: This proposition actually was not to help the farm-worker at all. Instead, it was motivated and paid for by reactionary Agribusiness and their political agents in California.

Quite a bit of money was spent by these forces, something in the neighborhood of $240,000, just to get the signatures.

It is obvious that the growers will go to any lengths to achieve a death-hold on the farm-workers. This would include outright and easily-proved deception of the electorate.

The contents of Proposition 22 are full of measures to counteract the movement, though oftentimes clothed in double talk and downright hidden in the small print.

It is claimed by its proponents that the initiative assures farm-workers a secret ballot election. But it is not explained that the farm-worker, when deciding whether or not to unionize, can only have such elections when the number of temporary workers does not exceed the number of permanent workers. Those against the initiative claim that this proposal, if passed, would refuse the right to such elections to 90% of the farm-workers.

Another aspect of the proposal is that it takes a crime (a year in jail and a $5,000 fine) to advocate and encourage boycotts of scab produce if such activity uses generic names (generalized names characteristic of a whole group) - "lettuce" and "grapes" are such words. Other major aspect of Proposition 22 is a clause concerning strikes. It offers the grower a 60-day injunction even if such is rumored. Why 60 days? Because most crops need only 2 or 3 days and at most 2 or 3 weeks. Then the harvest is done.

There it is in a nutshell. Proposition 22 is designed to screw the farm-worker. Proposition 22, if successful, will squelch the gains made by the farm-labor force of the state. Proposition 22 would mean a death-hold on the farm-labor force of the state. Proposition 22 would effectively isolate this 10% from gaining allies and would preserve the archaic working conditions of non-union ranchers. Non-union workers would be denied the basic gains made by most of Labor in the 100 years. It is the movement's worst crisis in its 7½ year history. It comes down to a life and death matter.

Students and all progressive sectors must oppose Proposition 22 and support farm-labor. This is an insult to the public and must be dealt with. Organized labor has called for a "No" vote because what is implied in Proposition 22 is a general anti-labor tone. A victory for Proposition 22 would mean a beachhead for the corporations and growers in the remounting of new "right-to-work" laws in this state. Ronald Reagan and Co. need the "open-shop."

Defeating Proposition 22 will be no easy matter. Millions can be spent by the growers in propaganda for Proposition 22, while the U.F.W.U. has little money and a whole lot less established political power. It will be an uphill struggle and will have to rely on the leaflet, small ads and sympathetic support. We must inform ourselves and also educate others as to the real aims of Proposition 22.

As we wade into this merry-go-round called Elections, please remember to vote NO ON PROPOSITION 22. "An injury to one is an injury to all," said Joe Hill. It is no less true today. Venceremos!

Further information may be obtained by calling 568-4332.

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Sunday, October 29, 1972
SAN QUENTIN 1972
Departing time is 8:00am
Returning to Oakland at 1:00pm
SANTA RITA
Departing time is 10:00am
Returning to Oakland at 3:30pm
This is a subjective article.

Henry J. Perry and myself run the funkiest bicycle programs in the country; Bikes Unlimited and the ISCCF (Intercommunal Survival Committee to Combat Fascism) People's Free Bicycle Repair.

Bicycles are the focal point of many comrades' lives; especially young comrades. Since the reorganization of bicycles, more capitalists have flooded the market (bicycle market) raising bike prices hopelessly beyond the reach of the poor youth. The state often uses these prices as a weapon against the poor communities.

One such example happened on Friday, August 11 of this year in a black community in Washington. An old mailman goes to college letters, one for young brothers and sisters teams; one for you older team rides the baddest c bikes I've ever seen, with each rider sitting six or seven feet off the ground while going around with built-in obsolescence.

This is a subjective article. Henry and I both realize that his most stop!

This is what we need; a few more parts can be left at Black Panther Central Headquarters, 8501 E. 24th Street, Oakland, or call Henry at 632-6318. Donations for the People's Free Bicycle Repair Program can be brought to the ISCCF Center at 1415 Stannag in Berkeley or call 253-4395. These are People's programs. Power to the peddlers!
WE WANT EDUCATION FOR OUR PEOPLE THAT EXPOSES THE TRUE NATURE OF THIS DECAYED AMERICAN SOCIETY. WE WANT EDUCATION THAT TEACHES US OUR TRUE HISTORY AND OUR ROLE IN THE PRESENT-DAY SOCIETY.

To the North Peralta Community College Gym

Dr. Thomas Fryer, Chancellor of Peralta School System met with approximately 400 students to announce the closing out of North Peralta College.

a. North Peralta Community College is one of four Peralta community colleges (two year degree colleges).

b. It is the only college located in the heart of a Black community and has overwhelmingly a Black enrollment. A very active community services program provides a variety of educational and cultural opportunities relevant to the community at large.

c. Dr. Thomas Fryer, Chancellor of the College, was pleased at the North Peralta Community College Gym closing down of North Peralta College.

d. Herbert, Dean of North Peralta Community College said, "This state university should be responsible for the finances of the college and the students should not have to accept yours or anyone else's whim decisions to please some unknown political entity in Berkeley."

They said that the college had become a community resource center with many meaningful ties in the general surrounding community and to move the college would cause many hardships.

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 Lucille

--- Monday, March 11, 1971, between 60 and 75 students at NPC assembled in the annex building of the cafeteria to protest the alleged firing of Lucille Hawkins, an employee of Creative Foods, and whom also suffers a substantial popularity among the general student body.

The company is owned by Sherwin Harris and company, which consists of three other persons.

The news of Ms. Hawkins dismissal quickly spreading soon brought the operation of the school cafeteria to a halt. Shortly thereafter Carl Mack, Dean of Students, approached Sherwin Harris and reminded him that the school contract specifies that Creative Foods' provisions for every school day on June 7th, anything short of that breaches the contract.

See page 7. Campus

INFANTE OBIT

by Barbara Brooks

On February 28, 1974, Dr. Edna Infante, a member of the North Peralta Comm. College teaching staff, passed away, age 57, resided at 2212 Derby St., Berkeley. She was involved in an accident, while riding her bicycle, occurring at Stanford and Grove streets, in Berkeley, on February 27, 1974. The other vehicle was driven by Jacob Tawah, 27, of 1721 Berkeley Way, Berkeley. She was taken to Berkeley Hospital, in Berkeley, where she died as a result of injuries she sustained in the accident.

She received her B.A. in 1939, and her M.A. in 1941. She attended Mills College in the summer of 1938, and during the summers of 1939, 1940, and 1941, she attended the University of California. In 1958, she attended John Hopkins University. From 1962 to 1967, she attended the University of Madrid, in Spain where she received her Ph.D. degree in 1963.

She traveled throughout Western Europe and Latin America. She was a resident in La Paz, Bolivia for nine years and in Madrid, Spain for nine months.

Her teaching experience included instructing at Baltimore Secondary Schools, Baltimore, Maryland, from 1957-1962, where she taught Spanish and French and Riverside City College, Riverside, California, from 1963-1966 where she also taught Spanish and French. In 1967, at the Oakland Adult Schools, Oakland, Cal-

She taught English as a foreign language. From 1967-1969, she taught Spanish, French, and English at Madison High School, Oakland, California. She came to Merritt College, Oakland, California, in 1967, where she taught Spanish and English until 1970. At the time of her death, Dr. Edna Infante was a tenured instructor in the Language Arts Dept. at North Peralta Comm. College where she taught Spanish and English.

Dr. Infante was cremated in a private ceremony. A memorial service has been planned by a committee of NPCP Faculty Senate members and Dr. Infante's colleagues. Ms. Eloise Johnson is the co-ordinator of the program. Participants will also include the NPCP choir and students from Dr. Infante's courses.
Dear Friends and Co-workers:

As many of you already know I am in trouble with "the Law" and in need of your help.

I am being brought to trial not because I committed any crime but rather as an outgrowth of three factors. First, is the fact that I am a political activist (I have a long history in the anti-war movement). Another is that the rampant paranoia running amok within the Oakland Police Department and other law enforcement agencies has led to the fact that I am a member of, have knowledge of the Symbionese Liberation Army. This conclusion on their part is absolutely untrue. It is true that I am one of the five California co-ordinators for the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/War/Our Soldier Organization (an above ground, legal, anti-imperialist organization that works for progressive social change). It is also true that Joe Remiro, one of the two purported SLA people being charged with the murder of Marcus Foster, is a former member of VVAWI/WRO. However, I'm no more a member of the SLA (or any other terrorist group) than you are. The third factor is that the Oakland police are attempting to hide their own crimes by falsely accusing me.

Myself and several close friends have been continually harassed by the local police for the last six weeks. Homes have been searched, people have lost their jobs, individuals have been detained for up to two hours, phoney traffic citations have been issued and in some cases have been terrorizing a point. On the night of February 6th I was home in bed when someone called to say that a mutual friend was being harassed by the local police for the last six weeks. Homes have been searched, people have lost their jobs, individuals have been detained for up to two hours, phoney traffic citations have been issued and in some cases have been terrorizing a point.

On the night of February 6th I was home in bed when someone called to say that a mutual friend was being harassed by several police units not far from my home. I got up and went to the scene to witness and be sure that he got his rights and didn't get beat up. As it turned out, it was my body and my rights that were trampled upon.

Any support forthcoming will be greatly appreciated. Yours in solidarity and the spirit of labouring solidarity.

BOB HOOD

Note: All stories herein are the opinions of the individual writers, and should not cast a dim light on anyone else in the college, the Board of trustees or the Peralta School District. (Editor)

THE YEAR BOOK

Please remind all students graduating this Spring semester to have their picture taken in C-6/8 any time Monday through Wednesday by 4 p.m. before April 1st. They are required to supply a picture of themselves taken before age five. This picture will accompany their graduation picture in the Yearbook.
The Peralta Board of Trustees are the elected representatives of the Peralta Community College District. They have as their main function, the administration of funds allocated by the tax payers to provide adequate educational services to the residents of the district who have a desire to further their education and/or to upgrade their skills. These services are also available to out-of-state persons wishing to attend school in the Peralta District for a tuition fee. These services are also available for those wishing to attend from out-of-district. These persons must request permission from the Community College District in which they reside, to attend a campus within the Peralta District.

The tax payers of the Peralta District authorized the Board of Trustees to build four new campuses within the District by voting "yes" in 1965 for a $47 million bond issue to finance the project, out of which funds were to be made available to build a campus in the North Oakland-Berkeley-Albany area; other site areas for the new campuses were located in the East Oakland hills (Merritt College, downtown Oakland (Laney College), and Alameda (College of Alameda). Feather River College in Plumas County, which was added to the District after the 1965 bond issue, was given priority over the building of the campus in the North District, which was part of the original bond issue. With the completion of the new Merritt site in the Oakland hills in 1970, the old Merritt College, which is now North Peralta Community College, was in great danger of being lost to the residents of the North District area because of mismanagement of the $47 million allocated by the tax payers and inflation, but student and community pressure forced the District to abandon immediate plans for the closing of the Grove Street site which was a temporary victory for those concerned with making sure there did exist a campus within the North District as promised by the 1965 bond issue.

At the present time, the Peralta District has failed in its function to provide a decent and adequate education for the residents of the North District; despite their repeated assurances and promises that North Peralta Community College is the official campus of the North District, the college has been forced to operate on an entirely unworkable budget, with inadequate equipment and sometimes no equipment at all, and no money to replace equipment which has been damaged or outdated.

On August 6, 1973, the Board of Trustees in response to student and community pressure to honor past commitments to the North District campus to build a viable and meaningful education and the administration of funds allocated by the tax payers to provide adequate educational services to the residents of the district who have a desire to further their education and/or to upgrade their skills. These services are also available to out-of-state persons wishing to attend school in the Peralta District for a tuition fee. These services are also available for those wishing to attend from out-of-district. These persons must request permission from the Community College District in which they reside, to attend a campus within the Peralta District.

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The indication being that the District is more concerned about the security of the buildings and grounds than about the future and security of the members of the community who wish to receive an education in pleasant surroundings which enhance learning. The Peralta Board of Trustees are the elected representatives of the people and must serve the needs and desires of the people or they must be replaced by those that will.

Thurman Sherrill

By Zillah Cuevas

The Washington Post of Washington, D.C., is to be commended for its steadfastness and continued authentic digging into the Watergate affair. This becomes evident in a speech made in February to the California Newspaper Publishers Association by the Post.

The Post has been the butt of credibility attacks - Spiro Agnew in the forefront of attacks. Politicians have issued flat denials of Watergate material printed in the Post, and the White House has become an active adversary.

And all the while the Washington Post has been using fail-safe system for Watergate stories in that (1) any set of facts must come from two independent sources before printing (2) one or more Post editors must have read and approved each Watergate story before publication, and (3) each story on Watergate from another publication had to be independently verified.
The auditorium of the center echoed the chorus of one song, "When in doubt, try to keep a trying", reflecting the world woman's historical struggle to keep their families together and survive the harsh conditions imposed on them by racism. In another song, Sister Miyamoto portrayed a prolonged applause when she sang, "We don't want a piece of your pie, we want to bake our own." Among the most exploited women where in America and domestic work, Sister Viola Mitchell, a leader and founder of the California Womenmakers Association, described the five-month-old Association's (the membership has grown from five to 2,000 in five months) efforts to win collective bargaining rights for domestic workers in California. Sister Mitchell emphasized, "We want collective bargaining rights for domestic workers in California." She explained the interrelatedness of the liberation struggle in Vietnam and the struggle to liberate women. Declaring that "the South Vietnamese government has violated all articles of the Paris agreement", she said, "We will continue to struggle until there is true peace.

A series of entertaining skits followed, with Sister Joan Thanh Huu, head of the Third World Women's Committee, introducing the skits. The skits portrayed aspects of third world women's lives on the job and at home. Following the skits, a delicious array of international food was served. Also, during this intermission, the celebration participants viewed the beautiful displays put together by the Third World Women's Committee.

The spirit and organizing of third world women was beautifully demonstrated in this celebration that was tremendously enjoyed by all who attended.

When the sister stepped up to receive her groceries, Curtis Baker asked, "You been here before". The sister, shocked, answered, "You're lying". Enraged, Curtis started pushing the sister, hit her in the face, kicked her, and in a wild frenzy, reached under his belt and pulled out his masculinity substitute, a gun, screaming, "Bitch, don't you know who I am. I'll blow you away." After all the food was distributed, Curtis obviously wanted more action; the star without his floodlight might not be noticed. In an act of clear provocation, Curtis told some people standing around, empty-handed and angry, that there was some food stored across the street. As the people pushed across the street, Curtis called the police to report a crime and, upon the arrival of four to six police officers, Curtis pointed at the many people who spotted what Curtis Baker was doing.