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Comprising three city blocks and twelve acres, most of the Hostos permanent campus site at the Hub has been cleared. (View is looking East) It is bounded on the right (South) by 149th Street; Westchester Avenue is on the left. The college community hopes that the campus will figure in the federal government's revitalization plan for the South Bronx.

After President Carter's Visit, The Hostos Case is Being Made

President Carter's visit to the South Bronx has raised a multitude of questions—even anxieties—in all quarters of the community. Now that the flurry of excitement surrounding the visit has subsided, is there a "plan" to deal with problems which Carter so ceremoniously acknowledged? If there is a plan, what tack will it take? Will its centerpiece be housing? Or economic development and jobs? More social and health services? Improved educational opportunities?

Initially, the impression of many in the college community was that the emphasis of whatever plan was to be developed would be housing: one of the President's tour guides was the Secretary for Housing and Urban Development, Patricia Harris. And, perhaps most unsettling, was the fact that nowhere was anything being said about education, postsecondary education in particular.

Apparently, however, the Carter Administration is indeed interested in a comprehensive plan, and has asked City Hall, Borough Hall and groups in the community to help develop the approach. Fortunately, the case is being made for Hostos.

Shaping the city's proposal for a South Bronx strategy are City Planning Commissioner Victor Marrero and Bronx Borough President Robert Abrams. Both know Hostos, its needs and its mission well. As director of the South Bronx Model Cities Administration back in 1972, Mr. Marrero was one of the leading figures in the effort to obtain Hostos' permanent site in the Hub area of the South Bronx.

At that time, he showed a sound understanding of the role which Hostos must play in the community. Said he: "I am delighted that the Board of Higher Education has approved the Bronxchester site for

Hostos Community College's new campus. Locating the college in Bronxchester (the Hub area) will be a significant step in spurring a total rebirth in the development of the Hub area."

Since the Carter visit, Acting President Anthony Santiago has spoken with Commissioner Marrero to brief him on the college's present status and to reiterate the necessity of the Hub campus.

At Borough Hall, the college's case as in the past, has received careful attention. According to Deputy Borough President Robert Esnard, Borough President Abrams' plan will contain two proposals for the Hostos campus: The construction of a campus exclusively for Hostos on the Hub site or the development of the shopping center/campus complex, the plans for which were developed last year by the college and the South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation.

President Carter has, in the meantime, named several of his aides to work with the city and borough on the South Bronx question. Among them are:

Jack H. Watson, Jr., the president's assistant for intergovernmental affairs.

William White, the Carter administration's federal programs coordinator.

Bruce Kirschenbaum, Mr. Watson's assistant and, as a former member of the Lindsay Administration, one of President Carter's key aides on New York City affairs.

Hostos' Vice-President for Program Development, Pepe Barrón, has met with aides to Watson and White, and Watson has written to him that the Carter Administration is "very much aware of the unique identity of Hostos Community College."

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Bank Says It Will Buy Bonds To Fund Facility Renovation

Issue Must be Approved by Albany Control Board

Occupation of the Security Mutual Building moved one step closer to reality in November when it became known that the Bankers Trust Company has agreed to purchase a special issue of bonds totalling \$4 million from the State Dormitory Authority thus enabling Hostos to renovate the vacant facility on the Grand Concourse.

Although no official statement has been issued by Bankers Trust, the Dormitory Authority has acknowledged the receipt of a written commitment from the bank to purchase the bonds.

Some hurdles must be crossed, however, before the bonds are issued. The issue must first receive the approval of the Public Authorities Control Board, a control mechanism set up during the height of the city's and state's fiscal crisis to oversee the issuing of bonds by public authorities such as the Dormitory Authority. Serving on the Control Board are State Senator John Marchi (Rep., Staten Island), chairman of the Senate's Appropriations Committee,

Assemblyman Arthur Kremer (Dem., Long Island), chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and Governor Hugh Carey's budget director, Phillip Toia.

The next meeting of the Control Board is scheduled for early December.

Mr. Toia and Governor Carey, however, have imposed a freeze on all City University construction projects until the University issues a capital construction plan for the entire University system through 1990.

The City University's head facilities officer, Donal Farley, has, in the meantime, attempted to convince the budget director and his staff that approval of the Hostos bond issue should not await the publication of the CUNY master plan.

"Waiting for the plan," said Mr. Farley, "really presupposes many decisions on the part of CUNY. We've taken the position that the Hostos project is of an immediate, interim nature—not long-range, but temporary. It should be independent of the development of any long-range plans."

Tribute Paid to Nobel Laureate

Hostos students and faculty gathered at the college on November 10 to pay tribute to Vicente Aleixandre, the latest member of the Hispanic family to be honored with the Nobel Prize.

Aleixandre answered the college community in kind by personally dictating a letter by telephone to students and faculty from his home in Spain. The letter begins: "You are gathered there and I find myself among you." And it concludes: "It is from the depth of my soul that I listen to you and tell you: Thank you, many thanks, my dear friends."

Joining in the tribute, which was sponsored by the Modern Languages Department and the Modern Languages Club, were a number of Hostos' own scholars and friends. They came to talk of Aleixandre's roots and his place in the Spanish-speaking world, and they came to recite his own poems as well as poems they had written in his honor.

Coordinating the event was Prof. Orlando José Hernández, a new member of the modern languages faculty, who spoke of Aleixandre's background and introduced his colleagues. They were: Prof. Gladys de Jesus, who recited various Aleixandre poems; Puerto Rican poet Evan Silén who read several of his own poems written for the occasion; Prof. Alfredo Villanueva who read his own translations of various Aleixandre works;

Prof. Carmen Marín, who spoke of the "Generation of 27," the literary family to which Aleixandre belongs; and Prof. Rafael Catalá, both of whom recited additional poems by Aleixandre. Rounding out the program was Dionisio Cañas, a Spanish poet living in New York, who conducted a discussion on the life and contributions of the Spanish Laureate.

Following is the text of Vicente Aleixandre's letter to the Hostos college community (the English translation is by Prof. Orlando Hernández):

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PSC Circulates Petitions Urging Building Renewal

The Hostos chapter of the Professional Staff Congress has begun a petition campaign to secure the Security Mutual Building at 500 Grand Concourse.

Drafted at the November 30th meeting of the chapter, the petition reads in part: "Hostos Community College has the least amount of square footage per student of any college in the State of New York. Hostos has no gymnasium, auditorium or cafeteria."

The petition goes on to demand that the 500 Grand Concourse building "be

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De Lectoribus

El Coquí resumes the de Lectoribus column with the following poem from student Nashid Al-Amin. Readers (students faculty, staff or members of the local community) wishing to make contributions should contact the Office of College Relations and Development at Hostos (tel. 960-1008).

Early December

There was calm for a short while; a brief respite from the increasingly cold weather.

On a fairly beautiful day a weary-seeming sun cast off golden light.

The city was as usual—strollers, noises, curses and motor vehicles.

Everything seemed unconcerned with everything else.

I watched from a bench in a very small park as pigeons flew around a building's spire across the river.

Nearby some young boys played touch football.

I spied two lovers kissing passionately against a small leafless tree.

I again wished that I had a girl.

A group of people looking like tourists passed by—smiling up at the city's varied architecture as if appraising museum portraits.

I thought again of invisible air pollution whittling away at everyone's health.

A sudden gust of wind blew chilling air through my garment adding another degree to the grief that comes to me in early December.

Again I longed for spring and a new warm sun.

On Being Proud of Hostos Grads

Former President Cándido de León received a letter recently from Virginia L. Radley, acting president of the State University branch at Oswego notifying him of the fact that two Hostos graduates were member of Oswego's class of 1977.

Acting President Radley wrote: "We both are aware that the reputations of our schools depend, to a considerable extent, on the success of our graduates. You and your colleagues provided the academic and professional foundation which these young people used to achieve the baccalaureate degree. Their work, and yours, should be a source of considerable pride for you."

The two Hostos graduates are Eversley Junior Andrews and Doris Blaise who are indeed a source of pride for the college.

X-Ray Department Honors Program Advisory Chairman

The radiologic technology department honored the chairman of its advisory committee, Dr. Harry L. Miller of Bronx Lebanon Hospital during a luncheon held on November 17 at the executive dining room of The Bankers Trust Co. in mid-Manhattan.

Hosted by acting president Anthony Santiago and Prof. Leroy Sparks, chairman of the radiologic technology department, the luncheon also served as an occasion for the college to express its gratitude for the professional support of the radiologic technology clinical affiliates.

The luncheon was provided compliments of Bankers Trust.

Tribute...

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Queridos amigos:

Están ustedes aquí reunidos y yo me encuentro entre ustedes. Esta es la virtud de la poesía. La poesía es una sucesión de preguntas que el poeta va haciendo. Cada poema, cada libro es una demanda, una solicitud, una interrogación y la respuesta es tácita pero también sucesiva; y se la da al lector con su lectura a través de los tiempos: Hermoso diálogo en que el poeta interroga y el lector calladamente da su plena respuesta.

Hoy están ustedes aquí y yo me siento en cuerpo y alma entre ustedes. Este acto es como una milagrosa respuesta conjunta. Mi poesía toda se agolpa aquí por la bondad de ustedes, y la presencia de ustedes es como un símbolo de las respuestas sucesivas. Pero mágicamente, simbólicamente, esa respuesta no es sucesiva sino simultánea, y el poeta oye repentina y completa la respuesta de todos que en ustedes se pronuncia para el poeta en una sola, aunque como todas las respuestas del mundo. Con los sentidos del alma les escucho y les digo: Gracias, muchas gracias, mis queridos amigos.

Dear friends:

You are gathered there and I find myself among you. That is the virtue of poetry. Poetry is a succession of questions which the poet goes about asking. Each poem, each book is a request, a question, an inquiry, and the reply is tacit, but also successive: it is granted to the reader, through his or her reading, with the passing of time. A beautiful dialogue, in which the poet questions and the reader silently offers his full reply.

Today you are there and I am among you in body and soul. This is like a miraculous joint reply. All of my poetry gathers there through your kindness, and your presence there is like a symbol of the successive replies. But symbolically, as if by magic, that reply is no longer successive but simultaneous, and the poet hears the sudden and full reply from everyone, which you articulate in unison, yet like all the replies of the world. It is from the depth of my soul that I listen to you and tell you: Thank you, many thanks, my dear friends."

Petitions...

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made immediately available in order to ease the severe overcrowding at Hostos."

Anyone interested in circulating petitions should contact the social sciences department (room 209, 151st St., ext. 1062) or the physical education department (room 424, Concourse, ext. 1027).

Vistazos de Hostos...



The Carter - Harris visit raised concerns . . . and questions.

Hostos Case...

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In a letter to Mr. Kirschenbaum, Acting President Santiago best outlined the impact that Hostos could have on the South Bronx. He wrote: "The rationale for constructing a permanent campus for Hostos in the heart of the South Bronx remains the same as it was in 1972: For one thing, the construction itself would immediately create jobs for this impoverished community. York. . . Of equal importance is the fact that the permanent presence of an institution of higher education in the South Bronx would stand as an intellectual and cultural beacon—a vital center—of a community of poor people which for far too long has been regarded as a total wasteland."

So now that the press and the nation have turned their attention away from the South Bronx, the college and other sectors of the community are engaged

in a campaign to educate those who can bring about change. Can the lessons be learned? Even if they do learn the lessons, will government officials be able to pass them on to the rest of the nation and to muster the country's resources to turn the South Bronx around?

Following a recent and relatively unpublicized visit to the South Bronx, Deputy House Majority Leader Jim Wright was quoted by *The Daily News* as saying: "It is worse, far worse than I had thought." And, conceding that he "had never really seen New York" until he saw the South Bronx, Wright, who is a Texas Dixiecrat with a long record of criticizing New York City, concluded that ignoring the South Bronx "would be a major disservice to the nation. Perhaps an irreversible one."

Unfortunately, Congressman Wright's experience has been wholly uncommon; few have had the opportunity to have such revelations.

Hostos Chapter of PSC Fails In Bid to Reverse Bakke Stand

A move by the Hostos chapter of the Professional Staff Congress to have the PSC condemn the supporting brief which the American Federation of Teachers has filed on behalf of the complainant in the landmark Bakke case failed in November during a meeting of the PSC's delegate assembly.

The Hostos chapter of the PSC had passed a resolution in October urging that the CUNY faculty union rebuff the AFT *amicus curiae* or supporting brief for Alan Bakke, an applicant to the medical school at the University of California at Davis, who has claimed that he was the victim of an admissions policy which favored some minority students who were less qualified.

The vote on the Hostos resolution at the PSC delegate assembly was 39 opposed, 14 in favor and 5 abstentions.

"Even though we lost," said Prof. Gerald Meyer, chairman of the Hostos chapter of the PSC, "we effectively

presented our case, and were able to air the controversy at the delegate assembly."

In addition to Prof. Meyer, arguments in favor of the resolution were presented by Prof. Selena James, vice-chairman of the Hostos chapter of the PSC, Prof. Peter Roman, chairman of the social sciences department, and Prof. Edward Maynard, chairman of the Africana studies department. The Hostos resolution was also officially supported by the PSC chapter at Borough of Manhattan Community College.

The Hostos College Senate passed a similar resolution at its first meeting in September.

"It's inconceivable," said Prof. Meyer, "that a teachers' union should find itself in league with some of the most reactionary groups in the country."

"If Bakke wins," concluded Prof. Meyer, "affirmative action dies."

Carter's Visit Elicits Reactions From Local Leaders; Consensus Seems to Emerge on Approach to Problems

President Carter's visit to the South Bronx has elicited widespread reaction from the community. It has alternately been the source of hope, doubt, skepticism . . . expectation. Following is a sampling of that reaction, in this case from a number of community leaders.

José E. Serrano, New York State Assemblyman, South Bronx:

It was shocking to me that the President never met with the elected officials from the area. . . Had he been accompanied by Puerto Rican leaders, especially the elected officials, he would today have a better idea of the problems and necessities of this devastated area.

There are a lot more problems than housing. It's education, welfare, the drug addicts and more. . . It is clear to me that postsecondary educational opportunities and jobs are inextricably linked together—and the eventual transformation of the South Bronx and other inner city communities. My belief that Hostos Community College will play a historic role in the transformation of the South Bronx is absolute. . . .

John Patterson, Jr., President of the South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation:

President Carter's visit to the South Bronx . . . can be marked as the beginning date of our area's rebirth. His reaction to what he saw was sincere. He made a public commitment to do something to revitalize the South Bronx. I don't think he can afford not to honor that commitment. . . .

I can only hope now that positive things are beginning to happen here, and that they will be done in a comprehensive way rather than piecemeal. The number one priority has to be creating jobs for the residents of the South Bronx. Just building housing or parks as the President initially suggested will not be enough. An overall economic development plan designed to develop all aspects of our community and create jobs for the community is a must. Projects like the Hub Hostos campus and shopping mall for Third Avenue and 149th Street are important in this regard because they create jobs, provide for the educational needs of the community, and stimulate other positive things to happen in the area.

Robert Abrams, Borough President of the Bronx:

The president's visit was a step in the right direction.

What is needed is a combination of jobs and housing. Housing without jobs is not going to do the trick. We've seen that housing by itself will deteriorate in a matter of months. Similarly, if you just plunk a number of factories down you're still going to have a very unhappy community.

Aureo Cardona, Chairman of Planning District 1 (South Bronx):

President Carter's visit was really more for consciousness raising than anything else. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (Patricia Harris) wanted to introduce him to the urban scene. A lot of people don't realize that the President is a Southerner . . . with little or no roots in urban America. The important thing is that the dude now knows that we exist.

We see growth and redevelopment done incrementally, a long-term kind of thing. And we're still interested in high-quality, low-density housing designed for people of mixed incomes. We have to keep professionals in the community, and that includes your graduates from Hostos. It's the only way to do away with the ghetto.

The other thing is jobs, white collar as well as blue collar jobs. I'm saying "basta ya!"—we have enough of the menial jobs. In other words, our housing and economic base should be very integrated to include all kinds of people.

Robert García, New York State Senator from the South Bronx:

President Carter's visit to the South Bronx signals a commitment to all the people of New York. The reconstruction of the South Bronx will serve as the national model for the reconstruction of the central cities throughout the United State. This undertaking must be multi-faceted and include employment, health, educational and housing components.

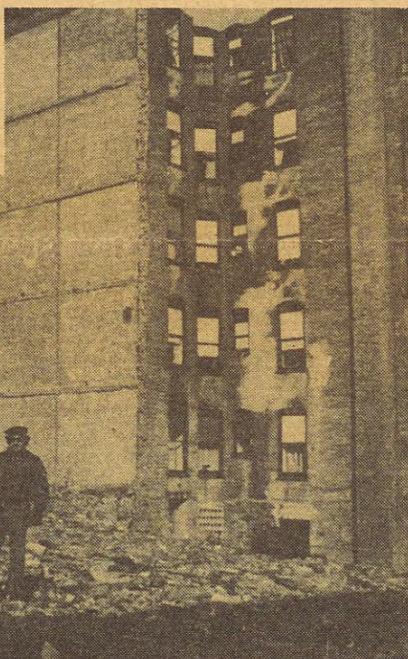
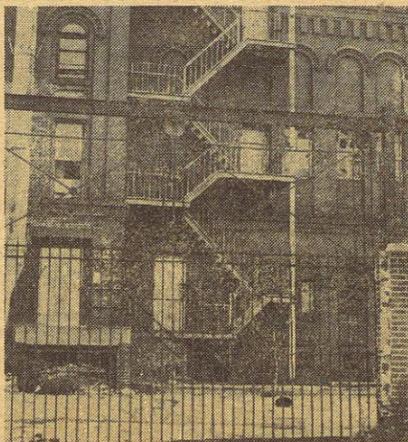
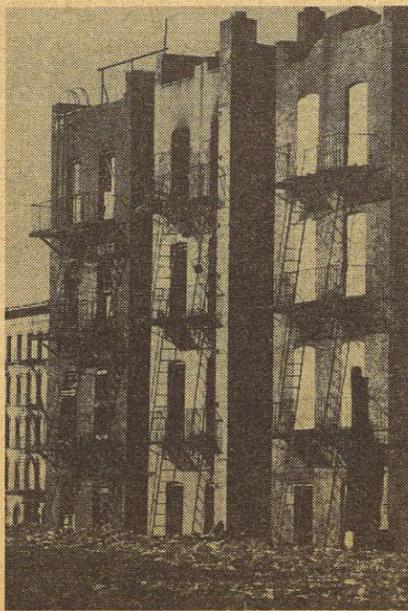
Norma Noriega, Acting Executive Director of Lincoln Hospital

The visit by President Jimmy Carter to the South Bronx was indeed a momentous occasion. Through his own eyes he was able to see, for himself, the deprivation, the decay, the destruction of a community. The ancient adage of "one picture is worth a thousand words" became a reality for President Carter.

Health statistics have validated the positive relationship between a person's social and economic status and his/her level of health.

We at Lincoln interface with one end of this spectrum. The results of this diversity are evident every day in our emergency rooms and clinics. Our community's inadequate housing, high unemployment, family instability, and high mortality. . . , are areas of great concern which we hope and pray will be addressed by the federal government as well as our city and state.

I believe that we are embarking on an era of hope and, most important, the immediate steps towards raising the level of the quality of life for all our community.



The neighborhood near the Hostos permanent site (in the vicinity of St. Ann's Park) is like much of the South Bronx. Above right a tool and die works, the kind of small to medium scale industry which helped sustain the community in the past, is now closed. Below, Ralph Vega of the Hostos college relations staff stands in an empty lot near St. Ann's Avenue. A resident of the community for 21 years, Mr. Vega says: "This was once a bustling, healthy neighborhood . . . It was once full of life and activity . . ." The pattern now is: empty lots, crumbling buildings, a few with a handful of tenants bravely holding out.

Serrano Backs Hostos at BHE Budget Hearings

Assemblyman José E. Serrano of the South Bronx testified on behalf of Hostos at the recent City University budget hearings saying that the college "will play an historic role in the transformation of the South Bronx."

Serrano, one of the leading figures in the rescue of Hostos on the floor of the State Legislature during the fiscal crisis of 1976, outlined the provisions which he said the Chancellor's budget request should include to safeguard the Hostos mission. They are:

- Budgetary provisions to enable the college to hire more faculty and purchase additional materials for its bilingual program.
- Additional support for curriculum revision and development of remedial instruction.

- The "speedy completion" of the renovation of the 500 Grand Concourse building (which Serrano referred to as an "interim facility").
- The resumption of plans for the Hostos permanent campus in the "Hub" section of the South Bronx.

In his message to the Chancellor and the Board of Higher Education, Serrano was quick to draw the connection between Hostos and hopes for revitalization of the South Bronx which have been rekindled in the wake of President Jimmy Carter's visit to the community.

Said Serrano, "My constituents . . . looked upon President Carter's visit to their community with interest, hope, and understandably, a bit of skepticism. No doubt, many of

my people wondered: After the reporters and cameras leave, after the public's memory of the devastating photographs of places like Fox Street begin to fade, and more importantly, after President Carter and his entourage return to Washington will our lives and the lives of our families really be changed for the better?

"The question remains an open one. However, I can say with some satisfaction that there are many hopeful signs that suggest to me that things can and will change for the better for the poor people who live in the South Bronx. For one thing, Hostos Community College . . . continues to serve this community with distinction. I am told that the college's student enrollment has reached 2,774—the highest in the college's

history. I have also learned that more than 86 percent of Hostos student body is Hispanic and that 47 percent of the students are presently enrolled in the college's bilingual program. These are significant facts which illustrate dramatically that the South Bronx is perceived by many as a place that offers valuable higher educational resources."

Assemblyman Serrano pointed out that his concern for the South Bronx and the vitality of Hostos was shared by Mr. Jack Watson, President Carter's assistant for inter-governmental affairs, with whom Serrano has met since the President's visit.

"It is clear to me," Serrano said, "that postsecondary educational opportunities are inextricably linked together—and the eventual transformation of the South Bronx and

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A THANKSGIVING DINNER AND A PUERTO RICAN HERITAGE DAY PARADE: At left, members of the Urban Health Core Club gave a Thanksgiving dinner for Hostos students. From left are: Veronica Mayes of the registrar's office and students Levon Cooper, Altagrace Gedeus, Marianne Edwina Parker, Michelle Tobin and Ramona Colón. At center, a proud young man bears the



costume of the Puerto Rican *jibaro* during a parade marking the anniversary of the discovery of Puerto Rico. Sponsored by School District 9, the parade was held in November along the Grand Concourse. Above right, Virginia Paris, director of admissions, sits in the reviewing stand with Dr. Milton J. Stier, community school superintendent.

News Briefs

Associate Dean of Students Peter Martin, Prof. Adrian Benítez, director of the Hostos College Discovery Program, and Prof. Carlos González of the counseling staff gave a presentation on the Hostos peer counseling program at the annual convention of the New York State Personnel and Guidance Association which was held in October in Liberty, New York.

Prof. Benítez also presented a paper entitled "The Experience of Culture Shock as Confronted by Foreign Students Learning English as a Second Language" at the recent annual meeting of the English-in-Action Institute. The Institute is a voluntary organization of instructors who tutor ESL students.

Ms. Erisbelia Garriga of the modern languages department has written a business mathematics manual which is being used in business machine courses in the University of Puerto Rico.

Prof. Orlando Hernández of the modern languages department has published an article on the "magic stories" of José Lezama Lima, one of Cuba's best poets. Lezama Lima's magic stories were one of the poet's few ventures in prose; they are noted for their baroque, surrealistic style. Prof. Hernández has also translated some of Lezama Lima's work for *Review Magazine* which is published in New York by the Center for Inter-American Relations. Prof. Hernández has published some of his own poetry in *Inti*, a literary magazine published by the University of Connecticut.

Hamilton Lionel Maloney, one of Hostos' senior citizen students, recently published a sonnet, "Which Way Went Love?," in the latest edition of *Somber Gardens*, an anthology of student/faculty poetry from colleges across the country and Canada. Mr. Maloney is back at Hostos this fall after a semester leave due to illness. Vital as ever, Mr. Maloney is, as he says, "back at Hostos to keep busy."

Prof. Bette Kerr, director of counseling services, has been invited by Barnard College to serve on the Barnard Advisory Vocational Committee. As a member of this committee, Prof. Kerr, who is a Barnard graduate, will coordinate career workshops and seminars for Barnard students and alumnae as well as meet with the president of the college to make input regarding college curricula and implications for students' career choices relative to the current job market.

Prof. Kerr has also been selected to serve on the workshop committee of the Metropolitan College Mental Health Association during 1977. In addition to planning seminars related to counseling of college students, Prof. Kerr served as moderator of a panel on "Unplanned Pregnancy: The College Student" at the annual workshop held by the Association in November at the Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan.

Prof. Peter Roman, chairman of the social sciences department, presented a paper entitled "Allende, the Ultra-Left and the Coup in Chile" at the Third City University Political Science Conference which was held in early December at the CUNY Graduate Center.

Prof. Judith Nowinski of the modern languages department has received a professional development incentive award at Columbia University's Teachers College to pursue a second Master's degree in the Teaching of Spanish.

Prof. Sondra Perl of the English department presented a paper entitled "Research on the Composing Process: How Unskilled Writers Write" at the annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of English which was held in November. Prof. Perl has joined forces with two of her colleagues from Lehman College and Queensboro Community College to attempt to construct a model that will characterize the development of writing skills among non-traditional college students. Their work is being supported by a \$140,000 grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education.

Prof. Harcourt A. Carrington of the counseling staff was a panelist during a conference on "Growth and Development of Women and the World of Work" which was held in November at Medgar Evers College. The conference was sponsored by the National Association of University Women.

Prof. Manuel Ramos, chairman of the modern languages department, taught courses for candidates for the master's degree in education at the College of Education of Inter-American University over the summer.

Prof. Beatrice Kreppel of the ESL program gave a paper on the adult ESL learner at the National Convention of Teachers of English which was held in New York in late November. Prof. Kreppel's approach to teaching ESL includes instruction on community services available to the newly arrived, non-English-speaking student. The idea is to not only provide skills in the new language but also to help the student maneuver through the somewhat alien environment of a new society. Prof. Kreppel's students have accordingly taken forays to such places as the local post office and libraries.

Prof. Clara Velázquez, director of the Hostos English-as-a-second-language program, has been invited by Chancellor Robert J. Kibbee to serve as a member of the Policy Advisory Board of the CUNY Skills Assessment Program. The program will be implemented this spring under the direction of Dr. Morton Rosenstock of the CUNY Office of Academic Affairs.

Aponte to Lead, Self-Study Effort

Prof. Angelo Aponte of the physical education department has been named by Acting President Anthony Santiago to head the institutional self-study effort for the college's re-accreditation.

Prof. Aponte's appointment signals the beginning of a process which will culminate in the spring of 1979 with the visitation of an accreditation team from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools Commission on Higher Education.

Hostos was unconditionally accredited in the summer of 1974 following a highly favorable report by a team from Middle States.

Prof. Aponte will serve as the chairman of the steering committee of the institutional self-study, a process in which all segments of the Hostos community will review the college's performance in conducting its mission.

The other members of the steering committee are: Profs. Linda Hirsch (English), Virginia Paris (admissions), Leroy Sparks (radiologic technology), Clara Velázquez (English), Selena James (dental hygiene), John Randall (mathematics), Edward Maynard (African studies), Carmen Marín (Puerto Rican studies), Fred Soussa (business and accounting), A.J. Bentancourt (library), Carmen Vázquez (financial aid), and Ms. Veronica Mayes (registrar's office) and Cecilia Linzie (business office).

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other inner city communities. My belief that Hostos Community College will play an historic role in the transformation of the South Bronx is absolute; my concern that Hostos is provided with the financial resources necessary to fulfill this role is deep."

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