

THE TAKEOVER GROWS STRONGER

The occupation and utilization of the 500 building is almost a week old. Classes have been taught daily - 30 on Monday, 25 on Tuesday and 47 on Wednesday - cultural events sponsored by the Puerto Rican Students Organization and the Federation of University Puerto Rican Students have been held; a Day Care Center is functioning from 9:30 to 7:30, and a kitchen, providing food for those occupying and working in the building, is operating.

These accomplishments have been made possible by the cooperation of many students, teachers, and especially community residents and organizations. Evelyn Silverman, of the English Department organized a telegram campaign to pressure Mayor Koch to recognize what has been achieved and to agree to allocate the necessary funds towards the renovation of the 500 Grand Concourse building. Anita Carter Cunningham, of the Dental Hygiene program provided supplies for the Day Care Center. On Monday, April 3rd, Puerto Rican Student Organization publicly stated its support of the takeover and has provided material assistance. The Student Government did the same on Thursday, April 6th. The South Bronx Community Corporation has been working hard to obtain more blackboards and chairs, so that additional classes can be held. Aspira has loaned us blackboards and circulated petitions supporting our campaign. The Student Government of Bronx Community College has donated \$100 and provided supplies towards the maintenance of the kitchen. United Bronx Parents, a Day Care Center in the South Bronx, provided paper and use of their mimeograph facilities, as well as loaning 25 chairs. Local groceries have given food as have community residents who also helped out in the kitchen. In addition, the Center of Puerto Rican Studies has provided films which have entertained the occupants and thereby making the nights shorter and the weekends more enjoyable.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Yet, with all this support, too many Hostos students, teachers and staff have not participated in the occupation of the 500 building, although so much needs to be done. Cleaning, providing security, cooking, caring for children, coordinating activities and classes, and issuing bulletins like this one, demand hard work which could be facilitated if more participated.

Put in an hour or two a day to help accomplish these tasks. Come over and find out how you can help. Contact the coordinators of the following committees:

- FINANCE: Antonio Marrette and Andrea García
- KITCHEN: Ana Monegro and María González
- SECURITY: Roberto Lugo and Eva Negrón
- CHILD CARE: Mildred Ramírez or Noemí Guzmán
- ACTIVITIES: Antonio Martínez and Juan Rivera
- COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Víctor Vázquez
- PRESS/MEDIA: Gerald Meyer
- CLEANING & MAINTENANCE: Rafael Vázquez
- PROPAGANDA & INFORMATION: Ron Mendel and Ponce Laspina

Nobody can guarantee you Hostos United's movement will succeed. We can only try our best to devote our resources, talents, energy and time to do what is necessary. We have too much to lose, and so very much to win!

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