

Study groups foil authoritarians

by Lucianne De Angelis

A group of sociology 201A students, "fed up with the authoritarian set-up" of the university, decided to do something about it.

Early in October, Mike Blumenthal, Mike Cohl and Howie Spring approached Professor Paasche of the Sociology Department with the idea of forming an independent study group for the

introductory sociology course.

Today, three independent study groups now exist. Students who participate in these study groups do not attend regular lectures and seminars. Nor are they responsible for the assigned essays and exams.

These groups meet twice weekly for two-hour sessions. There are approximately seven students per group. A faculty member specializing in the area that is being discussed is sometimes invited to attend the seminar.

The formation of these independent study groups was informal. Blumenthal stressed the desire of the students involved "to avoid a power structure." Students grouped together and then informed Professor Paasche of its formation.

Communication with faculty is of great importance. Marilyn Olmar said that "maintaining relationship with faculty was easy." And Professor Paasche finds he has "more contact with students in the independent study groups than those in the regular 201A course."

Reading assignments are decided by the individual study group with the help of "resource people." Resource people are members of the faculty. Blumenthal said that the groups "do need experienced people for suggestions in books and methodology."

"Self-evaluation within the group" is considered "central" to the idea of independent study groups. This evaluation will be based on discussions and projects depending on the individual group.

Professor Paasche prefers students to work for change "within the structure." However he is in favour of "students taking the initiative in education."

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Wisconsin U. buggers blacks again

OSHKOSH, Wis.

Wisconsin State University at Oshkosh has tentatively expelled 91 black students involved in a major disturbance, and begun its Thanksgiving vacation six days early.

About 100 persons were arrested Nov. 21 on the campus, and the university's administration building was damaged.

The disturbance started after administration president Roger Guiles refused to accept a list of demands from the black students, who number 1,110 out of a total enrolment of about 11,000.

They demanded more courses in black culture, history and language. The students also asked for a fund "to secure black speakers, purchase black literature and aid the financing of the Afro-American Centre".

When they received a negative response Thursday, the students marched into the administration building and remained until their arrest by local police.

The expulsions are tentative because the students are technically suspended for 10 days, during which they may request a formal hearing. If the request is not made, the students are officially expelled. If the hearing is requested, they remain suspended until the outcome of the hearing is known.

Mexican students at it again

MEXICO CITY

Mexican student violence flared again Nov. 27 as one student was killed and 30 others wounded in fighting between student factions at a city preparatory school.

A group of students, who according to police were armed with clubs and chains, clashed with others trying to go back to classes. The militant students were trying to enforce continuation of the four-month-old student strike in the country.

A shot was fired during the battle and one student fell, fatally wounded in the head.

The dead student was a member of the polytechnical school system, the most militant, anti-government faction in the strike.

The battle was the first violent uproar since student leaders declared a moratorium for the Olympic games. Some students have been trickling back to classes in the past few weeks but a large majority remain out.

Clever Cleaver carries on

SAN FRANCISCO

Eldridge Cleaver is in hiding after failing to return to prison for alleged parole violation.

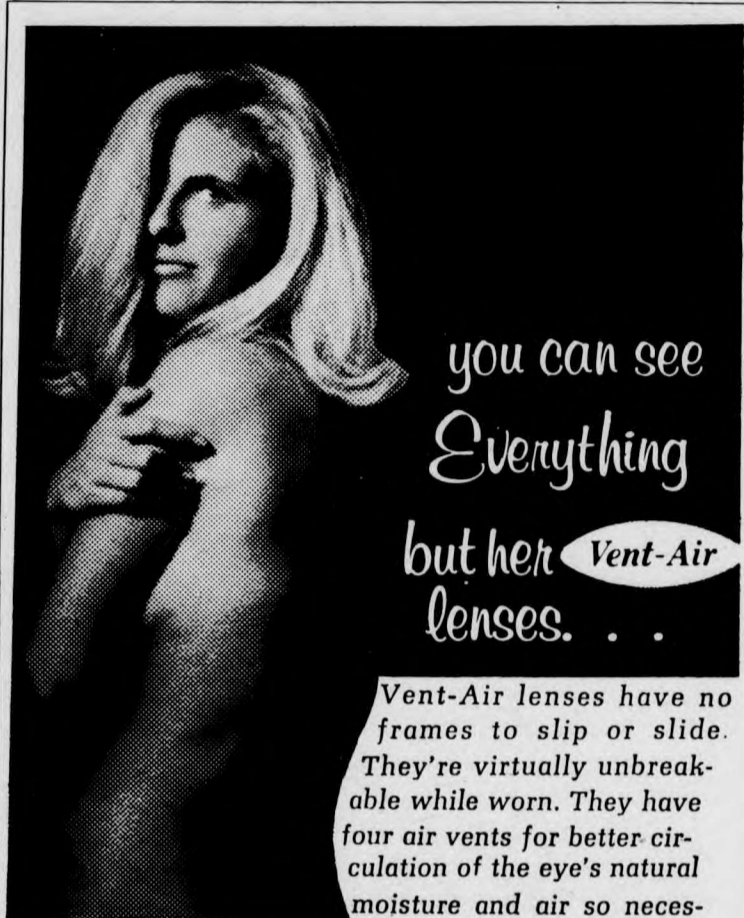
The Black Panther leader was to appear at California Adult Authority offices last Wednesday at 9 a.m. to turn himself over to prison authorities.

He was declared a fugitive at 10:30 and a police call for his arrest went out then. His wife and lawyer later appeared at the offices and said her husband wasn't going back to prison and the Black Panthers would prevent his arrest "by any means necessary."

All hope was lost for Cleaver's freedom on Tuesday when the United States Supreme Court denied his request for a stay of order returning him to detention as a parole violator. The judgment was delivered by Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first Negro Supreme Court Justice to sit on the American high court.

Bobby Seale, leader of the Black Panthers called Marshall "an Uncle Tom, a bootlicker, a nigger, pig, a Tonto and a punk."

Cleaver's parole was revoked after an April 6 gunfight with Oakland police during which the cops killed Bobby Hutton, a 17 year old Panther. Cleaver was shot in the leg during the gun fight and was arrested.



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