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Among the films shown during the week were the compelling "Autobiography of Miss Jane Pitman" starring Cecily Tyson and "Cry Beloved Country" a moving chronicle of the Black struggle in South Africa.

The last week of the Festival, the week of May 16, highlighted the work of student vocalists and actors. The college community has again been struck by the loss of one of its members. Prof. Gertrude Dourdounas, chairman of the radiologic technology department. Prof. Dourdounas died suddenly on June 12. The college deeply mourns her passing, and conveys its profound condolences to her family.

Other activities included: a performance by the "Enroma" African dancers and drummers from Ghana, West Africa, who had no trouble in selling audience participation during their act; an African Cabaret and Disco Night with the LaRogue Bay Dancers and Drummers; and panel discussions on African liberation movements with representatives of the All-African People's Revolutionary Party and Zimbabwe "Rhodesian" liberation movements.

The week's activities were climaxied by a disco fashion show featuring some very handsome fashions from Africa.

The African Liberation Week program was coordinated by Gwendolyn Scott, chairman of the Hostos Africana studies department. Other faculty members lending assistance were Profs. Gladys Gray and Louis Wheaton of the Africana studies department.

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Speakers Bureau Forges Ahead

The Hostos Speakers Bureau has made a number of engagements for faculty and staff to lecture at local community agencies during the weeks ahead. It has also begun to develop a program with the New York City Department of Corrections in which members of the Speakers Bureau will lecture correctional staff personnel next fall to sensitize them to the needs of Black and Hispanic inmates. An extensive lecture series which would commence in the fall is being planned with the Riverdale Senior Center in the Bronx.

According to Ms. Anne Grosso, coordinator of the Speakers Bureau, the following engagements have been made for the month of May:

- Campus branch of the Alianza Civica, on the role of vitamins in good nutrition.
- Dean of Faculty Evangelos Gizis at the Boston Secor Senior Center on the role of vitamins in good nutrition.
- Prof. Anita Cunningham, chairman of the dental hygiene department, at the Boston Secor Senior Center on "Your Teeth are for Life—Take Care of Them."
- Prof. Rosalina Velez of the health care core department at the Boston Secor Senior Center on "Tips on Good Health Maintenance."
- Prof. Harcourt Carrington of the counseling staff at the Boston Secor Senior Center on "Mental Health: It's Your Right!"
- Prof. Patricia Parzych, chairman of the secretarial science department, at the East Harlem College and College Counseling Program on "How to Prepare for a Job Interview" and "So You Want to be a Secretary—The Choices from A to Z."
- Prof. Clara Wannick of the physical sciences department at the Mount Eden Multi-Service Senior Citizens' Center on "Side Effects of Over-the-Counter and Prescription Drugs."

Graduates Return to Tutor

Ruth Parker and Brenda Terrell, both 1976 graduates of the Hostos secretarial science program, are back at Hostos this semester learning how to teach by tutoring their former underclassmen and by observing their former instructors.

Now at Lehman College pursuing bachelor's degrees in business education, Brenda and Ruth are taking a psychology of education course which requires extensive field experience. So what better place than Hostos to get that experience?

"In this department," observes Brenda, "teachers really put their hearts and souls into what they're doing...which is rare in teachers today." (Brenda speaks from experience; she has tutored at public schools throughout the city.)

Ruth also finds that the Hostos secretarial science program is special, but in a different way. Says she: "A lot of students [at Hostos] have been out of school for a long time, and they have children and other things and responsibilities. So the extra help and attention they get here outside of class is just what they need." Ruth especially values the extensive out-of-class aids and exercises which form an integral part of the course.

Radiologic Technology Students Face Off In X-Ray Seminar

Eager as ever, Hostos first year radiologic technology students divided up into four groups on May 19 to do battle—of an intellectual sort, that is—during the seventh annual Junior Radiological Seminar which, for the first time, was held at Lincoln Hospital.

The event, a contest of technical presentations by teams of students representing each of the hospitals with which Hostos is affiliated, was as competitive as usual.

This year the winning team was from Bronx Lebanon Hospital. The topic of their presentation was "quality assurance, or how to control factors that govern the quality of the radiographic print. The members of the Bronx Lebanon team were: Romualdo Cerbolles, Gloria Gooding, Glenn Lockett, Alfonso Nazario, Jr., and Roger Dominguez and William Serrano. Their clinical instructor at Bronx Lebanon is Mr. Walter McKoy, and their advisor from the Hostos faculty is Prof. Beryl Henry.

The runner-up team, from Beekman Downtown Hospital, gave a presentation on radiation protection techniques. The team consisted of students: Rosa Figueroa, Gloria Hall, Arthur Johnston and Joseph Olinsky. Their clinical instructor is Luis Lizarraga; their Hostos advisor is Cheryl Smith.

On hand to greet the students and audience was the Lincoln Hospital auditorium where the event was held were Prof. Gertrude Douroudouna, chairman of the radiologic technology department, and Dean of Faculty Evangelos Gizis. Extending a further welcome was student Cicero Holmes, president of the Hostos Radiographers Club which sponsored the seminar. "Cicero did a fabulous job coordinating things this year," said Prof. Smith who is advisor to the club. "Everything went quite smoothly."

The judges of the contest were Dean Gizis, Dr. Sammy Seals of the dental hygiene department, and Messrs. Alfonso and August Grim and Robert Lockery of the radiologic technology program advisory committee.

X-Ray Refresher Course Given

It can be a frustrating, cruel experience: After spending two academic years and the intervening summers in one of the most demanding technical programs—radiologic technology students can fail the state or national licensing examinations by one, two or three points. "Almost passed, but not quite enough. It's hard, punishing reality." Aggravating the situation is the fact that many of these students must wait several months or more before retaking the licensing examinations, and, in the interim, they may forget much of what they had learned.

"It's real rough," says Prof. Allen Solomon of the Hostos radiology technology department. And so he and Prof. Gertrude Douroudouna, chairman of the department, set out last winter to develop a refresher course to prepare students to retake the licensing examinations. In February and March of this year, the course was offered on six consecutive Saturdays at Hostos, and the students came from all over the city. (Fortunately, the Hostos students taking the course were few as the radiologic technology department has had outstanding success with its graduates.)

Also teaching parts of the refresher course were Prof. Cheryl Smith and Beryl Henry of the radiologic technology department and Prof. Anacide Muriel of the physical sciences department who taught a component on physics for the radiologic technology student. Prof. Solomon's refresher course was highly successful. The two available places were far too few to satisfy demand, and next September and October Prof. Solomon hopes to take as many as 20 students.

There is a charge of $125 which, although it may seem somewhat expensive, is equal to the amount charged by some refresher programs which last but a weekend or two.

Students interested in the program are invited to contact Prof. Solomon (telephone: 960-1040) during the summer months or in early September. Prof. Solomon wishes to emphasize that the course is open to all radiologic technology graduates regardless of their college or school.
The Sixth Commencement Exercise

Hostos Community College was one of the sponsors of a conference entitled “Children of the Cities” which was recently held in Kansas City. Prof. Carlos Velasquez, National Research Council to participate in a meeting in Washington on March 29 to discuss articulated transfer programs between two-year colleges and engineering colleges as a means of increasing the number of minority engineering students. The meeting was sponsored by the National Research Council’s Committee on Minorities in Engineering. The Council is the principal operating agency of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering.

Prof. Louis Browne of the biology department recently conducted a seminar at the Adventist Church of Washington Avenue in the Bronx on “Predispensing Factors to Heart Disease.” He also presented the latest lecture in a series sponsored by the Biology and Medical Laboratory Technology Clubs; the topic of the lecture was “Narcotic Drugs: Who Needs Them?” Prof. Browne also participated in a workshop on education and genetic counselling which was held at Howard University in May and sponsored by the Sickle Cell Disease Foundation.

Hostos graduates have been exceptionally eager to come forward with help or advice for the college (as was the case during the save Hostos effort) and for current Hostos students. Maintaining that tradition were five graduates of the dental hygiene program who returned recently for the dental hygiene Senior Class Seminar to offer advice and tips to seniors on how to get along in the dental field. The graduates were Daughn Thomas, Gloria Hoch, Mary Ererra (all of the class of 1975), Geraldine Sario (1974) and Gail Waller (1973).

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