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## U.S. Accused Of Culpability In Jonestown

By SALLY MULVIHILL

INDIANA, PA (CPS) — It was, she says, a good idea turned sour.

Terri Buford especially liked Rev. Jim Jones' concept of people banding together to better the lives of ghetto residents in Los Angeles and San Francisco. But, of course, it ended tragically.

Terri Buford, though, is one of the



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lucky ones. She lived to talk about it. Yet when she does talk, she worries out loud that someone — Temple dissidents, the government — may be trying to kill her.

Buford, 26, was an aide to People's Temple leader Jim Jones, responsible until just before the November mass suicide in Guyana for some \$8 million in Temple funds. She recently visited Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where she studied during the summer session of 1970, where her father, Charles Buford, still works as director of personnel, and where she agreed to be interviewed.

She returned saying that the U.S. government can claim at least partial responsibility for the 900 deaths in Jonestown.

"They were constantly harrasing

she recalls. "The rumor was that (Jones) got people elected, which wasn't true. I think they wanted to discredit him before he did become a real viable political force."

Washington "knew there were guns in Guyana. They knew there were drugs in Guyana. The government knew there was a suicide plan, that there was a hit list. They knew everything."

Buford, who in the tragedy's immediate aftermath was named by several national magazines as the Temple's prime financial manager, and (by Newsweek) as "probably the key to unravelling" the cult's mysteries, said the government found out about the Temple's more bizarre elements when Debbie Blakey defected from Jonestown last summer. Blakey, according to Buford, told the U.S. State Department about the mass suicide plans and about the "hit list," a list of people to be killed in the event of Jones' death.

Jones' former money manager now says the State Department told Blakey not to tell the press about Jones' Guyana arsenal. The State Department wasn't volunteering any information, either. Buford says that five months before he went to Jonestown, California Congressman Leo Ryan asked the State Department about the settlement. "They said the only problems there were food and housing."

Yet the government, Buford adds, wasn't the only source of harassment. She says Tim Stoen, formerly Jones' top aide and attorney, also claimed to destroy Jones and the Temple. Stoen, she says, helped create the hit list.

Stoen now heads a group a Temple defectors, and is pressing many of the suits against the Temple. Those suits totaled some \$56 million when Buford fled Guyana on Oct. 29, 1978, less than one month before Ryan's assassination and the subsequent mass suicide.

Jones apparently sent an infiltrator into Stoen's dissident group. Stoen, according to Buford, told the infiltrator that "if he could get one person to leave with Congressman Ryan, it would be the utter destruction of Jonestown."

When Stoen was still with the Temple, Buford says, Stoen once wanted to contact a defector with a message that could have been construed as a threat. Jones said no, but Stoen made the contact anyway. But after leaving the

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A bit of early season action is frozen in this picture which catches Brave second baseman Dave Meadows starting a slide for home, the Longwood catcher reaching for the throw, the Lancer pitcher moving in to back up the play, and the third base coach staring intently homeward as umpire Roy Winslow awaits the outcome of Morris' slide for safety before making his call. Whatta you say? Safe or out? Photo by Pattie Bolgosano.

## Diamonders Open With Double Win

By SUSAN PATE

The Chowan Braves started out the 1979 baseball season with a victory over the Longwood College Lancers in a scrimmage double-header on Saturday, March 3.

The Braves defeated the Lancers 9-1 in the first game. In the second game they had a 15-2 lead over the Lancers.

Under the leadership of Coach Jerry Hawkins, the Braves are looking forward to a good season with the return of

several sophomores and the addition of some very good freshman players.

The Braves were to begin their regular season on March 16 when they were to play Harford Community College in a home double-header.

## U.S. To Check Foreign Students For Possible Visa Violation

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CPS) — The U.S. Department of Justice has followed up its January threat to deport Iranian students studying here with broader resolve to keep closer track of all foreign students matriculating in the United States. Attorney General Griffin Bell had asked the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to enforce the provisions of foreign students' visas more aggressively. The INS, in turn, has not only discovered that there are more foreign student here than previously thought, but that as many as 70 percent of them may be violating the terms of their visas, and thus are eligible for deportation.

A very reliable congressional source now estimates there are 323,000 foreign students at American colleges and universities, and that 231,000 of them may be "out of status." The term applies to those who either can't be located, have over-stayed their visas, or have taken jobs in defiance of the terms of their entry into the United States.

Vern Jervis, the INS' public affairs officer, says there may be a problem tracking the "out-of-status" aliens down. INS computers have a backlog of two million reports, and records are more than six months out of date.

Jervis adds that, as a result of Bell's directive, establishing a better record-keeping system at INS had become a top priority.

Even after it finds a more efficient record-keeping system, the INS will be

employing measure that could permanently inhibit the flow of foreign students into the United States.

Jervis hinted that the United States may not be as liberal toward foreign

students as it has been in the past. When American students study in other countries, he says, they must undergo daily follow-ups, i.e., reporting their whereabouts and exhibiting their passports and visas.

## Hustle Can Be a Hassle

By ALLEN DAVIS

Rocking to the sound of disco music in Daniel Hall on the weekends is a

welcome relief after a week of class drills. But for the sponsor, it's just the beginning of another weekend of party hassle.

A Daniel Hall go-go sponsor must fill out forms and then get them approved by the director of residence hall life, Mrs. Alice D. Vann and director of student center and student activities Steve Nelson, as well as dean of students R. Clayton Lewis, laments Ronald Major, a graphic arts major.

Once this is done, the sponsor has to unlock the doors and then remove the chairs for adequate boogieing space.

And then he has to borrow albums, stereo equipment and a car to transport these necessities, Major added.

Publicizing the go-go after all the arrangements have been made is another hassle encounter, he said.

"After the dance is over, there is the responsibility of restoring everything," he said. "However, with a lot of help this can be a thrilling disco for all, instead of a burden for one," he said.

## Burke Elected SGA President

The election of Student Government Association Officers for the 1979-80 school year was held Wednesday, February 28.

The students which were elected to serve as officers are Mike Burke, president; Nancy Loy, Vice president; Terri Arnold, secretary; Steve Whittemore, treasurer; Greg Kaserman, social co-chairman for men and Pat Csigi, social co-chairperson for women.

## Interesting People on Campus

### That's No Chicken, It's Really...?

By DANIEL BENDER

Is it a bird or a plane? No it's jack the Chicken!!! Jack the Chicken, alias

Danny Page, advertised the new specialty at an Ahooskie steak house, fillet of chicken, in a chicken suit several weeks ago.



Page Holds Attention of Young Customer (Photo by Ken Clark)

## Tuition Guides Confusing

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CPS) — President Carter's inflation guidelines, announced last December, are generally leaving colleges and universities in a certain limbo as they try to set tuition rates for the 1979-80 school year. "The problem," moans one harried administrator from Ohio State University, "is that we don't know if we're supposed to follow the guidelines, or if there are special conditions for the education community."

The guidelines, in their broadest form, would dictate that increases for fees, tuition, and room and board be no more than five percent of the 1976-77 rates. But, after a December 12 White House announcement that the guidelines for higher education, "many" schools, according to one official, have applied for changes to raise tuitions more than the allowable five percent.

Steward Schmidt of the Wage-Price Council, which oversees the inflation guidelines, said that the "many contacts" to the council from schools don't really amount to pressure, but that they have inspired "constant reconsiderations" for colleges on the council staff.

Under the guideline loopholes, if a college or university can demonstrate "uncontrollable costs," it can structure its prices to result in a 6.5 percent "operating surplus" for the 1979-80 academic year. In practice, that would allow for a higher increase in fees, tuition, and room and board.

Schmidt recalls that "we've already been very liberal in our interpretations (of the guidelines as they apply to colleges). For example, we've been giving allowances where the school is running a deficit." He would not say how many schools have been allowed passage through the loophole, or which schools they were.

Part of the problem in formulating a universal inflation policy for colleges and universities is, according to Schmidt, the Wage-Price Council's small staff. Only four of the council's 39 staffers now regularly treat higher education inflation issues. Schmidt says the council has a budget for a total of 143 staffers, and that it will ask for money for 90 more than that. When staff is added, he says, a more consistent policy — and enforcement — will be possible.

That, however, may be too late. Most schools set their rates for the next academic year in January and February.

## Energy Costs Nearly Triple

By ALLEN DAVIS

Energy cost at Chowan College has nearly tripled over the past seven years. This increase was caused by the rising cost of fuel oil and electricity.

The cost per student in 1972 was \$81 and in 1973 it was \$121, superintendent of building and grounds Jack Hassell said.

In 1974 it was \$144 and by 1975 it had more than doubled with a figure of \$176. The cost in 1976 was \$189 and it rose to \$205 per student in 1977.

Records of the cost for 1978 have not been completed, but, according to the monthly reports, the cost is still increasing.



Greg Simpson (left), Laura Askew and Ken Boaz read from scripts as rehearsals get under way. Photo by Charles Buie.

## 'Arsenic' Veterans Back On Boards in Spring Play

By CINDY LEE

The Drama Department at Chowan College has held auditions and is now proceeding with its spring production of SEND ME NO FLOWERS, a three act comedy scheduled to be performed April 4-6.

Mrs. Sandra Boyce, will direct the following actors and actresses: David Baker plays George Kimball, a depressed hypochondriac; Laura Askew is Judy Kimball, George's wife; Taghi Noktehdan is Vito, a delivery boy; Greg Simpson is Bert Power, Judy's former "friend"; Ken Boaz is Arnold Nash, George's neighbor and friend; all of the above actors also appeared in the last production, ARSENIC AND OLD LACE. Other members of the cast are John Sullivan, Dan White, Joyce Lane, Bentia Rober son, Joey Austin, and Bern Davenport. John Hawthorne and Jean Sexton as

assistant director.

Kimball believes that he is dying so he carefully plans for his passing, even to the point of purchasing a cemetery plot.

As the story progresses the audience gets a few glimpses of Kimball's day dreams of what he thinks could happen to his wife and the good-for-nothing men with whom she becomes involved with after his death.

Arnold Nash, a lawyer and Kimball's friend, can't bear the thought of Kimball dying, so Nash takes to the bottle as he proceeds to write his friend's eulogy.

The oil-wealthy Bert Power attempts to run off with Kimball's wife, while the doctor goes on a long weekend fishing trip.

The play climaxes as Kimball discovers that he is in excellent health, and now has to unwind the problems he has created.

## \$100 Offered In Snack Bar Break-In

By CINDY LEE

A \$100 reward has been offered for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved in the improper entry of the Snack Bar sometime during the night of March 3 and 4.

According to college business manager Ben Sutton, the cleaning crew left the outer door next to the library unlocked.

Several students have told Sutton that they noticed the door was not locked but didn't know who to tell.

A preliminary estimate placed the loss at about \$225 worth of merchandise.

Among the items taken were candy, crackers, breaded shrimp, rolls and bread, Sutton said.

Linda Thompson, snack bar manager, said that everything was taken from behind the counter. No one notified her of the door being unlocked until 1 p.m. Sunday March 4, she said.