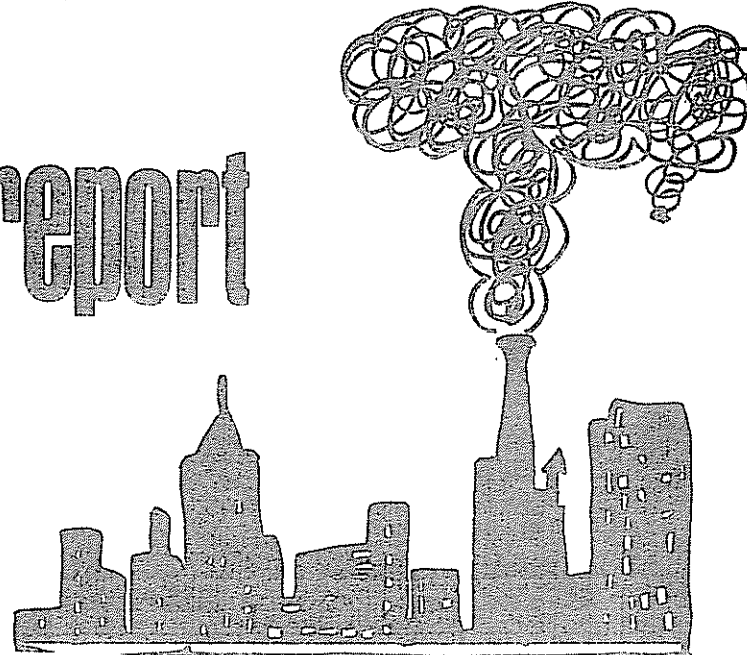


the VERA report

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Welcome Captain Farrell

Lieutenant Michael Farrell, commanding officer of the Vera Police Liaison Office, was recently promoted to Captain.

Captain Farrell has worked closely with Vera since 1963, and he was officially assigned to the Vera office in 1966 when the Police Liaison Office was opened. At present, Captain Farrell supervises an office of 3 sergeants and one trainee.

Captain Farrell grew up in New York City. He attended Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx and New York State Maritime College. In November 1955 after completing one year at Fordham University, Captain Farrell "was called" into police service. He served as a patrolman in Harlem until 1957 when he was again called into service—this time the US Army. After his military duty, Capt. Farrell returned to New York, resumed his duty as a policeman, and proceeded up the ladder of success — both as a father and a policeman. Captain Farrell has five children (3 boys and 2 girls) between the ages of 2 and 10.

Captain Farrell began studying early for promotion. In 1961 he was awarded the rank of sergeant after placing first on the written exam out of 13,000 candidates. He served as unit training officer in the 46th precinct in the Bronx until March 1963 when he joined the Living Laboratory of the Police Planning Division. It was at this time that Capt. Farrell became involved in

the research and experimentation that brought him to Vera. At the Living Laboratory, he was responsible for setting up and operating new police programs in the field. He put into operation the administrative lieutenant concept whereby a commanding officer is assigned a lieutenant to help him with his administrative chores. When Vera started the Manhattan Summons Project in 1964, Capt. Farrell was responsible for structuring the field operations and for the testing and evaluation of the project.

In 1965 Capt. Farrell took the Lieutenant's exam placing 3rd in a group of 980 men. He was reassigned to the field at his new rank as Division Clerical Lieutenant of the 9th Patrol Division in the Bronx. After approximately 6 months he returned to his work at the Living Laboratory at Police Headquarters, and in April, 1966 he was assigned to Vera.

Mike Farrell has been instrumental in the operation of such Vera projects as the Manhattan Summons Project, the Traffic Court Alert, Pre-Arrest Processing, and Police Arrest. He serves Vera and the City as a consultant on all problems requiring his expertise in police matters. Most recently, the Police Liaison office has been looking into the muggings on the Bowery and the problems these muggings impose on the Manhattan Bowery Project.

Capt. Farrell enjoys his work at Vera and receives satisfaction from being able to influence the entire criminal process. Of course, he does miss field work and considers such duty the primary work of the Police Department. He is committed "to improving the lot of the Police and the victims of crime while at the same time protecting the rights of the defend-

ants." Although he feels that much progress has been made, the New York City criminal process is set up in such a way as to penalize the victim of crime. Defendant-oriented procedures have lead to this situation and he believes that some adjustment should be made. Law enforcement officials are so eager to get defendants into court that charges and evidence are not carefully evaluated. Many cases come into the courtroom when the charges should have been dismissed much earlier. Too often both the victim and the defendant are dragged into court unnecessarily.

Captain Farrell has finished all course work for an M.A. in Criminal Justice at John Jay College and expects to receive his masters degree in early 1971. We suspect that his next promotion is not far off.

Sergeant Graduates

In another development of interest in the Vera-Police Liaison Office, Sgt. Erling Johansen was recently graduated from John Jay College for Criminal Justice. Sgt. Johansen, who bears an amazing resemblance to Mayor John Lindsay (which fact he blames for his having been stoned by local residents in Queens one snowy day last February), received a B.S. degree in Police Science.

Although it is especially difficult for any police officer to pursue a degree because of his duty roster, Sgt. Johansen was able to do so while at the same time serving as President of the Viking Association.

Project Renewal

On June 1 a year-long rehabilitative work program for Bowery Alcoholics began.

Twenty men will participate, ten in the first 6 months, ten in the second. This rehabilitation program, which the men have dubbed Project Renewal, aims to develop a supportive community life situation in which the functions of normal life - employment, housing, leisure time and social life - will be resumed.

During the first months of the project the men will live together at the Salvation Army Hotel along the Bowery, but later we plan to relocate the men to several large apartments where they will be forced to live in an even more intense, more group-supportive

situation. There must be a commitment to live communally throughout the project, and the men must be willing to attend 3 Alcoholics Anonymous meetings a week, as well as participate in group therapy sessions, class instruction, weekend outings and other group activities.

The men will work 35 hours a week, with 5 additional hours to be divided between group therapy sessions and educational classes. The work the men will perform is arduous. A contract has been signed with the Mayor's Urban Action Task Force agreeing to maintain approximately 35 playlots scattered throughout the city (and more to be built later). This maintenance work will, for the first round, entail clearing the lots of a year's worth of garbage and refuse so that they can once more function as neighborhood recreation centers. The men will then be responsible for the regular maintenance of these lots. The Department of Sanitation will again this year (as they did for our lower east side lot cleanup project last year) provide a truck to haul away the collected refuse, as well as plastic bags, garbage cans, etc. On rainy days the men will be employed in miscellaneous tasks, i.e., painting the Mens' Shelter, acting as scavenger brigades for the Task Force picking up tire retreads and wooden cable spools to be utilized as play equipment in new play lots, or generally cleaning up the Bowery area. Whatever the weather, the men will be responsible for the performance of clearly defined and structured work.

The ten men will be divided into two work groups of five each. During the first month each man will take a turn serving as straw-boss, thus allowing each to try out his leadership skills and allowing project administrators to make a more perceptive choice of group leaders.

The project is being funded by two sources. The Manpower and Career Development Agency has agreed to fund part of the salaries for the men and the administrators. The contract awarded by the Task Force will fund the rest of the salaries and the other budget expenses. Two permanent staff members will administer the project, one concentrating on the group therapy and social service aspects, the other serving as administrative assistant and liaison to various groups and organizations involved in the project. During the summer they will be assisted by a second-year law student. And in reality all func-

tions and responsibilities for the project will be shared by the three.

Selection of the men has been a cooperative effort of the Manhattan Bowery Project staff and permanent work project staff from a list of 15 men, all of whom have volunteered and all of whom are out-patients at the Manhattan Bowery Project.

The purpose of such tightly scheduled and structured activity is to teach the men to assume responsibility for independent and group actions on a level which they can handle. Furthermore, it is essential that the men learn to structure their personal lives and utilize constructively their leisure time so they will not retreat from undefined time and function into alcoholic indulgence. Also, via the tightly structured activities and communal living situation the men will confront situations and relationships hitherto avoided by the predominating alcoholic state.

At the end of the six months, the first 10 men will have completed the program and, hopefully, will be prepared to accept new employment and continue in the communal apartment situation. However, we fully realize that guidance and counseling cannot be cut off at this strategic transitional point. Indeed, group and personal supports are especially necessary during this second rehabilitation phase as the men begin structuring and defining their own work lives and leisure time, using the personal security and new habits learned during the 6-month program.

New CJCC Director

Henry S. Ruth was recently appointed by Mayor Lindsay to serve as the first Director of the newly organized Criminal Justice Coordinating Council staff. Vera serves as overall consultant to the CJCC. At the time of his appointment, Mr. Ruth was Director of the National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice of the US Dept. of Justice. He received his BA from Yale University and his LL.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Mr. Ruth has previously served as Deputy Director of the President's Crime Commission, was an associate professor at the U. of Penn Law School, worked with the organized crime and racketeering section of the US Dept. of Justice as a special attorney, and was an

attorney in the Office of Criminal Justice in the Deputy Attorney General's office.

Mr. Ruth has also been a consultant to the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence and the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders.

The CJCC, itself, was created by Mayor Lindsay in 1967 in response to a recommendation by the President's Crime Commission. The Mayor serves as chairman of the 60-member Council which is composed of an equal number of public officials and private citizens. All the City agencies involved in the criminal justice process are represented. The various Council committees work to implement specific reforms in the criminal justice system through experimentation and pilot projects. Federal Crime Control funds are now available through the State Crime Control Planning Board, and members of the newly formed CJCC staff aid the various agencies in initiating and developing possible projects.

At the present time, other staff members are: Dr. Peter Gray, Chief of Planning and Evaluation; Robert Wallace, Project Coordinator; Al Appleton, Sr. Project Planner; Al Angeloro, Project Planner; Maddy Berman and Terry Strauss, Research Assistants.

The Manhattan Bowery Project

Democratic Gubernatorial hopeful Arthur Goldberg toured the Manhattan Bowery Project on Monday, June 8.

Miss Carolyn Heft has been named Director of the Project to replace Bob Goldfeld. Miss Heft was formerly with the law firm of Shearman and Sterling. She has been a volunteer worker for Community Law Offices in East Harlem, and has spent 2 years on a project to recodify the New York State Mental Hygiene Law.

Several other people have joined the MBP staff: Kathy York, Head Nurse; John Rogan, Admissions Co-ordinator; Charles Fuller, Rescue Aide; Richard Bordas, Medical Aide.

Updated

APPEARANCE CONTROL PROJECT As of May 22, the project has eliminated the necessity for 1,840 witnesses to appear, 336 of whom

were civilians and 1,504 police officers.

The following statistics reflect the impact of the Project on Part 1B1 of the Manhattan Criminal Court:

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
Cases returned to 1B1 for subsequent appearances	42.9%	23.8%
Guilty Plea	4.0%	12.0%
Adjourned to trial	25.5%	37.7%
Dismissed	8.4%	8.5%
Bench warrants and others	18.9%	17.1%

Three students will join the Appearance Control Project for the summer as research assistants: Richard Enna, Hope Schwarz and Linda Shostak.

BRONX SENTENCING PROJECT As of May 22,

Defendants sentenced with a Vera report present	1,289
Sentence reports which carried a non-prison recommendation	725
Court meted out non-prison sentences or adjourned case to a community program	625
Percentage of cases Court followed Vera recommendation	93.1%

Miss Wyneva Johnson, a senior at Wheaton College, will join the Project for the summer.

TRAFFIC COURT ALERT During the first seven months of operation in its third year, 874 police tours of duty were saved at a cost effectiveness of \$62,928.

ADDICTION RESEARCH AND TREATMENT CORPORATION 230 patients have entered treatment at ARTC. Two clinics have been completed which are comprised of therapists, counsellors and other professional staff. ARTC plans to have four clinics in operation in the near future which will greatly enlarge their capacity. Renovations of the building are nearly complete.

MANHATTAN SUMMONS PROJECT 28,185 tours of duty were saved during the first ten months of the third year of operation for a cost effectiveness of \$2,029,320.

Classified

Wanted: one refridgerator under \$50 delivered to Appearance Control Project, 155 Leonard Street. Call Margaret Conorton, 349-6180.

Wanted: Source for free plastic bags on a continuing basis for Project Renewal. Contact Mary Davidson or Tom Alverson at 533-8400.

New Staff at Vera

Michelle Brown - formerly a Program Planner with the Bureau of the Budget. Michelle will be responsible for supervising programs in several areas.

Sam Gillespie - a first-year law student at Vanderbilt Law School. Sam is developing a possible project on work release for defendants who do not qualify for ROR (release on own recognizance in lieu of posting bail) and cannot afford even a modest bail.

Debbie Smith - worked for Vera in its infancy in 1963-1964. She is presently working on the development of the Environmental Institute.

Tom Alverson - formerly a caseworker at the Manhattan Bowery Project, has accepted the position of Administrator of Project Renewal.

Mary Davidson - has spent the last three years in Brazil, primarily with the Peace Corps. She is Assistant Administrator of Project Renewal.

Alan Zitterberg - a second-year law student at Columbia, will work with Project Renewal for the summer.