



"one of the best musicians at Hunter"

Earl Coleman: A Counselor With Rhythm

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The Hunter Community consists of many talented people, but Earl Coleman is perhaps the most outstanding musician. Mr. Coleman is the Musical Director in the Academic Skills department. He is also an instructor and advisor in the same department. Among his other duties, Mr. Coleman is now studying Math and Science at Hunter.

Earl Coleman was born and reared in Brooklyn, New York and attended the schools there. He went to Eastern District High School and simultaneously attended the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music. He graduated from both schools and received a scholarship to the Julliard School of Music. He completed his courses within two and one-half semesters.

Mr. Coleman then began a professional career as a professional artist for five years recording and touring with various artists. Earl Coleman decided to return to school to study composition for two years and then register in the Manhattan School of Music as an advanced pianist.

A project developed by Mr. Coleman, which consists of six courses that are given under the Department of Academic Skills. This project started in the Fall semester of 1973. The courses are: Seek and You Shall Find, The SEEK Latin Music Workshop,

The SEEK Gospel Chorus of Hunter College, The Dynamic Circle Band, My Spiritual Season and The Piano Improvisation Workshop. Mr. Coleman, the instructor of these non-credited courses is in the process of trying to get these courses to become accredited in the future.

When asked by a ENVOY reporter what motivated Mr. Coleman into coming to Hunter his reply was that the good transportation and travelling time between Hunter and Manhattan School of Music suited his schedule perfectly. Mr. Coleman an active member and founder of the Hunter Achievement Society, assembled five other musicians together to form the Earl Coleman Ensemble.

Mr. Coleman has not only received acknowledgement and coverage of his concerts from this newspaper but he has also received coverage and acknowledgement from all of the student newspapers. ENVOY asked Mr. Coleman about his opinion toward Hunter College, his reply was "My opinion about this particular school is not an emotional one and I'm a believer in a purpose of a school. My purpose is toward the intellectual expansion and to stimulate students in the same way of thinking. A popular adage heard around the SEEK and Music departments is that Mr. Coleman is one of the best musicians at Hunter and has been an inspiration to many people.