

Soliloquy

The exact origins of *Soliloquy* are unknown, though the first issue on file in the Hinman archives is dated October 15, 1970. That first issue has this to say about the mission of

Soliloquy:

Soliloquy, the new Hinman College magazine, will come out every third Thursday, and will hopefully be eight pages long. It will include: poetry, short stories, articles, photographs, drawings, cartoons and anything else that is either creative or pertaining to Hinman College. If we are lucky, *Soliloquy* will be a community effort. Anyone interested in participating in our effort should either call us or come to our first meeting, Monday, October 19th at 8:00 p.m. in suite 313 in Roosevelt Hall.¹

It is unknown whether *Soliloquy* was created as a companion magazine for *The West Harpur Other* or if it was that newsletter's replacement. Only a few issues of *Soliloquy* survive, and it appears that the magazine was not much more than a magazine for budding poets. A number of people contributed to it, including Hinman College secretary Helen Rogers. The editor of the magazine was Tom Bondy and the Associate Editors were Allan Monasch and Paul Hennessey. It is unknown exactly how many issues of *Soliloquy* were printed or exactly when the magazine ceased to exist, though it is safe to assume that it stopped being printed by 1971, the year that the *Hinman Halitosis* was first established.

Soliloquy was mostly a forum for creative efforts such as poetry and short stories, though its ambitions as stated in its mission statement were never fully fulfilled. Still, the importance of *Soliloquy* is that it was not a newsletter in the traditional sense like *The West Harpur Other*. Furthermore, *Soliloquy* helped to lay the foundation for creative writing efforts in Hinman publications. Although the run of *Soliloquy* would be less than that of *The West Harpur Other*, the next publication to come to Hinman would combine elements of both of these previous publications and be not only the longest running but the most influential publication in Hinman history and at times even surpassing that of the campus-wide newspaper.

¹ *Soliloquy*, Vol. 1, No. 1, October 15, 1970.