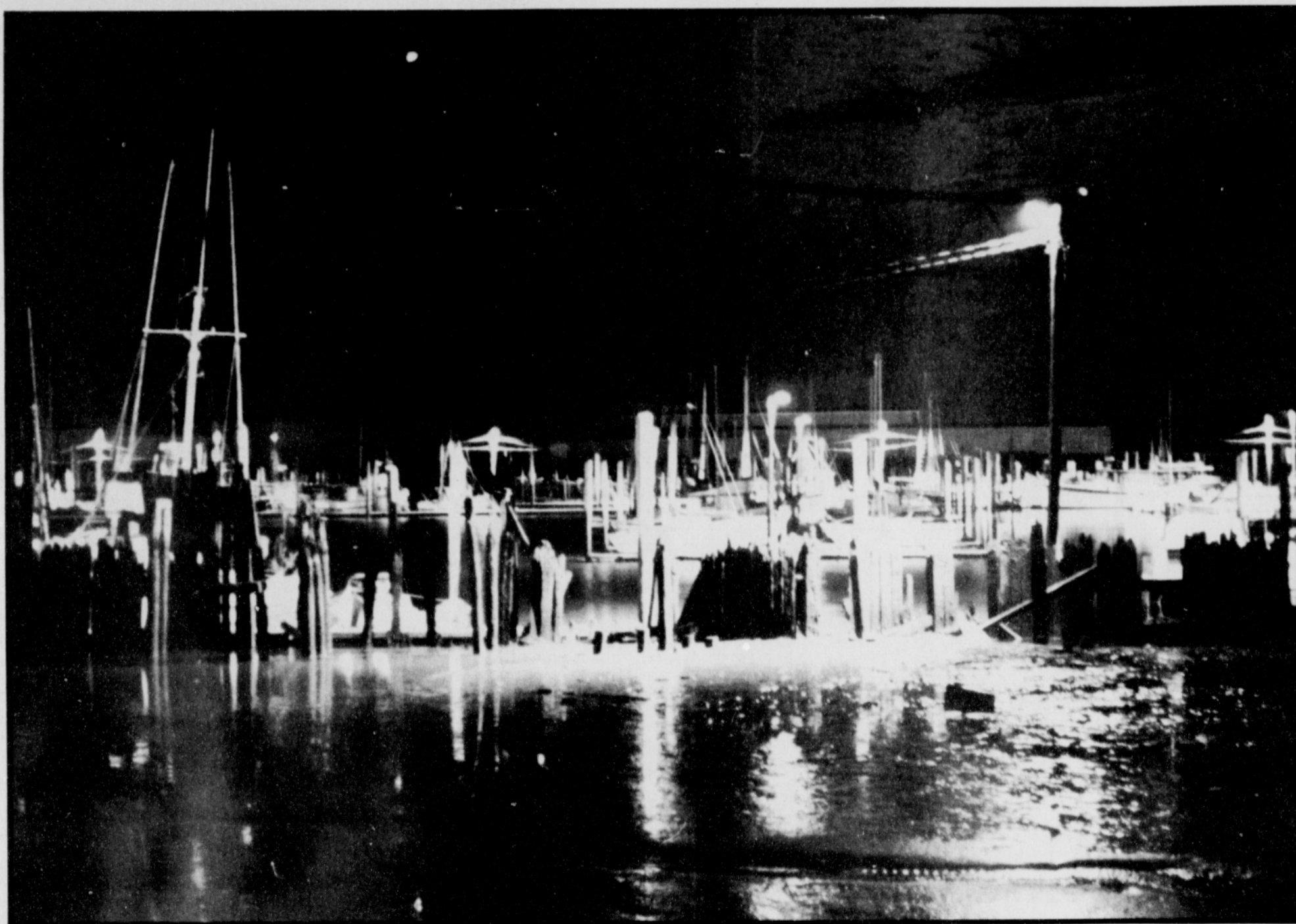




MELINDA HOFFMAN

MELINDA HOFFMAN IS NINETEEN YEARS OLD AND HAS LIVED IN ASTORIA ALL OF HER LIFE. SHE IS STRAIGHTFORWARD, HONEST, AND PREFERS BLACK AND WHITE FILM FOR ITS REALISM. WATER LIFE IS A CONTINUAL SUBJECT BECAUSE SHE IS SURROUNDED BY IT. "I AM STUCK AROUND WATER," SHE SAID. "I SHOULD GO INLAND AND SHOOT SOME COUNTRY." ONCE SHE DID NOT TAKE A PICTURE SHE WANTED TO TAKE. A WOMAN HAD A SIGN THAT SAID SHE HAD NO FOOD, NO HOME, NO MONEY. ANOTHER WOMAN RESPONDED, A WEALTHY WOMAN DRIPPING WITH JEWELRY WHO GAVE HER FOOD. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A GOOD PHOTOGRAPH, PERHAPS A GREAT ONE, BUT MELINDA FELT IT WAS A PRIVATE MOMENT THAT SHOULD NOT BE INTRUDED UPON AND LET IT PASS UNRECORDED. —MPMc

