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STUDENT FEES

Engineering Seniors To Take Part In IBM Registration Experiment

By KENNETH FLAXMAN

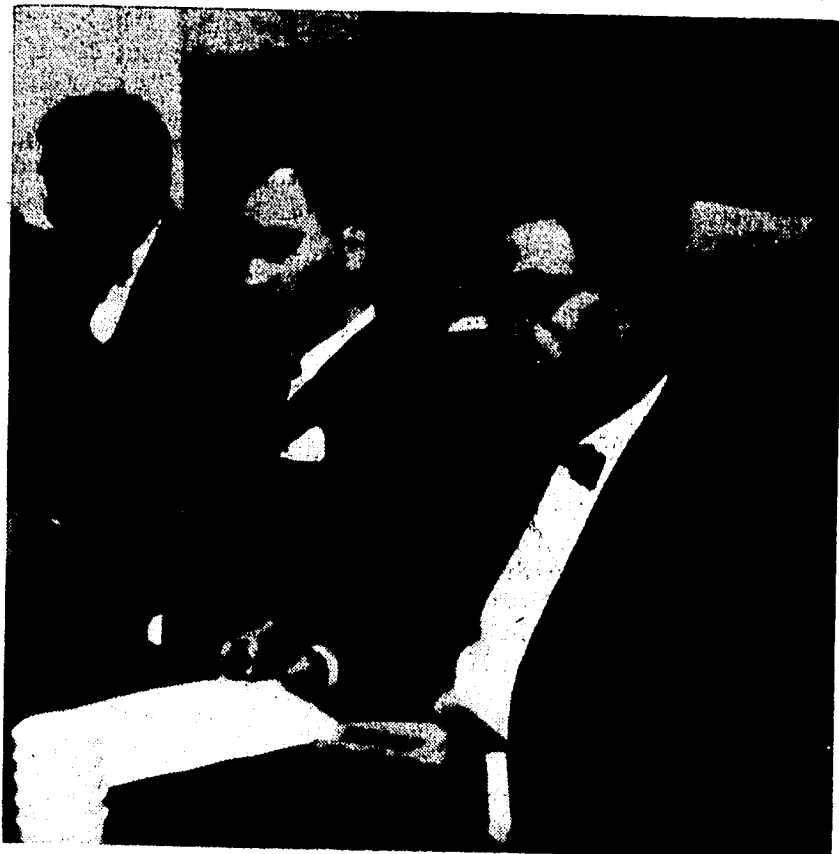
An experiment in computerized determination of students' programs will take place in January, 1967. Graduating seniors in Engineering and Architecture will receive, about four or five weeks before their normal registration, a program sectioned by computer and will be asked to evaluate the program.

This plan was outlined to Technology Council at its meeting December 1, by Mr. Papoulas, Registrar, Dean White, Curricular Guidance, and President Gallagher. A committee consisting of 5 students, to be selected by Technology Council, and Dean White, Mr. Papoulas, Mr. Elder, director of the Computation Center, and other school officials concerned with registration, has been formed to determine the method of evaluating the January registration experiment, and to consider other experiments along these lines.

Graduating Seniors in Engineering and Architecture were selected for the experiment because they represented a small, manageable group. All had previously indicated the courses they would be taking on an election form. Being seniors, they would be the most competent group to evaluate the computer sectioned program.

Since September, 1965, the school has had a computerized registration. Previously, data on registration had been compiled on tab cards, which created the problems of time, space, and accuracy.

In September of 1965, the work done by tab cards was accomplished by computer. The computer produces class rosters for the sections at the college. These are available for the registrar on the first day of classes. (Due to a problem of distribution, a slightly greater time is required



L to R: Professor Avallone, Mr. Papoulas, President Gallagher. Gallagher explains experiment.

to get them to the instructional staff.)

Grade report sheets, in quadruplicate are furnished to the instructor. These machine readable forms cut down the four times which an instructor had to transcribe a grade, to one time (two copies for the registrar, one to be posted and one for the departmental records).

According to Mr. Elder, the near future will see the computer producing course fee totals for non-day session students, billing for graduate students for their fees (eliminating fee paying for grad students at registration) a semester grade report for each student, and SSS109 (student deferment) forms. At the next registration, it is expected that the totals of students who had registered

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Yang Hits Arch. Dept. Resigns in Protest

Professor Hanford Yang of the Department of Architecture has submitted his resignation because of the "constant rules and regulations created out of mediocrity and set upon the students and faculty members that are unreasonable, arbitrary, and confusing."

The letter of resignation, effective for the spring term also cited a "lack of improvement in architectural education at the School" in the past 3½ years that he has been teaching here.

Professor Yang is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with a Masters Degree in Architecture from M.I.T. He has won numerous design competitions, the most recent being the Brooklyn Borough Hall Square competition.

His resignation comes from an unsuccessful attempt to "raise the standards of the school" and personal conflicts on administrative policies with the chairman of the department.

Professor Yang has been offered a full professorship at Pratt Institute.

According to "Footings" the architectural periodical, Professor

Yang is "one of the best design teachers in the school."

Yang accused the department of demanding "asskissing" of its teachers. As an example, he stated that faculty members have to perform odd-jobs for the chairman of the department, and are threatened with being skipped over for promotion if they refuse to do legwork.

He further stated that in all of the schools that he has taught, including the University of Washington, the Boston Architectural Center, and M.I.T., City College has the lowest standards of design.

The Appointment Committee, Yang charged, is a "private club. Buddies and business associates are hired but talented professors don't have a chance of being hired."

Other complaints he leveled are against the model shop, which he says can be used to build a house but not a model. Yang also objects to the mandatory attendance of seniors in the design rooms, and the inaccessibility of the dark-room.

Professor Bischoff, chairman of the department, in accepting Yang's resignation, had no comment.

Election Results

The following candidates won election to the Student-Faculty Committee last Friday: Jerry Ostroff (382); Ellen Turkish (374); Bart Grossman (321); and Dena Seiden (282).

Jerry Ostroff expressed hope that S.G. and the Committee for Campus Reason winners — Ostroff, Grossman, and Seiden — will be able to work together. The only S.G. winner was Ellen Turkish. 1019 ballots had been cast.

Eng Grad School Grows

By STU PERSONICK

The City College doctoral program in engineering is still in an embryonic stage. Its standards are rigorous and no PhD degrees have yet been granted.

The number of candidates for thesis work increases every year; and each year, new projects spring up. Many of the professors who lecture in the day time, carry graduate courses as well. Most graduate courses are given

at night. This is true partly because many students work in the daytime and would require courses at night regardless of whether or not they were given in the day. These night courses are also due to a lack of instructional talent which can be diverted from the undergraduate curriculum.

The graduate school offers various kinds of financial aid. These include all of the standard Federal fellowships such as the N.A.S.A. and the N.S.F. grants. There are also a limited number of teaching and research assistantships available to qualified students.

Many of the current graduate students attend on a parttime basis. Many of these students were originally only going for a masters degree. Some students also lecture in the undergraduate courses for only three years, combined with the parttime nature of studies by most students, is largely responsible for the lack of any PhD degrees being granted at this time. A few degree candidates are on the verge of submitting their theses and delivering their defenses.

Requirements at City for a PhD are approximately sixty course credits and the passing of a qualifying exam. A thesis and a defense as well as a final exam are also necessary.

The qualifying exam is given in three or four parts over a multi-day period. It tests the candidate's knowledge of general engineering and of specified fields. Passing

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Eng Depts Vote Yes: E & A Day to be Held

Engineering and Architecture Day will be held next term in the middle or late March.

On November 14, a meeting was held between Dean William Allan, faculty from the various technology departments, and the student members of the E & A Day committee. The purpose of the meeting was to decide whether or not an E & A Day would be held next term.

The main opposition was based on the fact that last year's "Day" was sparsely attended. Out of the hoped for thousand plus attendance, perhaps two or three hundred actually came.

The students countered by stating that in order for it to be a greater success, numerically, experienced students would have to run it. If E & A Day would be held every two years, there wouldn't be a continuum of leadership.

The students and faculty argued

and discussed the situation for two hours before it was finally decided that the individual departments would vote on the matter at their next faculty meetings. On Friday, November 18, the voting was tabulated, and all of the departments that had voted, voted in favor of having the "Day."

On Thursday, December 1, the student committee met to discuss the specific details that would have to be arranged. The emphasis was put on publicity and the various new methods that could be employed. Such things as sending City College engineering and architecture students to various high schools to help promote the event were discussed. There was also talk of inviting "big name" speakers to talk at the "Day."

The full student-faculty committee will meet on Thursday, December 8, to discuss matters including exhibits and finance.

Room Changes in Finley Anger Tech Council

On December 1, Tech Council passed a resolution expressing its dissatisfaction with the proposed office changes in the Finley Student Center.

Several member organizations of Tech Council as well as certain members stated their disapproval. The members of WCCR, College's radio station were particularly up in arms. The club was located in F331, where they had their studio, and share their office space with two other clubs.

Previously, they had asked for room with two sound-proof booths, one for the broadcaster, one for the engineers, and additional outside office space where they could have about three desks, and two record filing cabinets.

The room changes will move them up to room F418, where they

will still have just one studio, and will now have to share the outside office space with four other clubs.

In another change, TECH NEWS was moved in with VECTOR, the College's award winning engineering magazine. A member of VECTOR stated, that to put two publications in the same room would create chaos. He said that the two publications' copy and advertising would inevitably get mixed up. Also the two would probably have to use the typewriters at the same time.

Tech Council itself was moved to a smaller office to be shared with the Executive Development Club. This, as well as some of the other changes, was looked upon by some of the Tech Council members as a slight on the Council itself and on engineers in general.



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Professor Yang

The resignation of Professor Yang brings to light the deplorable state of affairs in the Architecture Department. Last year's student complaints seem to have been largely forgotten. The students' march of last Spring has also seemingly been brushed aside. Perhaps the loss of an extremely qualified and well-liked professor will force the department to re-evaluate itself.

Some of Professor Yang's statements seem over emotional and over stated, but his opinion and actions must be respected as sincere. What he has said, has been said before by many people. We hope that his resignation will force the people in power, Professor Bischoff, Dean Allan, and President Gallagher, to move to correct the problems that have been stifling the growth and improvement of the department for years.

IBM Registration

Computerized registration is dynamite. It can be of tremendous benefit to the students if it is properly controlled, or can explode in their faces if the proper precautions are not taken.

I.B.M. machines can work out with ease schedules of all the students. The needs of individual students can be worked out through careful programming. The question is one of how much time, talent, and money can and will City College expend on this program. Experiments to find out how this program will work will be conducted this February. The administration has thus far shown a careful and intelligent respect for the unknowns. We hope that this attitude will continue.

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Grad Reps

Representatives of the Harvard Graduate School of Business and the Northeastern University Graduate School will be on campus in December to interview upper classmen in all degree areas who may be interested in applying for admission to their respective Graduate Schools.

Mr. Flowers, Director of College Relations at the Harvard Graduate School of Business, will be present on Tuesday, December 6th, and Mr. McKenna, Assistant to the Dean of Northeastern University will be on campus on Wednesday, December 7th.

Arrangements have been made for a general discussion meeting from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, in Goethal's Hall, Room 206 and on Wednesday in Goethal's Hall, Room 203.

Personal interviews will be held by Mr. Flowers from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Mr. McKenna will conduct his interviews from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

All appointments for personal interviews should be made through Dean White in the Administration Building, Room 208. The interviews will be held in both instances in Steinman Hall, Room T114.

Funds Sought For Memorial Library

A fund-raising campaign has begun to create a James Ruderman Memorial Library for the department of architecture at City College's School of Engineering and Architecture, it was announced by Sidney P. Gilbert, president of the Underpinning and Foundation Company.

Mr. Ruderman, a 1919 Civil Engineering graduate of City College, died earlier this year. He was responsible for the structural designs of more than 40 million square feet of office space in New York — about half of the high-rise construction since the end of World War II.

The fund-raising committee hopes to raise \$75,550, to provide architecture students with a special library in Compton Hall, the architecture building at City College. The construction of a reference library is expected to be of great help in the School of Architecture's accreditation. Five years old, the architecture program is eligible for full accreditation by both New York State and the National Architectural Accrediting Board.

According to Mr. Gilbert, more than \$20,000 has already been raised. President Gallagher has predicted that the library will be open by Feb. 1, 1967.

"Who's Who"

Applications for Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities are available in Rooms 123 and 152 Finley, and Room 100 Shepard Hall.

Eligibility for listing in Who's Who is based on scholarship, leadership and participation in co-curricular activities. Applicants must be eligible for graduation no later than August 1967. Applications must be submitted to the Awards Committee, c/o Mr. Edmond Sarfaty, Room 123, Finley, no later than 16 December 1966.

Inquiring Technographers

By PHILIP BURTON

Question: Do you think that Dr. Gallagher has lost the confidence of the students as a result of his recent statements about campus politics?

Where asked: South Campus.

Larry Yermack, Lower Senior, Eco. If he hasn't lost the respect by now, he certainly should lose it. It's becoming increasingly clear from his statements that he wasn't misquoted and he wasn't misstated, ever. Without discussing his motivation, it's clear that the impact of his statements is to cast a communist pass over the Student Government and the students. His actions are unforgivable and all especially in view of the fact that he is continuing to make statements referring to leftists of Student Government. It is my sincere hope that students will realize what is being said and done to our campus and call on the President either to stop attacking students on the basis of supposed political beliefs or to resign.



Yermack

Ellen Tolkoff, lower junior, Languages. Yes. The President of any university has an implicit obligation to represent responsibly that university. In his recent statements, by injecting unsubstantiated statements, Dr. Gallagher failed to do so. He thereby alienated those students involved in the sit-in, all of whom know that their protest was far from communist-oriented, and the anti-sit-in students, who strongly resent being "stigmatized."

Halona Wexton, lower junior, Political Science. I believe that President Gallagher definitely has lost the respect of the students due to his contested remarks. Rather than attempting to understand what the purpose of the demonstration was, he seemed to throw the issue aside and, worst of all, he reverted to mere name calling. If he didn't argue with what we were expressing and attempting to do he could have at least treated us with the barest degree of respect rather than becoming the traditional name caller who plays in prejudice. I feel my club, the Young Dems supported the demonstration and were quite startled at his equation, to perceive his line of reasoning, that the demonstration equalled communism. What I was most disappointed in was his denial that the remarks were made. A man in his position cannot cry wolf one day, receive major press coverage and then not apologize but deny that he said what three newspapers and two TV networks quoted him as saying.



Wexton

Norman Gabe, Upper Senior, Liberal Arts. Dr. Gallagher is a very unfortunate situation. I feel sorry for him. He has lost the respect of many students because of the manner in which his remarks about student activities have been interpreted. I hope either retracts or further clarifies his rash statements.



Novack

Lauren

Barbara Novack, lower senior, English. Yes. I think he took easy out by broad labelling. Tractions could not erase wrong. The papers took up line and did great harm to image. People still associate College with "the little schoolhouse" image of the We do not need any more publicity.

Howard Lauren, lower senior, Psychology. I believe that Dr. Gallagher has most definitely lost a certain amount of prestige in the eyes of the City College students. He has lost the most of the people who are, or will be, most active in student activities. Because of this lack of rapport, much discussion will be strained on all topics concerning campus politics.



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TECH LIFE

By LENNY SOLOMON

Several weeks ago, Student Government called for a sit-in at the Administration Building. The proposed reason for this was because of the fact that the administration, and in particular President Gallagher, had shown little enthusiasm toward the all-encompassing term "campus democracy."

The theory of "campus democracy" states that since the students are the life-blood of a university, they should be given a voice in the decision making. What this voice should be is open to debate. Some think that the students only have the right to make suggestions. Others think that the students' say should be on an equal level with that of the top administrators and perhaps that the students should have a veto power over policy that it deems unwise.

The current idea in Student Government is that a committee should be formed, consisting of students, faculty, and administrators to oversee all decisions handed down by the top administrators. This committee would then make recommendations and submit them to a binding school-wide referendum.

When someone mentions the term "campus democracy," it is hard to say anything against it. After all, it is almost unamerican to be against democracy on a college campus. Unfortunately, however, the Student Government plan for "campus democracy" is very misleading. In fact, in my mind, it is essentially undemocratic.

First of all, how will these student committeemen be chosen? Will they be taken from the ranks of Student Government, or will they be elected in a school-wide vote? Either way, they will not be true representatives of the majority of the students in this college.

In the last S.G. presidential election in the Spring of 1966, approximately 80% of the student body failed to vote. Of those who did vote, perhaps thirteen or fourteen per cent of the total day session enrollment voted for the current S.G. president. Now Mr. Sachs is probably looked upon as the student leader, but he can hardly claim that the majority of the students here elected him. The six committeemen in question would be even less representative of current student opinion.

One could point to the draft referendum, where over 80% of the students voted. Was this, however, a typical turnout? Of course not. Besides the fact that this was one of the most publicized events on campus ever held, the issue on hand was one that deeply affected each and every male student.

It is sad to say, but the current opinion of the majority of students is one of apathy. Those 80% mentioned above voted not for president, but for apathy. This is a hard fact of life, and even though the activists on campus, by definition, would think these 80% wrong, they do not have the right to steam roller over them.

One can therefore see that the wording of the questions in any schoolwide referendum would be inherently non-representative. The questions would then be voted on, supposedly by the entire student body, and the outcome would be binding. In reality, the questions would be either passed or defeated by a small minority of the students.

All of this is not to say that the students should have no voice in administration policy. Students have a duty to state their opinions on matters that affect them. A committee could be formed by Student Government to give selective and in-depth recommendations or counter-proposals on various campus issues. This committee would have to be looked upon as what it would be, and that is an informed minority of students who are interested in the welfare of the school. The committee, in all fairness, could not have any power except that of suggestion.

I have written what I think to be true and just. My whole argument is based around one sad fact. That is, that most people, for various reasons, do not want to become involved with the society that is around them. This classic problem not only affects this campus, but the country and the world as well.

The demonstrators who sat-in a few weeks ago have been both lauded and roundly criticized. I, for one, did not agree with their aims.

However, I respect them for one reason. They had the guts to act on what they thought right. They became involved. Perhaps if the rest of the people on this campus, as well as the rest of the people in the country would take an active stand on the problems that confront society in general, the whole world might be a little better off.

Patty-lock for ME

Steinman Hall will encounter a new problem in the near future — the absence of any girls' locker rooms. Within the next few terms, girl engineer Patty Leiman will be taking ME 108, the machine-shop laboratory for mechanical engineers.

The ME 108 laboratory is considered the most "dirty" course in the engineering curriculum. Students are required to operate lathes, millers, shapers and other machinery which causes metal chips and oil to scatter all over, especially on one's clothing.

Male engineers sometimes change their clothing for this lab in specially provided boys' locker rooms in the sub-basement of Steinman Hall. These lockers also serve as storage places for their projects.

Patty Leiman will not have a locker because the engineers of Steinman Hall ignored the possibility of girl ME's.

According to Mr. Tomas Ferro, laboratory technician, this problem has never been faced before

in Steinman Hall. In the past 23 years that he has been at City College, there have been 7 girl mechanical engineers. At that time the ME 108 lab was given in Townsend Hall and the girls used lockers in the Metallurgy Lab that was just above.

Mr. Ferro suggested that Patty could use one of the cubby-holes in Room T32 if she wanted to change her clothing and could leave her projects in the technicians' office. He sees no problem with this suggestion since she will be the only girl.

Recalling some of the past female engineers that have graduated from City College, Mr. Ferro concluded that they are usually more dedicated than male engineers. He said that the girls have more of a reason to be in engineering than some of the men and are therefore more dedicated professional people.

When asked whether she planned on changing her clothing, Patty Leiman said with a rustle of her bell-bottoms, "Sometimes, maybe."

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These are only two of a number of technical problems which City College engineering professors have been solving in recent months under a voluntary program in which the college has been participating. The program, Volunteers for International Technical Assistance (VITA), was set up by a group of engineers to provide immediate, practical solutions to problems encountered by members of the Peace Corps and other Americans on overseas assignments, as well as by foreign individuals and organiza-

Registration Exp . . .

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tered for sections in all courses will be produced, and made available to registration personnel twice a day, to aid in the closing and opening of sections.

Computer Evaluation Of Individual Programs

According to Mr. Elder, various tions. No charge is made for the service by the college.

When a request is forwarded to the college from VITA, it is processed by Assistant Dean Demos Eitzer, of the City College School of Engineering and Architecture. From the more than 100 engineering faculty members, he selects an authority in the field and passes the problem along to him. At this point, the faculty expert communicates directly with the individual overseas who initiated the request, to obtain additional details, if necessary. After he has worked out the solution, he sends it directly to the person needing it.

forms of computerized course sectioning exist. One is computerized sectioning, where no options are open to the student, the computer fitting everyone into random sections, providing the desired courses. An option easily included in this, would be to allow the student to register for blocks of free time, to allow the student to work, sleep or play.

Another form of computerized course sectioning is termed ideal sectioning: the preferences of each student are obtained and programs are produced to satisfy all students equally — perhaps providing 80% of what each student wanted. This is similar to the system employed at the State University at Stony Brook. Stony Brook, however, has a considerably more elaborate computational center than we do, and only 2000 students; City has in the vicinity of 20,000 students registering for courses.

The purpose of computer utili-

zation is to save the time of the administrator and the teacher so as to enable them to devote more time to the education of the student. Computerized sectioning of courses offers this advantage but creates other difficulties.

Most students, at least in engineering, choose their program on the basis of teachers, rather than on the basis of hours. Some students would rather not register for a course, than be fated with a teacher they dislike, or are scared of. Computerized sectioning of courses, aside from the "ideal sectioning" concept, provides little choice as to teachers. Ideal sectioning would — but it should be noted that (1) this would require the compilation and issuance of tentative teaching lists earlier than presently, perhaps at the very beginning of the preceding term and (2) the present computer would be strained, perhaps beyond its capacity, to produce ideal sectioning for 20,000 students.

Grad School . . .

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this test allows the candidate to begin research.

The period between initiation of graduate studies and completing course requirements should be about two years. Thesis work if pursued on a full time basis should take one additional year.

Most professors would rate the graduate school as second level. It is not up to M.I.T. or Stanford, but in many fields it equals Columbia, N.Y.U. and similar schools. A very strong field in the electrical engineering department is the theory of optimal control systems. Other fields of research include electron-light interactions and network theory. The engineering department encourages students to take courses in mathematics and physics where applicable. Work in other engineering departments include: magnetohydro dynamics, plasma dynamics, polymer theory, and advanced thermodynamics.

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