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Marshals Repelled By 400 Students; Campus Upset Over Brakefield & Dow

Bill Brakefield: Some of the Facts

By ALAN SCHOENFELD

An AWOL soldier, William Brakefield, was granted sanctuary in the Finley Ballroom last Thursday during an Election Vigil conducted by the City College Commune, SDS, and the New York Resistance.

Brakefield, a nineteen-year-old soldier from Van Nuys, California, has been AWOL from his base at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts since October 2. He was directed to City College by the Resistance, whom he contacted after reading one of their advertisements in the *Village Voice*. And so he came to the Grand Ballroom to perform a symbolic act — to speak his mind and face arrest by Federal Marshals.

Private Brakefield spoke to the crowd soon after the Vigil began. The same people were there who are at all the rallies: Josh Chaikin, wandering around bareheaded; big, burly Ira Liebowitz, so relaxed with a microphone in his hands; Syd Brown of Student Government and other people of less renown. Silence was called for and Bill Brakefield got up to read his statement.

"What I am doing now, I do for my own piece of mind and personal convictions. On this day, I dedicate what I am doing to all the men of all the military branches of the Armed Services who themselves have refused to be linked to the United States Military machine."

After finishing his statement, the soft-spoken soldier left the stage to talk to student reporters as the band began to blast away. Brakefield told us his life story in a few sentences. He was born in the waste-land of Alabama, moved to Buffalo when

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Brakefield, protected from the Marshals by students.

Some Oppose Protesting Vigil

By SANDE NEIMAN and
POLLY FLONDER

Students who have been involved in the sanctuary of Bill Brakefield, turned Federal Marshals off campus after an attempt to remove him from the Finley Center. The demonstrators also forced the Dow Chemical recruiters to alter their normal interview procedures at the College. Dow advised the students to wear turtle-neck sweaters and blue jeans to avoid attracting attention from the demonstrators and they also began their interviews at about 7:00 in the morning.

Some of the students, foreseeing such action by Dow, began to occupy Steinman Hall late Sunday afternoon but nine of these students were arrested early Monday morning. Dow Chemical left the campus at 10:300 A.M., just in front of more than three dozen demonstrators who had removed a door from its hinges to get to Dow. At this point, the demonstrators moved back to the Grand Ballroom in Finley Student Center and held a mass rally, with more than 700 students present. During this rally, Brakefield spoke about unity and getting ROTC and Dow off campus — he received over five minutes ovation.

In the Beginning

The demonstrators, in an indeterminate number, remained with Brakefield over the weekend, helping him to cope with his dissertation from the Army and other activities (see editorial). Brakefield, however, left the campus on Sunday to go to a picnic at Fort Dix with some of the soldiers and many people from the Resistance, some of whom were responsible for Brakefield's coming to the City College campus.

It was during his absence that serious questions arose as to the meaning of their presence at Finley Center. Brakefield was gone and there was doubt as to whether he would be back. Brakefield, however, returned late Sunday night and expressed a wish to become part of the City College community by demonstrating against Dow Chemical's recruitment on campus the following day.

Sunday night, several students decided to wait for Dow in Steinman to avoid being locked out the following morning. They remained during the night, only to find themselves arrested for criminal trespassing Monday morning, before Dow arrived.

Those arrested were Ron Mc-
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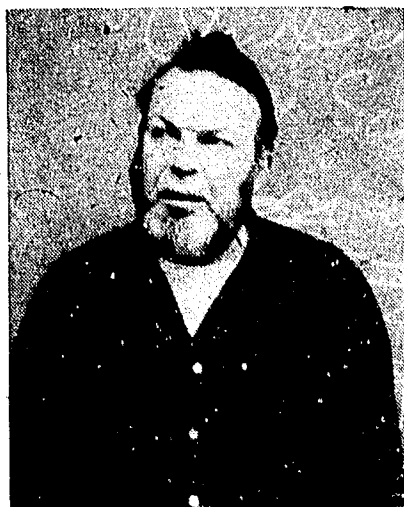
2-6 Credit Course Next Term Community Structure & Problems

By PHILIP D. WIRTENBERG

In response to continued student requests for more "relevant" courses at the College, the Sociology Department will offer in the Spring semester a course designed to provide students with the opportunity to learn about social problems and social change by actually taking part in social change activities. The course has been labeled "Practicum in Community Structure and Organization," and will be listed in the catalog as Sociology 99.

As the name implies, this course will permit students to experience social change roles directly. This will be accomplished by involving students in

projects or organizations that



Professor Schulman, coordinator of the new course.

seek to change some aspect of the urban community, such as Harlem CORE or the Urban Coalition. Students will be assigned to these organizations, and will spend the majority of their time "in the field" instead of in classrooms. It is hoped that in this manner the students will acquire a more realistic understanding of the extremely complex nature of social change processes. In conjunction with the field work, a periodic discussion seminar will be held with the instructor and coordinator of the course, Prof. Jay Schulman. The purpose of the seminars is to review and critically assess the students' activities

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SG Election

Students are urged to vote in the forthcoming Student Government Elections Nov. 6-8. The polling booths (opposite Knittle Lounge in Shepherd Hall and in the Trophy Lounge in Finley Student Center) will be open Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.; Thursday, Nov. 7, from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.; and Friday, the definite schedule is from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. The contested offices will be the Community Affairs Vice President, 3 Council-at-Large seats, and 2 Council '71 seats. Also on the ballot will be a referendum proposing a \$1.00 Student Activities Fee increase. Bursar's cards are required for voting.

Campus Proposals: Do You Know the ABC's? Racial Encounter Groups: Do Black & White Make Grey?

By HARVEY SCHOENFELD

In the near future, hopefully, the student body will vote on three proposals for change of campus governance. Proposal A (The Committee of 17 Report), proposal B (Dr. Gallagher's Report) and proposal C (submitted by Student Government). Proposal C was made public only Wednesday evening (October 30), and most students are probably unaware of it.

As expected, Proposal C gives more power to the students. There are important changes made, specifically in sections:

#18 — In proposals A and B, 4% of the student body can petition the Faculty Senate to review a decision of the Student Senate. A three-quarter faculty vote can override a decision by the Student Senate. In Proposal C, the Student Senate can be overruled **only** by the student body itself.

#19 — In proposals A and B,

ultimate authority in financial matters rests with a three-member committee composed of a student, a faculty member, and a dean. In proposal C, all financial matters within the jurisdiction of the Student Senate will remain within the student sphere.

#26 — In proposals A and B, all programs and policies of the Department of Student Personnel Services shall be reviewed by a joint student-faculty committee, and ultimately approved by the Faculty Senate. In Proposal C, ultimate change must be approved by the Student-Faculty Senates.

#35 — In proposals A and B, students will have advisory capacities on Departmental Curriculum and Departmental Appointments Committees. In Proposal C, 25% of each committee will be made up of students, with full voting rights.



... the response was very negative ...

By MAL COFFINO

Four white and four Black student do not make up the group leaders are without ratio implicit in an Inter-Ethnic groups. Forty white, three Encounter Group, a course offered by the Experimental Col-

lege this fall.

People in the Onyx Society explained their negative response, based on their interaction with whites and in reaction to last spring's encounter groups.

"There's nothing in it for us; we've got ourselves to worry about."

"What are we going to find out from whites that we don't already know — that white people are prejudiced? You're kidding?"

"I haven't got the time nor the desire to bother."

"Maybe later Black folk will sit down with whites and talk. We've got to get ourselves together first."

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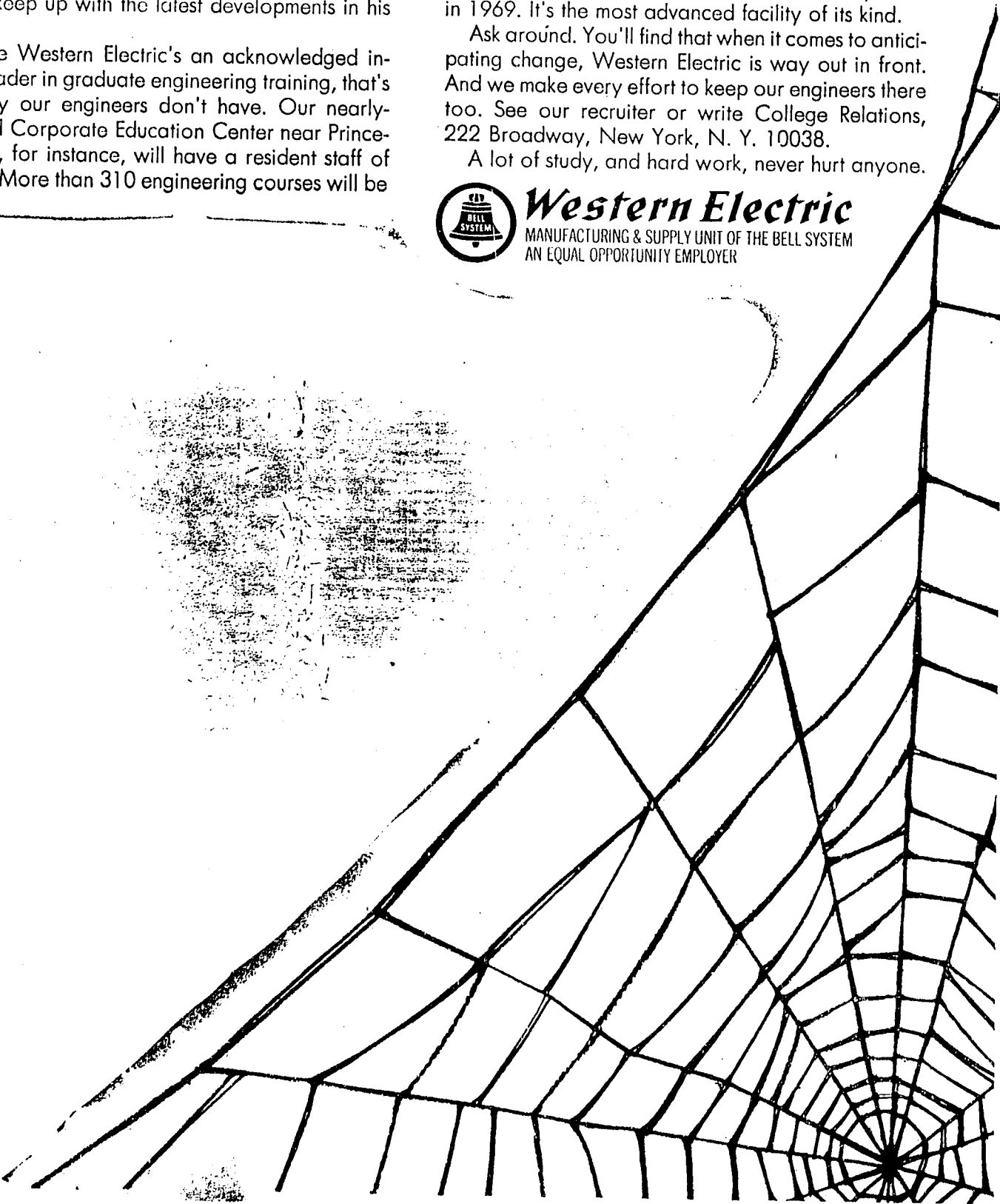
Right! Blacks must organize and educate each other. Black people must work together and build up their identity as a people. The white man's role in the Black Revolution is small. First, he must face his feelings and work with them. Then he must educate other whites.

In a few years there will be more Puerto Rican and Black students on campus. People of similar backgrounds will always groove together; that is reality. Blacks will continue to work on issues unique to them; the same goes for Puerto Ricans and whites. The point is that there are problems common to us all. Alone, the likelihood of effecting change is limited. Together we would have the power to do a job on the system that is screwing us all. This cannot be done without a greater understanding of each other's position and language. Most important, there is an urgent need for an element of trust between groups, so that we may work together effectively in the future.

This is why the Inter-Ethnic Encounter Groups could be valuable. Each group is to be racially proportionate. The idea is to tell each other where you and the other person are at. The aim of the groups is not to develop friendship or experience euphoria, though these may be by-products. The goal is for people to see that people share basic problems and to see what can be done about them.

Certain notions must be dealt with before one becomes a group member. The Black who allows himself to be locked in a therapeutic role must ultimately blame himself. He will not benefit by hiding behind analysis and avoiding gut-level confrontation. It is also no great revelation for a white to admit prejudices to a Black. Do not possibly feel sorry for Black people — there is not a damn thing a Black person can do with your sympathy. The white man must work on his bias and not expect the Black man to cleanse him of it.

Both sides must risk; we can't afford not to. And the Inter-Ethnic Encounter Group may facilitate The Revolution that we are all in essence striving for.



Protesting Students Confront Marshals and Police: "How Much Does Your Soul Cost?"

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Guire, Charles Zerzan III, Robert Zanger, Ann Wold, Clifford L. Garden, Sandy Deruvnic, Elyse Schapira, Franz Swidler, and Nurith Eston. They were charged with criminal trespassing upon arraignment, but were all paroled with bail. One student, Patti Lehman, who was present as a spectator in the courtroom during the arraignment, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. According to Ron McGuire, however, Miss Lehman had not said a word while she was in the courtroom, and she was with another female student who was not arrested.

Bells Soundeth

Monday morning found Bill Brakefield handcuffed to two federal marshals, in the middle of the Grand Ballroom. They were surrounded by some 150 students singing, with no intention of allowing the Marshals to leave. They sang, We Shall Overcome! Then someone pulled the fire alarm, which was a

Tech Council To Distribute Allocations

By ZEV SPIRO

Technology Council, responding to the many gripes by member organizations about the lack of funds, is proposing a new method of disbursing funds to the engineering-oriented societies.

All allocations for engineering societies would be given to Tech Council which would assume responsibility for distribution of funds. Tech Council members, such as Vector and TECH NEWS would not be affected by this proposal since they are student publications serving the entire student body.

The member organizations are being asked to submit written



PRESIDENT of Technology Council, Ben Reicher, who favors the new move.

approval and consent to have Tech Council take over their behalf. These members are also being asked to submit budgets detailing their anticipated expenses for the Spring, 1969 term.

The Budget Committee of the Council, headed by Tech Council Treasurer, will confer with the Student Government Treasurer to develop this plan in its entirety. The S.G. treasurer is in favor of consolidation of funds and considers the proposal a sound idea. In this action Tech Council hopes to assure all the engineering organizations their fair share of their student fees.



WOULD YOU BELIEVE that Jeff Steinberg actually sleeps (by himself). Well, here is proof!

prearranged signal, notifying students that the Marshals had arrived, and more than 200 additional students charged in from the cafeteria and the snack bar.

By the time the fire alarm sounded, some two dozen police had arrived and were busy attempting to keep these additional students out of the Ballroom; they were not successful! Realizing their position was one of obvious weakness, the Marshals asked Brakefield if he would leave peacefully. When they were told that they would have to carry him out, they removed the handcuffs from him and left.

All during this incident, the Marshals looked quite sympathetic, smiling and joking with Brakefield while they appeared to be in a sea of trouble.

They realized that the demonstrators would not let them remove Brakefield peacefully and they really didn't want any violence.

"It could be your son, cop!!" was heard several times throughout their presence. "How much does your soul cost?"

Exodus

"Relax" exclaimed one of the Marshals to the police officers, "we're not gonna take him now. Let's wait 'till they disperse and come back later. We'll call you when it's time." Then, the police left the campus; the marshals, however, remained throughout the day and well up into the evening.

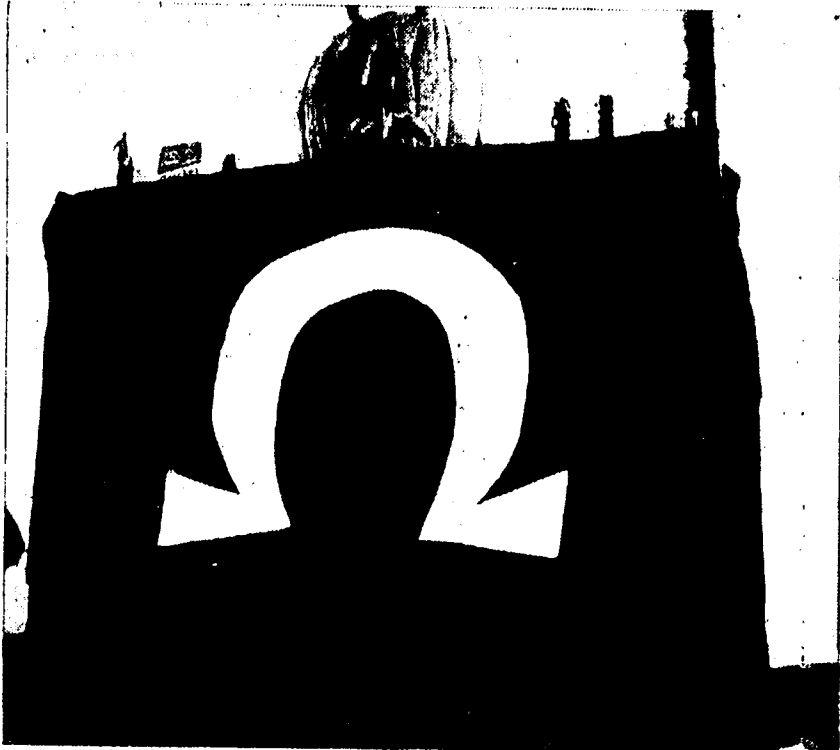
George White, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology spoke to the demonstrators,

citing the various activities that the group could undertake in order to prevent Brakefield's removal. White was one of the students who led the sanction of Michael Connors at MIT several weeks ago. One of his suggestions included the blocking of narrow stairwells.

Rallying support from the time the Marshals left, the protesting students moved on Steinman Hall. In the outer courtyard of the engineering building, the students began heated arguments with some engineers, but there was no violence.

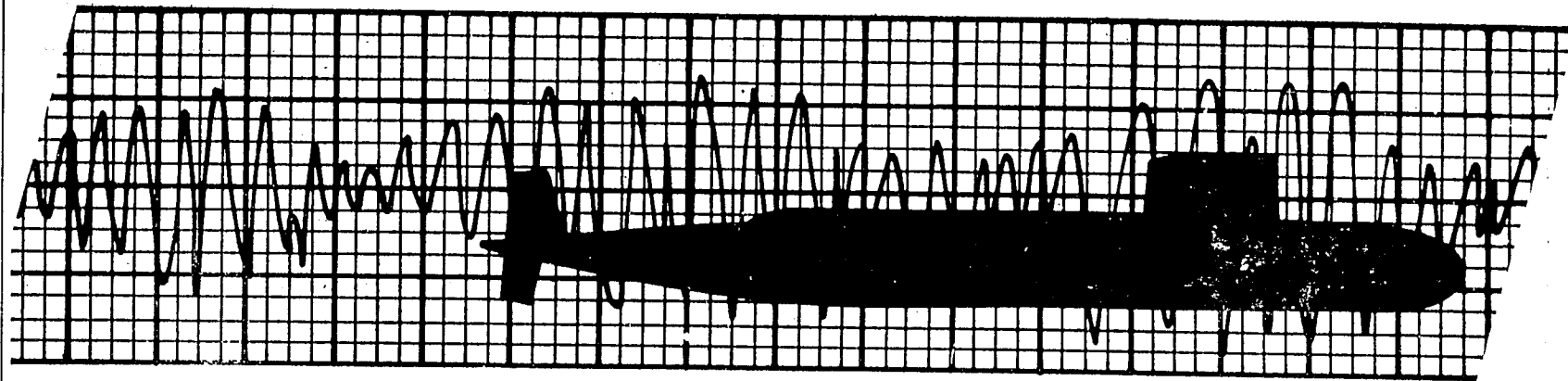
Suddenly, some three dozen students rushed past four Burns guards and broke through two doors to gain admittance to the Dow meeting room with hopes of disrupting the proceedings. They were then informed that the Dow representatives had just left the campus. It was almost a certainty that the other students were going to follow he initial surge into Steinman to interview the Dow recruiters.

Victoriously parading down Convent Avenue, over six hundred students moved back into the Ballroom for a guerrilla theatre and workshops.



BEGINNING WITH CANDLES, cider, and a pumpkin, students from the Resistance and others still occupy the Grand Ballroom in Finley.

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— Dr. Goode
(the real one)

Dr. Goode:

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— The Shadow

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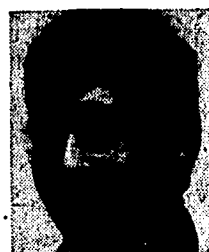
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A. Hugh has a hairy chest.

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Grosserie

BY JEFF GROSSMAN

It's always tough to come back to school for the Fall term. After a long summer, it's just not all that easy to re-enter the mainstream of academic life. As each day passes, you find that you're still in transition, and work, in earnest, (or in william), does not have to be started. But now, in the beginning of November, with mid-terms staring coldly at me from no more than one week's distance, I feel secure in the fact that the term has really begun.

In line with this recently learned bit of knowledge, I feel it is my duty to pass on to the Freshman class (Upperclassmen, don't stop reading now!) some helpful hints for getting through each term at City College. (Many of these goodies are stated in the negative form. It's not so much that I feel that I am Moses handing down the tablets, as it is that if you learned them through the same experiences that I did, you'd look at them negatively too.)

Do not go into 116 Shepard (Selective Service Office) to ask if they're offering draft deferred jobs.

Do not decide to wear your new suit and topcoat on the day you have gym.

Do remember your Right Guard on the day you have gym.

Do not visit the South Campus Cafeteria when you bring your mother to see "your school."

Do not attempt to cross under Convent Avenue (via the tunnels) on a rainy day, if you have never been shown the way by an accredited guide. (Accredited guides may be hired by the hour in the Tech News office.)

Do not attempt to cross under Convent Avenue (via the tunnels) on a rainy day, if you are a girl.

Plan your class hours so that you have at least one free hour per day to eat lunch.

Do not plan your class hours so that 12 o'clock is your only free hour to eat lunch.

Take an apartment on Convent Avenue if you want to get a parking space there.

Don't wear a yellow knit tie and expect to eat lunch in the North Campus Cafeteria.

Don't go to Cohen Library to work on a term paper.

Go to Cohen Library to:

- Keep out of the rain.
- Drop off your friend's overdue book.
- Meet your girl- and/or boyfriend.
- Meet your friend's girl- and/or boyfriend.

Don't read Tech News!!

while walking down St. Nicholas Terrace at 10:30 P.M.

Don't hold your breath waiting for the Master Plan to be completed.

Remember to ask the girl at the Finley coat-checkroom what time the checkroom closes.

Wear a Bob Jones University, rather than a City College sweatshirt, to a Wallace for President rally.

Don't cut your Thursday 11:00 class on the day when a fire drill is scheduled.

Place a classified ad in Tech News to cleanse your soul.

If you are a girl, bring a strong, reliable escort when you come to cleanse your soul.

Don't argue with your landlord. Remember, "I'd rather be resident than right."

If you have an 8:00 class, don't trust the "D" train.

If you don't have an 8:00 class, don't trust the "D" train.

Don't listen to your parents, if they urge you to go to Medical School.

Don't listen to your Curricular Guidance adviser if he urges you to go to Medical School.

Don't listen to your girlfriend if she urges you to go to Medical School.

Listen very hard if your draft board urges you to go to Medical School.

Hell No!

Bill Brakefield has been given sanction from this government by several hundred students here on our campus. The College has no jurisdiction over Brakefield and thus, no action will be taken against him. The activities of the students during the past week have been varied and in some instances unrealistic. Those present during Gabe Pressman's appearance know that the demonstrators put on a show for the press. Realizing that the press covers such an event with a negative approach, the students should have exercised more restraint than to throw frisbees and paper planes from the scaffold.

Furthermore, certain blatant indiscretions have been reported by more than a dozen eye-witnesses who were in the building during the weekend. Still other reports indicate that several couples were lying in the middle of the Grand Ballroom "doin' their thing." TECH NEWS feels that students should keep their private activities in their bedrooms, rather than on the Ballroom floor.

Activities Monday morning, however, revealed a new development to this vigil — a certain amount of intelligence and order. The students had organized themselves so that they could instantaneously move against the Marshals as soon as the latter arrived. These same students moved on Dow Chemical Co., with the intention of sending them down 141st Street, but careful not to provoke the awaiting perpetrators of law and order. Although TECH NEWS will in no way condone neither the destruction of school property, which occurred the first and second nights in the building, nor the activities of many of the protestors during their 'vigil,' we must recognize the fact that now, the entire action has taken on some definite meaning and purpose; the students have developed a philosophy from which they can deal with the necessary issues. It is our hope that there will be no more such activities since we have seen the demonstrators show more intelligence in choosing their methods of expressing dissatisfaction. Why cut up the new rugs in Finley — they never burned a little baby!

What Happened to...?

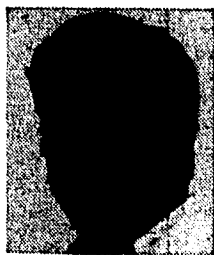
We wonder what has happened to the City College Department of Buildings and Grounds? We realize that they must be quite busy with what is going on in Jasper Oval, but this is still no excuse for letting the water run in the men's bathroom for more than two weeks. There is no justification for letting the words 'Hi Pigs!' remain on TECH NEWS' door for over a week. Understand, gentlemen, that we are not really trying to disrupt your way of life, but it would be appreciated if we could see a little more than grass cutting and leaf sweeping from you.

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Tech Life

BY AL GERSHMAN



One criterion that I try to obey when writing this column is the non-mention of an organization of which I happen to be President. The reason I have set up this standard for myself is the fact that I try not to use this column as a lever for that organization. I am referring to the College Radio Thing, commonly known as WCCR. I'm sure that most students are aware of the role that WCCR plays in student activities. Besides providing an entertainment, information, publicity and new service, WCCR also trains its members in broadcast techniques. Aside from this, it is a club where members and non-members from all walks of City College life come to spend their free hours — grubbing cigarettes, playing cards, or just throwing the bull. As you can see, I am disobeying my own criterion, the reason being the sad state and probable future of WCCR.

Being a member of WCCR for four terms, one term as Chief Engineer and one as Station Manager, I can bring to light some of the problems of City College Radio. HiFi equipment is fine and dandy for home use but not for studio use. It was never meant to be. If you purchase good quality home equipment you can expect at least 12 years use out of it. But when pressed into studio use under a minimum of 10 hours of continuous use per day, 5 days a week, the life expectancy is limited, at most, to four years. Thus you are forced to replace these items.

The problem is money. Supposing you are given a sum of money to replace this worn out equipment, but only enough to purchase a comparable piece of equipment. In another four years, these items will again have to be replaced. What is needed in order to avoid this constant replacement is the purchase of a piece of equipment with a life expectancy of 15 years. Such items do exist — broadcast quality equipment — which is made to take constant day-to-day use and abuse. Again, money is the problem.

Back in 1964, WCCR received a gift from the graduating class of 1963. The sum was enough to purchase an amplifier, tape recorder, and two turntables. Also around this time a console (audio mixing panel) was designed and built by one of WCCR's members. The design was not bad, but the construction was horrible. Actually, unless you are very talented, it is extremely difficult to build a quality console. Then again, you must remember that the maximum number of E.E. students who are members of the station rarely exceeds five. Along with the console and some of the gift equipment, is the older existing equipment. What is presently occurring at WCCR is a massive equipment breakdown. Turntables, amplifiers, tape recorders, microphones and that console have just about had it. Repairs on equipment are enormous. Some of the older stuff can't be fixed because parts are no longer available. The biggest problem is the console. WCCR has already been off the air four times this term. Total for last term was twice. The unavoidable fact is that the console must be replaced. If you decide to build another "Homebrew" console, the reliability, quality and life expectancy is questionable. To avoid this, the purchase of a broadcast quality console is necessary. The cheapest console available to perform the required job costs in the neighborhood of \$2,200. Of course there is also the other equipment to be replaced.

Obviously WCCR needs a massive transfusion of the green stuff very soon. Student Government, of both Day and Evening Schools, have been the lifesavers of WCCR. Through them, WCCR has been able to replace some of its most faulty equipment. But an organization such as a radio station cannot subsist just on the generosity of the student governments. There is still the very expensive equipment, such as tape recorders and consoles for which money cannot be raised. The WCCR files are filled with requests to local and network radio stations for surplus used equipment. The replies: "Sure we have equipment but we don't give it away" or "We have to keep it in stock for thirty years first."

I have been just about everywhere for bread. The only one left to ask is you. That's right, you! What I'm asking is not for only WCCR but for all student activities at City College. I'm only asking for ten thousand dollars. So that all student organizations can get what they ask for, at allocation time. One dollar from each student at City College is all that is necessary. When it comes time to vote for the one

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LETTERS

29 October 1968

Editor, Tech News:

In a recent past issue, you printed an article concerning Greek Day to which many Greek organizations on the City College campus took issue. As secretary of the Pan-Hellenic Council, which represents the Greek sororities at City, I was requested by several members of the council to write a note of "protest" to your newspaper. Believing that this was a matter which each individual sorority should take action on as they chose, I did not then write to express our collective opinion.

However, on October 25, our newspaper, the "Greek Letter," which supposedly represents the opinions and attitudes of the Greeks on campus, printed several articles in extremely poor taste and which definitely did not express our opinions, especially on the matter of our presidential choice. I agreed with the rest of the Pan-Hellenic Council, that a complete repudiation by our organization was absolutely essential. Knowing the questionable regard which your newspaper holds our sororities in, the unfortunate "Greek Letter" could not help but give you added reason for criticism of the Greek organizations at City College. We would like to assure you that none of this material was seen or approved by us before its printing, and would not have been printed had we seen it. Unfortunately, our trust of the editorial board of the "Greek Letter," was a bit too undeserved.

The council hopes that such material is never again presented in a newspaper which represents the Greeks on campus, and we'll do our best to make sure that it isn't.

Sincerely yours,
Renee Kolmeister
Secretary,
Pan-Hellenic Council

Notices

SOCIETY OF AUTO ENGINEERS

The Society of Automotive Engineers will present a film on road rallying and auto racing and another automotive film at its meeting November 14 at 12:15 in Shepherd, room 135.

DANSFORTH FOUNDATION

Dansforth Foundation is holding its Student-Faculty Tea on November 26 from 11:30 to 1:30 in the Faculty Library of Shepherd Hall. Additional details are available from Professor Jiji.

POLI-SCI. STUDENT FACULTY COMMITTEE

The Student-Faculty Committee of the Political Science Department, in cooperation with Areopagus, the Pre-Law and Political Science Honor Society, is sponsoring an open forum on "Improvements and Changes in the Political Science Department" on Monday, Nov. 4, from 4-6 P.M. in Finley 330. All interested faculty and students are invited to present their views and proposals. In addition, the members of the Student-Faculty Committee will report on the results of their proposals for increased Student-Faculty cooperation in the decision-making process of the Department.

The Roamin' Forum

By POLLY FLONDER

Bill Brakefield, who is A.W.O.L. from the U.S. Army, is being harbored at the College. How do you feel about the College being used as a sanctuary for him?

1. Kenny Marion, Sophomore, Sociology

The college is a sanctuary, somewhat, for students, now. I see no reason why we should not harbor a man who wishes to stand up for his convictions, whether or not we agree. I for one agree wholeheartedly. We should most definitely support this man and all others like him in any way, we as individuals, think we can.

2. Ronda Kupferman, Junior, Computer Sciences

Brakefield has written that he is opposed to the entire military system. I think a country of our size and in our position must be prepared to confront military opposition. By harboring Brakefield, we are supporting his views which I am sure are not the views of the entire student body. I don't think it is the right of any individual to undertake this.



3. Harry Gatanas, Senior

If there is a group of students who wish to support Mr. Brakefield, then I think this is their responsibility. Using the college as a sanctuary implies that the majority of City College students support Mr. Brakefield, which I think is not the case.

4. Joe Marcus, State Univ. of N.Y. at Buffalo, English

This action seems to be a useful alternative to escaping from the draft. It seems to be a very noble idea and seems to indicate some optimism in Brakefield's evaluation of the present political situation. I feel that any university student must necessarily lend his support if he still feels that the system can be mended by hanging on to such situations as a chance to educate the masses. Or you can leave and let them, the voters, have what they're begging for.

5. Sean Mullin, State Univ. of N.Y. at Buffalo, Music

Bill Brakefield is representing and acting upon an injustice that is affecting a large majority of college students. He is not alone in his contempt for "the system" and should not be alone in his attempt to defy it. Working outside the system has seemed to be the only way progress has been made. By harboring Bill Brakefield on the College campus, students are united in dissent and they can identify with each other even though working outside the system.

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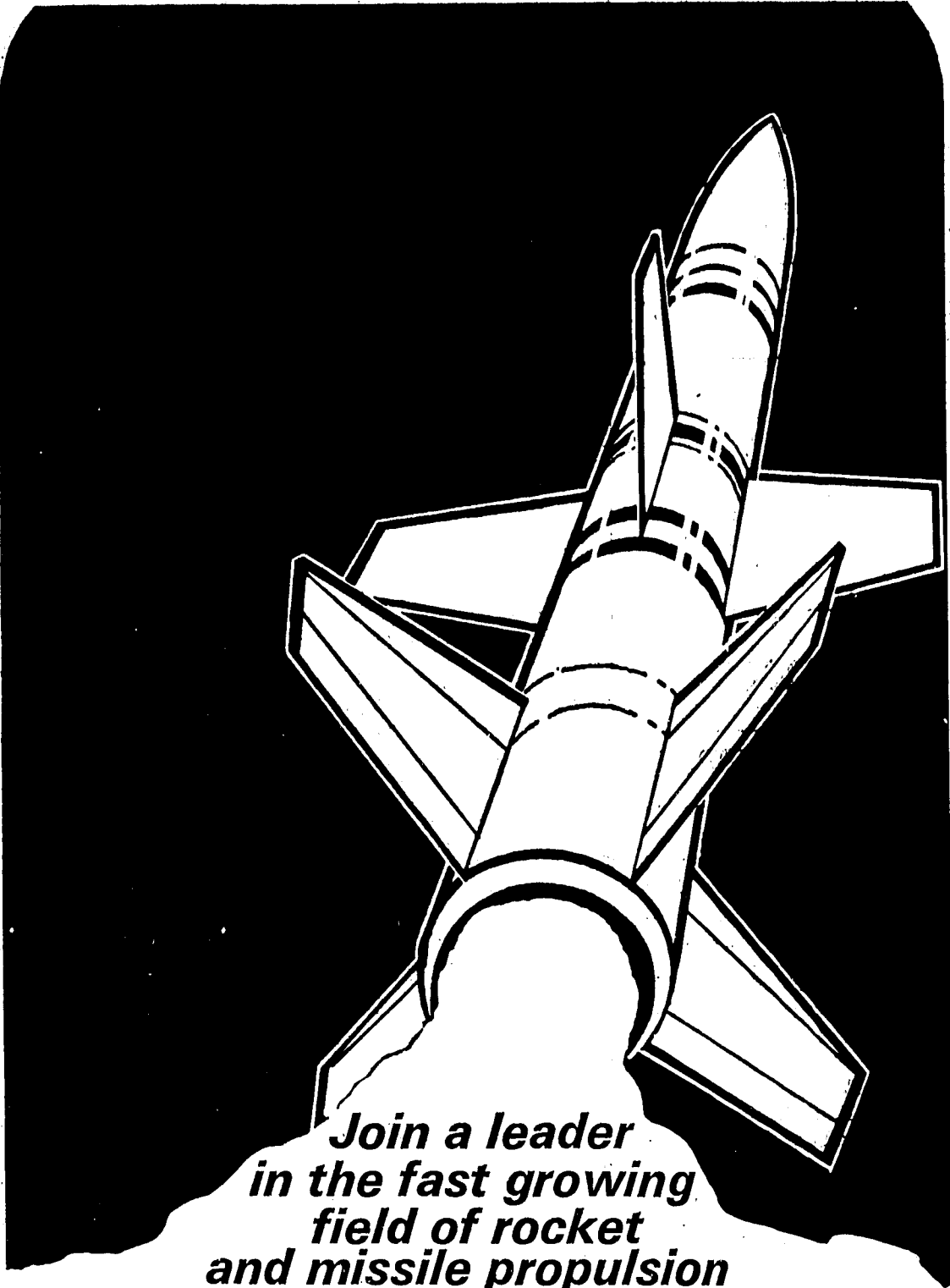
A Biography of Brakefield

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he was eight years old; parents divorced; dropped in and out of high school twice; worked for the Job Corps; dropped in and out of Western Michigan University, and on September 27, 1967, "although I knew the war, any war, was wrong, and that I could never kill, I enlisted in the Army in good faith, hoping to further the educational training I had gotten in the Job Corps."
While in basic training, Brakefield realized that he didn't want any part of the Army. When a sergeant asks a recruit, "What is the spirit of the bayonet?" a recruit must reply, "To kill, Sergeant, to kill!" Brakefield was taught that a soldier must obey orders without question, and he soon learned that the reward for thinking was a blow on the head. They tried to build up his body and destroy his mind.
Brakefield finally went AWOL for the first time in March, 1968. He went to see his mother in

California and tell her how he felt. She suggested to her son that he obtain a transfer from his unit in Army Security to the Medical Corps. So Brakefield turned himself in, and while awaiting trial, he applied for the transfer. He eventually received the transfer and six months in the stockade, where he was placed in "segregation" — an inner stockade — to isolate him from the other prisoners.
On October 2, Bill Brakefield went AWOL for the second time: "I went AWOL one day before being returned officially to active duty with my company, after five months of stockade, parole, and probation. The Army wouldn't stop what they were trying to do to my mind. I had to remove myself from any further voluntary participation in the Armed Forces or stop loving people, hating wars, crying when I saw pictures of sick, deformed, helpless babies and small children, reading about people who are being op-

pressed in our country and all over the world. In other words, or stop being a human being."
And thus Bill Brakefield's journey had taken him to the Grand Ballroom. He walked around, thanking people for supporting him, and waited for the marshals. He told the students that he wanted them to be non-violent during the arrest. He wanted to be among people with love in their hearts and on their faces, and he didn't want them to call the police "pigs" or any other names. Yet, as he walked among the crowd, others were planning how to react when the "pigs" arrived.

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LETTERS to the EDITOR

Appreciation

24 October 1968

Editor, Tech News:

I am trying to find out who is responsible for my having received the 25 September 1968 issue of your paper. I would like to write him a thank-you letter.

I would also like to know how I can arrange to receive your paper regularly.

I haven't seen an issue of TECH NEWS in over eight years. And I must admit I didn't miss it until tonight. I came upon it when I got home this evening. I scanned the front page and the reproduction of the dial plates immediately caught my eye. I started scanning the bold-faced type and the words "Pure Bullcrap" really sucked me in. I had to read the entire article. Then time ran out, and I put your paper aside thinking, "I'll use the paper to practice speed reading." (I started that course tonight.)

But it was one of those nights. I hit the sack at 10:30 (big weekend), and at 11:30 I still wasn't asleep. So I got up. Had a glass of milk. Wrote myself some notes about the things I should try and do tomorrow. And still I wasn't sleepy. Hey, how about practicing some speed reading?

Well, I started with the article of Prof. Eltenberg. But somewhere in that article I forgot about practicing. I wound up reading the first four articles and decided I ought to write you and commend you on your fine paper. (That other thing the alumni association sends me usually only gets scanned and canned.)

So thank you.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Atzenbeck T60

Candidate - '71

Editor, Tech News:

I am running to make S. G. more representative of the student body. S. G. should take an active role in community and political issues. The Committee of 17 Report is a good start, but does not go far enough. Except for a small minority, most students are apathetic and complacent. Although I favor political activism, that is not represented by certain fringe groups advocating futile and suicidal "confrontation politics." I would like to see a coalition on campus of liberals, Kennedy and McCarthy groups, democratic socialists, and minority groups, to provide an active, progressive alternative to either the kook groups and totalitarians of the so-called extreme "left," the reactionaries of the far right, and the complacency of the amorphous center.

I am a member of the Young People's Socialist League on the Executive Committee, Treasurer of the Young Democrats. I have been active in the campaign for a peaceful political settlement in Viet Nam. I have campaigned for Farm Workers, school integration, voter registration, McCarthy campaign (now critically preferring the Democratic ticket.) I was employed in 1967 by the Citizens' Union of N.Y. I am now a member of Committees on Local Candidates and Legislation.

Michael Stallman
Candidate for Council '71

Another Candidate

24 October 1968

Editor, Tech News:

I am a candidate for CCNY Councilman At-Large. I feel that it is my duty to express my views on issues pertinent to the student body, not only in my inenger and limited right of mimeographing, but also in student newspapers.

It is my belief that every campus department has as much right to exist as any other. That is why I feel that ROTC, a completely voluntary department, must be allowed to exist. Those who have an aversion to Military Science at City should not join — it's as simple as that. A minority should not have the right to tell the men involved that they cannot belong to ROTC — it is a nonlegal action, but rather a moral one.

For a Responsive S.G.

Editor, Tech News:

I am running for Student Government because I feel I can improve the responsiveness of S. G. to the students. This I feel

To subject one's rights to a referendum is equally unfair. What right does X, who has no knowledge or interest in ROTC, have to tell someone he cannot have the right to choose for himself what he is to make of his life. Next, because chemists can make napalm and biologists can make weapons for germ warfare, they too will be banned from the campus. This sort of logic is utterly beyond me.

Fellow students, I strongly urge you to express your views in the campus elections on November 6-8. Keep in mind that freedom of choice is something that is inherent and should not be delegated — either in this country or on this campus.

Respectfully,
Bernie Mogilanski
Candidate for
Councilman-at-large

can only be done if the students become interested in S. G. and that will happen only when S. G. has real power. That is why I
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Engineering Day To Test Explosives

By MARTY TESLER

This year, the fiftieth anniversary of the City College School of Engineering, will have the various engineering departments and organizations preparing for a special Engineers' Day to mark the occasion on November 23 from 10 AM to 2 PM in Steinman Hall.

Events for that day will include guided tours of the technology building featuring such facilities as the Computation Center, nuclear reactor, laser beam equipment, and research laboratories. Films and exhibits covering the latest developments in the engineering fields will also be shown.

The Electrical Engineering Department has promised "an ingenious thinking machine" or two, designed to outwit any human competitor.

The Chemical Engineering Department has reacted with "a mysterious Nylon Rope Trick."

To crush all its competitors,

the Civil Engineering Department will attempt some destructive testing of materials.

The Mechanical Engineering Department has countered with an announcement that it has "engine-iously devised a demonstration of thermodynamics and heat transfer."

The Biomedical Engineering Department, well, er, they are too nervous to say what is going on.

Members of the faculty, along with the upper classmen, will be on hand to answer any questions. Engineering organizations and honor societies will also be represented.

Miss Technology and the two runner-ups will be around to add an aesthetic touch while refreshments are served.

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The Forum

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6. Sheila Pepper, Freshman, English

I'm against this war (which is merely stating my humanity) and I can't help thinking that if people are being told they must fight against their will, they should try to find sanctuary anyway and anywhere they can get it. It's nice for certain college factions to say that they're against the slaughter in Vietnam, but harboring a deserter in the school is more proof of their beliefs than any well-worded speeches. If CCNY is as democratic as it puts itself up to be, it should not take a stand against this action until a majority of students have shown their opposition.

Tech Life

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dollar student fee increase, vote **YES**. Not only will your dollar help your own organization, but you will also be receiving benefits from other student groups, such as WCCR.

Perhaps you are saying to yourself that WCCR is greedy for money. Rather you should say that WCCR is desperate for money. If City College Radio, the oldest broadcast organization in the City University, goes off the air, not only does its membership suffer, but so does its audience. According to a survey taken last year, 55% of the students who come to the lounges, come specifically to listen to WCCR.

Letters

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am in favor of and intend to campaign for Proposal C.

I am opposed to the City College subsidizing the U.S. Army and therefore believe that if the Army wants an ROTC it should use its own building, which is in no way connected with the college. I think, then, the ROTC can register as a student organization like any other student group.

I have had political experience in that as an Executive Committee member of the Young People's Socialist League. I worked in the Poor People's Campaign and in other civil rights and peace campaigns. The latest thing I have been doing is organizing picket lines for the Farm Workers Organizing Committee.

Stephen Silbiger '69

Candidate for
Councilman-at-Large

6 Credit Course Coming

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and "to bring a sociological perspective to bear on what they are doing."

In addition to the field work some students will be expected to undertake serious research and analysis of various urban problems. Most of the work will be done by teams of students, rather than on an individual basis.

The exact structure of this experimental course has not yet been worked out, but it will basically be a student-oriented course. Students who enroll in this course will not only be on their own for most of the work involved, but they will also have a part in determining the procedures to be followed, the amount of time they put into it, and even the number of credits they receive for it. Depending upon the number of hours the individual student wants to work, and the nature of the work he wants to under-

take, he may receive from two to six credits for the course. This and all other details of the structure of the course will be decided upon at organizational meetings, which will be held with Prof. Schulman in early December. Because of the nature of the course involves a great deal of advance planning, interested students are being asked to "pre-enroll." (Anyone interested should see Prof. Schulman in Wagner 210.)

Prof. Schulman emphasized that only "genuinely interested and ambitious" students should attempt this course. It was pointed out that a great deal of serious thought, as well as 10 to 15 hours of work per week, would be involved.

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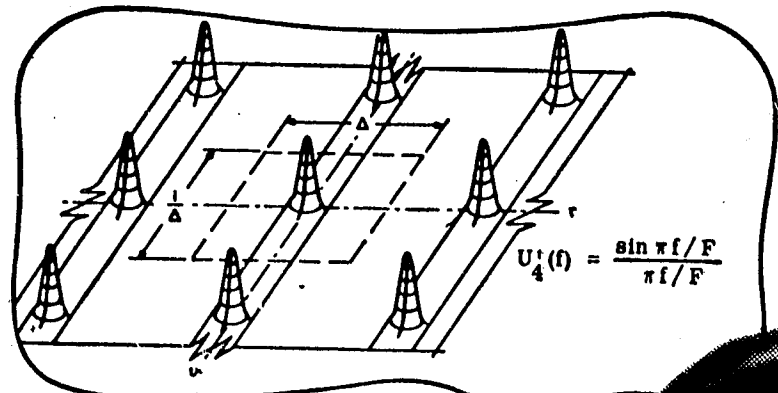
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