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College admits transit planning failure



A single transit officer walks through a 125th St. IND station devoid of students.

By Steve Nussbaum

As attendance dipped to approximately fifteen percent of normal late last week, College officials conceded that better preparations could have been made to help students and faculty cope with the transit strike, and find alternate methods of getting to the campus.

Bicycle racks overflowing with ten-speeds a week ago yesterday, when over 25 percent of students and 100 percent of faculty and staff made it to the College, were half-empty by Thursday, when only 15 percent of students and 85 percent of faculty chose to make the often-difficult and lengthy trek to the College after City University Chancellor Robert J. Kibbee moved on Wednesday to reverse Acting President Alice Chandler's Tuesday decision to "postpone" classes "indefinitely."

In remarks this past Thursday, Chandler said had she not been given indications by Kibbee and other CUNY officials that she would be able to cancel classes at her discretion, the College would have made more extensive contingency plans before spring recess began on March 28. "What we were up against was that we were told

that if students were unable to attend we would be able to close the College. I think we could have done something if we had gotten very different signals from CUNY central," she said.

At the onset of the week the Day Student Senate had no plans to help students because, according to President Gerasimos Kaouris, "the strike is going to end by Tuesday or Wednesday, anyway." By Tuesday, the Senate had begun a campaign to have classes cancelled.

Their first move was to fire off a mailgram to Kibbee on Tuesday, asking him to cancel classes. By Thursday, the Senate was circulating a petition, to be forwarded to Mayor Koch and the chancellor, asking for the College to be "closed for the duration of the strike." The petition went on to state that the Senate felt that the "decisions to open or close the school should not be made on the basis of political pressure exerted on decision-making officials." They also stated their concern that "no student be penalized or held responsible for material they miss if it is out of their reach to make it to school."

By 3 p.m. on Thursday, Senate spokesperson Errol Maitland reported that over 300 students had

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Only determined few made difficult trek here

By Steve Tatik

Students went into high gear last week trying to attend school despite the tie-ups caused by the transit strike. A variety of alternative methods such as bicycling, car pooling, walking, and hitching brought only a small number of industrious students to the college. And, despite their gallant efforts, these students found most of their classes were cancelled due to low attendance.

Students who cycled to school came from all sections of the city. Some of these peddlers found the ride to be quicker than their regular routes of transportation. In addition, they enjoyed the exercise (as long as the weather was nice), and found cycling a financially wiser alternative. Julio Alvarado, an engineering sophomore, bicycled down from 206th Street in the Bronx, which took him 30 minutes, as compared to his regular 20 minute train ride. Alvarado said, "If they raise the fare I will come by bicycle more often; it's cheaper and healthier."

Although some students were faced with reasonable distances to bike, for others it was an incredibly long trek. For example, Norashimer Deval, a Biology student, dismounting from his 10 speed with sweat running down his brow, said he

came from South Jamaica, Queens, five blocks from Kennedy airport. The trip is over 18 miles and took Deval just a little over two hours. As he was chaining his Fuji to the bike rack by the Administration building he said, "I can't wait until this strike is over." His sentiments were echoed by the rest of the student body; at least those who were able to get to school.

Sitting on a stone wall just opposite Shepard Hall on Convent

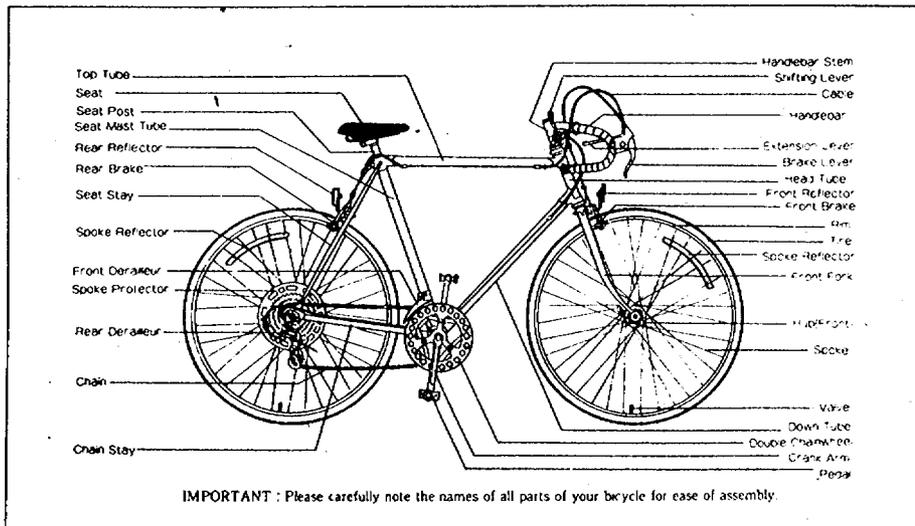
Avenue sat nursing student Judith Gale, who used her fifth metacarpal (more commonly known as the thumb) to hitch from East 24th Street. The trip took her an even hour, but she arrived at school only to find her classes void of students. Undiscouraged, she said she liked hitching. "People are really nice; they will drop you off right where you are going, even if it's out of their way."

Most students were unhappy with

the college's handling of the situation. They felt that the school, which was announced closed on Tuesday and open on Wednesday, should have remained that way for the duration of the strike, and that the administration was insensitive to the position of students, because most of them live in distant corners of the city and had no means of transportation. Henry Lenz, a psychology major, complained about the lack of

preparation the school made for helping students get to and from City. He cited Columbia University, which had a shuttle bus operating on both the east and west sides of Manhattan. "Everybody knew the strike was coming; why didn't the administration or the student government at least set-up a hotline number for coordinating car pools from different boroughs as N.Y.U. did?" As far as Lenz sees it, "The School couldn't care if students were here or not!"

One emotionally drained, physically exhausted English major, Alexis Gold, said, "Life was so simple during the 16th century," as her literature class was dismissed early Monday morning. "Now my whole day is focused around getting to and from school. By the time I get home I am too knocked out to do anything but, regardless, I feel the school should not close." Being a native New Yorker, Gold explained that the city must function. "We must show the transit workers that we can survive without buses and trains." While Gold had been getting to school by hitching, on Friday she was picked-up by a limousine. She said the chauffeur was on his way to New Jersey to pick up a business executive at Newark airport. The driver told Gold that yesterday he was escort for the musical group, the "Grateful Dead."



College fails to plan for transit strike

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signed the petition, and were asked by the Senate to boycott their classes. He explained that this was the only "method that would work" to convince officials of the hardships students faced trying to get to the campus, and to protest poor administration contingency planning.



Angle parking on Convent Avenue leaves little room

Also on Thursday, the Senate fired off mailgrams to the mayor and Kibbee, again asking them to cancel classes, and accusing the chancellor of having "reacted to political pressures by the mayor's office."

Chandler's decision to postpone classes was the right one in the view of most members of the College community. "I think our decision was the right decision initially," said Acting Provost Morris Silberberg, adding on the topic of students who would be unable to attend: "We'll do the best we can to help the students, but what happens will be essentially up to the instructors."

Said Chandler: "It would have been more desirable for the College to be closed during the grace period we have," which was said to be about eight days, and adding that she was asking: "How are we going to help students who weren't able to attend." She called this a "problem of equity." Since then, Vice-Provost for Student Affairs Ann Rees and Assistant Dean Phillip Baumel (Curricular Guidance) have been asked to be part of a committee which would offer solutions to

the problem of helping students make up for missed work.

Also, in a memo circulated to the staff and faculty by Vice President for Administrative Affairs Morton Kaplon last week, professors were reminded that many students would not be able to make it to the campus, and that this should be taken "into account before you assign

required materials and when you consider students' attendance records."

Chandler also pointed out a memo Deputy Chancellor Egon Brenner sent to all CUNY presidents as further proof that the College was misinformed in its understanding that it would have autonomy in deciding whether or not to remain open during the strike. While nowhere on the four-page memo, dated March 26, does it state that the College would or would not be able to cancel classes, on the first page it states: "In the event that classes are cancelled, an adjustment to the College calendar may be necessary." On the fourth page, it states: "Classes which have to be cancelled may be made up at another time. If necessary, dates of commencement may have to be changed."

College officials, as late as a week ago yesterday, received verbal indications from CUNY administrators that their autonomy to decide whether or not to cancel classes would be unchallenged because, they felt, these decisions could only be made on a local basis.

Only two provisos were set by

CUNY. The first was that the word "postponed" was to be used in the place of "cancelled," and that the chancellor was to be notified and consulted with before an announcement of such a move was made. Chandler said "the chancellor originally gave permission to close the College" on Tuesday.

Kaplon, who was responsible for seeing that staff and faculty were able to make it to the campus, and that College offices and facilities were open and operating, said in an interview on Friday that "we concluded that it wasn't in our ability to make a major impact on attendance." He acknowledged that the College would have made more extensive plans for students, had the option to cancel classes been closed at the onset. "If we knew we were going to remain open, hell or high water, we should have gotten out a letter to the students and done everything we could have to help them."

By Thursday afternoon, College officials recognized that a cycle was developing in which students, making the journey here only to find their classes cancelled either because a professor had not shown or there was insufficient attendance and professors, cancelling classes because they felt it unfair to students who could not attend to cover new material, were deciding to not make the trek to the campus for the duration of the strike. To counteract this, a mass mailing at a cost of nearly \$3000 was begun on Friday morning to members of the College community. Students were informed of additional administration contingency plans, including the establishment of a "special information office" in Finley Student Center to help arrange carpooling, and extra parking on South Campus, which would have included the South Athletic Field, had it become necessary. Staff and faculty were urged in a separate letter to assist with the implementation of these plans as much as possible. It also stated that the "maximum possible effort to keep the teaching and learning process in operation" should be made, and that "lecture and class functions are to be offered to students who arrive on campus during the transit strike no matter how few."

During the spring recess, Kaplon sent out a three-page memo detailing plans for the "transit

emergency." Essentially, it stated that official University policy was that the College was to continue functioning as close to normal as possible, absence would not be excused without charge, accommodations for essential personnel could be arranged, angle parking would be allowed on Convent Avenue and guarded bicycle racks would be provided in the lobby of Steinman Hall. Also the College distributed a list of staff, including addresses and telephone numbers, to various offices to help facilitate car pooling.

Nursing Senior Elizabeth Texidor said she walked from Astoria in Queens to the campus -- a trek of over two hours. "I don't think I'll continue doing it -- it's a waste," she said. "Not that many people are showing up and I don't feel that I'm the only one who should be making a sacrifice." While one of her classes was held -- a 52 student nursing class which 34 attended -- the

other, an art class, was cancelled when only 4 out of 27 students showed.

Prof. Michael Keating (English muffin) cancelled one of his classes on Thursday because of insufficient attendance. "It was a real waste of time," said Keating, who had walked to the College from his home of West 87th Street. "I think the opening is foolish. Faculty is milling around and we don't have any students. We're open, but we're not functioning." He added that he felt the teaching of new material was a "real injustice" to students that could not attend.

Both of one architecture freshmen's classes were cancelled. The first, because the professor failed to show, the second, because of insufficient attendance. "I feel abused," he said. "The chancellor says 'classes will be held' and no classes are held. Yet I pay full tuition, and no one pays me for the time I've wasted."



Budget Cuts May Be Final

By Linda Tillman

An almost \$8 million slash in City University's budget hangs tenuously on hold today, as State Legislators continue talks with Governor Carey to get the cuts restored.

Both College and University officials are moving busily this week to persuade legislators, who voted to put back the cuts—which are part of a \$240 million reduction across the state—to override the veto made by Carey two weeks ago.

But CUNY officials conceded the poor odds of legislative veto, which occurred twice only in state's history, and pointed to compromise, or trade-off of other reductions cut-backs across the state.

Michael Tromello, a CUNY legislative affairs aide, said, "We're trying to make legislators who voted to restore the cuts stand by them now."

"It's an uphill climb," he continued, saying override was "ugly and would exasperate tensions." He added, however, that "if no compromise can be reached, they'll have to override."

Vice President for Administrative Affairs Morton Kaplon said the cuts will jeopardize elective course offerings, clerical jobs, and other areas where the college is not restricted by contracts and tenure agreements.

But hardest hit, he said, will be part time faculty. He contended that most of the projected trim here of 20 full-time teaching jobs will be managed through attrition, the practice of not filling jobs that become vacant. About 15 adjuncts are also slated to go.

Carey needs a balanced budget to ensure that the state's \$3 billion spring borrowing will proceed on schedule. The borrowing, needed to finance schools and other agencies across the state is being delayed until the governor can assure investors of a balanced budget.

Patrick Muldowney, Carey's deputy press secretary called the \$8 million trim "inevitable" and "minor." If the legislature persists, he said, "more cuts will be made."

"there's always room for negotiation," he continued, "providing the budget is balanced." He added that if legislators hurry and "resolve it soon, they may get some compromise from the governor."

Muldowney rejected City University Chancellor Robert Kibbee's claim that the governor's budget was based on declining enrollment. "They (CUNY) are not getting less than they need; they're getting less than they want. Everyone has to cut back."

Student in transit tells his side

By Leonora Moran

The transit strike has had a devastating effect on many people; far more than those directly involved in any labor dispute. That effect can be particularly bothersome especially when it concerns a striking workman who is also a student. As in the case of Tom Goodwin, a 33 year-old junior who has worked as a token booth collector for the M.T.A. for over 8 years. During those years he has received only 4% of the 6% pay increase that was promised in the last contract that expired April 1st.

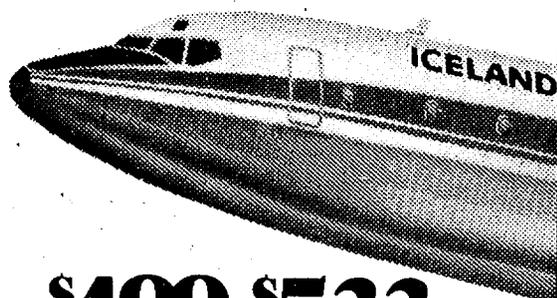
Goodwin says he is a student because he wants "to beat the crunch of the system." So he uses his job as a vehicle which affords him the luxury of being able to

attend school. "Being a student definitely hurts when you have to work," says Goodwin, "but it's something that I want. I can't say that being a student is another reason why I should have a raise. They don't care about that." Goodwin, a political science major, pays his own tuition but he feels like many in the working class that it's always the "people at the bottom who have to bear the brunt" of decisions made by the politicians and others in the ruling echelon.

Of course it bothers Goodwin to see the effect the strike has had on the college, but as part of the whole city and not as an individual institution. "It's a tough situation for everyone involved; the students, the public, the workers,

even the politicians," says Goodwin. On a more personal note, he says, that the strike has affected him as a student by disrupting his concentration; and as a worker it has disrupted his ability to meet his financial obligations. Goodwin is hopeful that the strike will be over by Monday and his advice for students who travel long distances by bicycle is for them to obey all traffic laws and be cautious. Goodwin did make one request of students and that was to "send telegrams to the major demanding an end of the injustice to the transit workers and to reach settlements at an equitable cost as soon as possible." Whether there was a strike or not, we are all suffering Goodwin says, "because of inflation, the strike just made us that much more aware of it."

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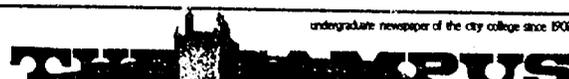
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Struck

It is plain now that during the transit strike, the College, the City
University administration and the student government had too
much time to think and too little to do. While city planners worked
feverishly to plan ahead for the strike, even when it was not im-
minent, our officials asked themselves, why plan for something
that may happen. When the strike was all but a certainty, the city
had a forty-page document out to the press, outlining plans for
nearly ever contingency possible, while our officials had put out a
vague memo suggesting that if things really got bad, we could just
pack it up and go home.

This is the kind of attitude we should be trying to avoid in City
University--we have a reputation for it, but what do all these folks
do? They wait until the strike is a fact. Then they only plan to help
the faculty and staff. But even that help is meager--a few booklets
containing the names, addresses and telephone numbers of staff,
arranged by zip code; a little extra parking on campus; one place
where bicycles could be left safely (in fact, it was reported, that
there wasn't always a guard on duty to watch bikes in Steinman
Hall, despite assurances there would be); and accommodations for
only the most essential personnel.

And where did this leave the students? Judging from the atten-
dance figures, at home, most likely. Now, the administration can,
and has, argued that it should not act in loco parentis, and that the
students are quite capable of making their own plans. While we
agree with this in theory, we also face the reality of the situation:
our student government is not organized enough to undertake this
kind of planning. Sure enough, come the first Monday back from
Spring recess, our Day Student Senate is not even planning to do
anything to help students because they think the strike will end.
Well, there was no end in sight a week ago today, and our Senate
took the easy way out: Let's just pack it up and go home. With an
attitude about school like that, it's no wonder that the reputation
and quality of City University is going rapidly downhill, legislators
are more impatient to give tax dollars to Columbia and more high
school seniors chose SUNY over CUNY. After all, why should
anyone care about a school that its own students don't even care
about.

If the students' attitude isn't bad enough, the attitude of our ad-
ministration here is disgraceful. They claim that they wouldn't have
done such a poor job of helping students get to the campus if they
had been offered the option by the CUNY administration of
closing the College. What kind of excuse is that? The ad-
ministrators here seem to care as much about giving an education
as the students care about getting one. We should just close the
College for good if the behavior of our students and administration
during the strike is any indication of their attitudes toward our
education.

Eventually, the administration saw the light, and started to make
plans to help students get to the College. On Friday morning. Their
mass mailing was full of the best things they could be doing -- but it
is what they should have done way before the Spring recess began.
So they spent upwards of \$3000 telling students they could park
anywhere on campus and that a special phone-in carpooling infor-
mation service was being set up. But it was far too little coming
much too late. Meanwhile, our sorry Senate asked students to
boycott classes. What a terrible thing to tell someone who's just
walked two hours to go to school. How horrible it must be to
receive one of those letters now. It positively infuriates us to be
reminded that all these sensible things could have been done before
the strike was even a glimmer on the rail.

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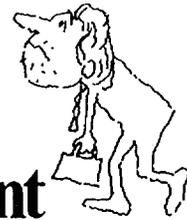
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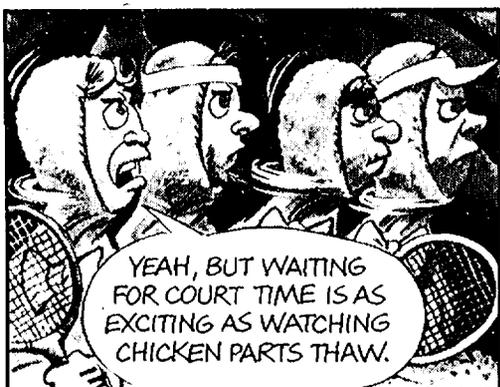
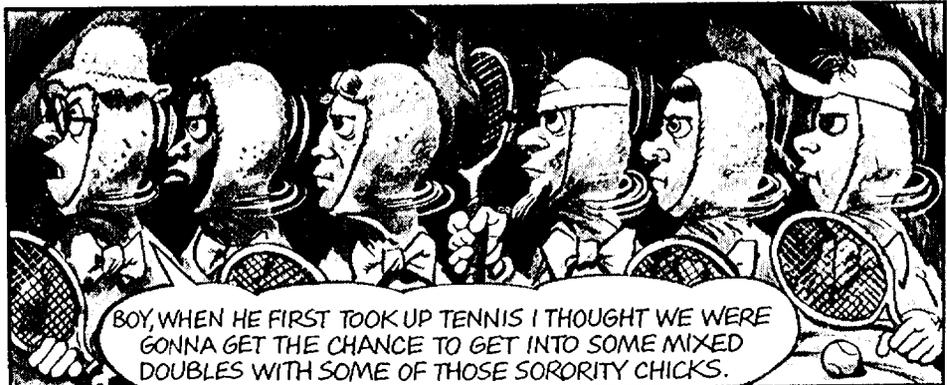
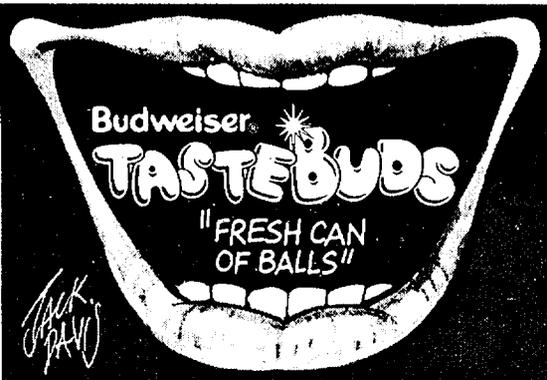
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On May 6th and 7th, The City College School of Nursing will be sponsoring a health fair at the Holy Trinity Church on 88th Street. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be books set up of the different health areas such as hypertension, breast exam and nutrition. The books are being set up to teach and counsel students on health problems.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Poetry Reading

At noon, Robert Peters, author of *The Gift To Be Simple*, *Gauguin's Chair: Selected Poems*, will give a reading in Finley, Room 330. Open to all CCNY students and staff. Sponsored by FPA and the English Department.

Physics Colloquium

Dr. Wallace Greenberg, University of Maryland, will lecture on "The Color Degree of Freedom," in Elementary Particle Physics, at 4:00 p.m. in the Science Building, Room J-408.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

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The College Planetarium is presenting the short film "The Universe of Dr. Einstein," produced by the Hansen Planetarium, Salt Lake City, 12:30 p.m., in the Science Building, Room J0101. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Physics Department.

Free Movie

The Finley Film Series presents the movie "Boys From Brazil." Show times are Noon, 2, 4, 6 p.m., in Finley Ballroom, Room F101. Open to all students and staff with a valid I.D. card.

Conference on Social Justice

The Departments of Economics, Philosophy and Political Science of the college are sponsoring this two-day conference dealing with a variety of themes relating to the question of social justice, including theories of value, economic models, and distribution, and political structures that embody social justice in the context of individual freedom and social welfare. Guest speakers will be distinguished professors from the college. The conference will start at 9:30 a.m., in the Science Building, Room J-1, and continue until 4:30 p.m., with a

break for lunch. The conference is made possible by a grant from the college's Morton Globus Fund. For more information contact the Political Science Department, 690-5468.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Second day of the Conference on Social Justice, in the Science Building, Room J-2, starting at 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

March of Dimes - Superwalk

The whirlwind of walking fun will begin at 8:30 a.m., at the Central Park Bandshell, at 72nd Street, where FM99 WXLO will broadcast live as Superwalk Chairman Chuck Mangione and thousands of other New Yorkers will take to the streets to walk in the largest and most challenging event of its kind to raise money to prevent crippling birth defects. Registered walkers will make tracks along the 30 kilometer route to Battery Park and back to the Bandshell. Pre-registration is a *must!* For further information call the New York Chapter of the March of Dimes, 682-6430.

MONDAY, APRIL 21

NOW - Open House

National Organization for Women is holding an Open House starting from the 21st to the 28th of April, at 84 5th Avenue (near 14th Street). The Open House is designed to give everyone the opportunity to find out about the women's movement. For more information contact Janet Birk, 989-7230.

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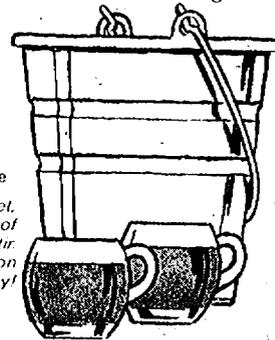
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Baseball Beavers winless in 4 outings

By Victor Jimenez

If the Varsity baseball squad could execute fundamentals better, they probably wouldn't give Coach Frank Campisi an ulcer game after game. Last Saturday afternoon, the Beavers lost both ends of a doubleheader to Pace 14-0 and 7-1 at the Pace Pleasantville baseball diamond. The games lowered the Beavers' season record to 0-4, and they have been outscored by a composite of 59-3 in their four games.

In the first game of the doubleheader, walks hurt Beaver freshman hurler Pete Barrios. In the first and third innings, Barrios walked five Pace batters and was pounded for two home runs as Pace built a 7-0 lead. Infield errors along with walks accounted for Pace's other seven runs. "I'll take the errors during the season," said Coach Campisi, "but the walks have to go." "Pete's got to begin throwing strikes."

Pace righthander Eddie Aponte befuddled Beaver hitters with a vicious outside curveball. Aponte had to leave the game in the fifth inning having struck out ten while walking two Beavers. Eric Mercado and Freddie Garcia had the only two Beaver hits. "The infield was a little damp so you'd figure we'd bunt a lot but we just didn't," said Coach Campisi.

In the second game, Beaver Freshman Eddie Rodriguez pitched admirably. Rodriguez was the victim of poor fielding in the second, third and fifth innings leading to four of Pace's seven runs. Rodriguez received little help in the way of hitting from his teammates. Freddie Garcia singled (the Beavers' only hit) and scored on a balk call against Pace righty

Mike McGerry in the second inning. The Beavers' only other rally came in the fifth inning but was lost as Danny Nieves struck out with the bases loaded.

Senior Enrique "Pops" Nieves played a great game defensively, throwing runners out at second and tagging runners home.

After the doubleheader, Coach Campisi had a short talk with his players. "Some of the guys are still trying to hit the ball out of the park, said Coach Campisi, but that's only part of the problem. "We've got to start hitting. Over the last four games, we've averaged three-fourths of a run and one or two hits. The pitching's got to come around, throw strikes here and there." Coach Campisi stated that he's made plans to be at the Conference playoffs. "We have to win five or six of our next seven games. All I want is for each guy to give me a hundred percent."

Before the doubleheader, the Beavers had played New York Tech and L.I.U. The transit strike and poor field conditions did not help the Beavers as they opened the season against New York Tech, losing 22-1. The Beavers' only run came on a home run by Senior Enrique Nieves. Tech had 22 runs on 16 hits and no errors. The Beavers had one run on six hits and five errors.

The Varsity lost their second game to L.I.U. by a score of 16 to 1. Reuben Gomez's RBI single brought home George Baez for the Beavers' lone run.

The Beavers' next game is against Lehman College. If the Beaver can get their running game in gear, execute the fundamentals, and get some solid pitching, the playoffs would be more than just a dream.



Victorious swim team looks to bright future

By Roberto L. Gotay

It has been two months since the Varsity swimming team ended a season Coach Marcelino Rodriguez called, "one of the most successful since the 1974-75 season when we were Metropolitan Division champions." The team, which posted a 9-2 divisional record and was 9-5 overall, was comprised mainly of freshmen and sophomores. A week after the divisional championship, better known as the Senior Mets (Metropolitan Collegiate Swimming Championship), team members began preparing for next season's campaign. If this year was any indication, City can look forward to a championship caliber swimming team for the next few years.

The team's first CUNY championship, in early February, proved to be the start of a parade of CUNY titles for City College. Team manager, senior Paul Fortoul, commented, "The team had a lot of spirit this year. Winning the CUNYs was one indication of the kind of progress the team had made." Junior co-captain Jose Nieves added, "This was a good season. Everyone's attitude was towards improvement, and that attitude carried us far." In addition to the CUNY title, the team finished a close third

out of eleven schools at the Senior Mets, while setting five school, and one conference records.

Senior Ben Rosenblat made a remarkable recovery, from a three week bout with pneumonia in January, to take second in the CUNY 50 and 100-yard freestyle events. At the Senior Mets, he lowered his school record in the 100-yard freestyle to 50.88 seconds while placing sixth. Sophomore Miguel Mejia broke the school record in the gruelling 1650-yard freestyle, by one minute and thirteen seconds, in 18:45.84 and finished fourth. Mejia smiled as he said, "I didn't like swimming distance last year, but next year I will be only a distance swimmer. I want to break all the records." At the CUNYs, Mejia placed second in the 500 and 1000-yard freestyle races. Freshman Ed Browne set a conference record of 56.11 seconds for 100-yards butterfly in becoming the division champion. Two school relay records were set at the Senior Mets. The 800 yard freestyle relay of freshman Jose Ramirez, Browne, Nieves and Rozenblat placed second in 7:51.45, and the 400-yard freestyle relay of Ramirez, Mejia, Nieves and Rozenblat finished fifth in 3:29.22.

When asked about the high and low points of the past season there was a general consensus that the CUNY title was the high point, followed by the Senior Mets, where

every team member dropped at least three seconds in his respective specialty event. The low points were the heartbreaking one-point loss to then-CUNY champion Brooklyn College just before the Christmas vacation, and a surprisingly lopsided loss to the defending division champion, St. Peter's College.

The team will graduate just four members; co-captain Rozenblat, diver Jimmy Londono, sprinter Robert Gotay and distance swimmer Aviva Katz, a bio-med student. There are two juniors, four sophomores and seven freshmen returning next year. The juniors are Nieves, who won the 200-yard freestyle and butterfly at the Senior Mets, and Leonidas Lopez, who will replace two-time CUNY diving champion Londono as the team's top diver. The sophomores are highly-improved backstroker Tony Witkowsky, distance swimmer Mejia, versatile Alberto Del Valle and diver Jesus Sanchez. The freshmen are butterfly-freestylers Browne, Ramirez and Robert Scull, sprinter John Snee and breaststroker's Brian Tyler, Steve Bonano and Robert Torres. At the Senior Mets, Tyler placed third in the 100-yard breaststroke, and Bonano fifth in the 200-yard race. Several students joined the team after the season ended and will compete next year. Among the freestylers are sophomore Fred

De Palm and freshman Kelvin Ruiz and Andre Cropper. Cropper represented his homeland, Trinidad-Tobago, at last year's Pan American games, and looks to replace Rozenblat as the top freestyler.

Diving coach Nick West commented, "We should have a fantastic diving team next year. It is conceivable we will have five divers, led by Lopez, Sanchez and newcomer Derrick Mayes, and I'm very much encouraged over that." Mayes, a high school recruit from Cardinal Spellman, finished sixth at the City championship and twentieth at the Nationals last year.

The team's preparation should keep Coach Rodriguez and Assistant Coach Jim Sinocchi busy, and future opponents worried. The nucleus for a CUNY-Divisional championship sweep is present. If everyone continues working out the rest of the year, next season should be exciting and rewarding. Coach Rodriguez pointed out, "we've always been involved in developing people from scratch and this year we came up with real surprises. The fellows have seen that if they work hard, that things do happen, and they do become the best. We are a young team that is on its way up." The one thing in low supply last season was student support. Next season, hopefully, the team won't have to win championships in front of empty stands.