SC Takes Over Soviet Trip; Smetana Quits as Chairman

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By DAVID PFEFFER

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By JACK LEVINE

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Tomorrow's Decision

Tomorrow afternoon the General Faculty will meet for the first time in several semesters. The business at hand will be of a serious nature—this body will be called upon to judge the morality of the O.P. as the eyes of the College student.

Four views on the role of the student in extra-curricular activities will be presented—The Presidential Report, the General Faculty Committee on Student Affairs Report, President M. A. Beagle's Report, and The O.P. Report. Out of this mound of recommendations will come the future of student activities and possibly the future of this College as an institution of higher learning.

Kindergarten restrictions and artificial authority do not encourage responsibility. They are not in keeping with a college atmosphere. Perhaps the wide spread City College refusal to participate in extra-curricular activities (it's called, every body) is based on the students' knowledge that their efforts can only be performed in a vacuum.

At present all actions of student organizations (this includes Student Council) are subject to vetoing by the Student-Faculty Committee on Student Affairs, a group which makes up rules as it goes along in line with the generalities of the new system, student activities have failed to flourish; Student Council has failed to make itself an effective body.

The Presidential Report, in an effort to move a small step forward, has suggested giving complete original jurisdiction to Council and limiting SPSCA to functioning exclusively as an appeals board, to judge breaches of SC's code of behavior. A very small, though necessary step.

This suggestion ignores the needs of insurrection, immaturity and, worst of all, of loss of faculty control. The many pages of their report can be boiled down to four words—maintain the status quo.

Dr. Gallagher's Report, in an effort to effect a compromise between the first two reports. His recommendations take a bit from each, add a little, but in the end satisfy no one, solve nothing. His suggestion that SPSCA be set up as a representative board, or mandatory clearing house for all legislation negates any strengthening of Student Council's framework.

A new concept of student activities will not result from tinkering with tiny fragments of change. The drastic alterations needed here have not been proposed in any of the four reports, including the O.P. Report.

For that reason it will be most disheartening if the slim bit of progress that will come begging for approval to the General Faculty tomorrow is hamstring by small print or overlooked by the Faculty. Student Council has existed for some forty years. It is time to give it some of the meaning it was intended to have and which it should have.

Charter Day Ball

May 1, 1954, is the date set for the first annual Charter Day Ball, in the Great Hall. Tickets are $3.00 per couple and dress is optional. It promises to be the "hit" of the Spring season.

Jim Moran, television's bearded troubadour, will serve as grand marshal. Dance Music will be supplied by a group from I ra Bash's orchestra.

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English Professor Is Head Of Long Island Reformists

Republicans in Long Island die hard, but in Levittown, Long Island, they have more than Democrats to contend with—another adversary being a nonpartisan group led by Professor Coleman O. Parsons (English).

The Professor explained that "the party in power tries to prevent local participation in politics. They're afraid their hold will be weakened." The Levittown Men's Club is supported by the East Meadow Homeowners Association, of which the Professor is president. The official, he says, on civic betterment, to the consolation of many politicians.

The Association's current fight is against the using of Levittown Hall (in forum site) for patronage purposes. They also want to have the county select its own political leaders, rather than have them imported from neighboring political centers.

As a member of the East Meadow School Board from 1951-53, Prof. Parsons attacked the practice of making school appointees on the basis of political favoritism. He particularly reminded members one such case, that of a part-time attorney and architect for the school board, who made $26,000 a year for the old hours put in.

Up for reelection to the School Board, Prof. Parsons faced, it said, a formidable Republican party determined to defeat him. The vigorous campaign brought the greater number ever to vote in a Long Island school election. The Professor was defeated.

Lost Cats, Roofed Bulls; In Music Dept. Concert

Soothing the savage breast are the weekly concerts given at the College this term.

A wide variety of music, to fit a wide variety of musical tastes, is being presented via informal chamber concerts in Townsend Harris Auditorium. The concerts will continue right up to the grand finale given by the CUNY Symphony Orchestra on May 23.

The programs are assembled by professor Fritz Jahoda (Music) who calls the cream of the Music Department and the Student body for the performances. The performers are experienced instrumentalists. The selections are chosen considering the instrumentalists available; old timers will remember concerts featuring such famous soloists as orchestra instruments as the guitar and accordion.

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These concerts, moreover, geared to the needs of the music-savvy student body. A certain number of standard works are accepted masterpieces, are usually chosen. There is, for instance, Schubert's 3rd String Quartet, Bartok folks songs, and some jazzy pieces by Darius Milhaud. The Department and the Student body have so far interpreted the need for insurrection and immaturity and, worst of all, of loss of faculty control. The many pages of their report can be boiled down to four words—maintain the status quo.

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Lift Had Ups and Downs; Now Down; For Eternity?

Death, taxes, and the Tech Building elevator, to alter Ben Franklin's maxim slightly, are undoubtedly the world's most stable items.

Plagued by red tape, "long range reconversion planning," and other sundry details, the "lift" has remained down for 7 years. No repair job has been undertaken since a cable snapped in 1947, and it appears that none is being planned for the near future.

"The elevator," said Otto Sauer, Tech Building employee for the past 20 years, "will be desperately needed during the Tech Building reconversion program. Its repair is one of Campus Hall's major needs." Mr. Sauer said that the elevator had been used to bring up packages, equipment, and Tech Building deliveries.

Mr. Robert Petrows (Building and Grounds) disclaimed any authority for the elevator's repair. This, he noted, was under the "total reconversion program" being handled by the College Bureau of Planning and Design. A spokesman for the Bureau refused to comment on the repair since "All information on college projects must come out of Pres. Gallagher's office."

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