Chairman Defends SFFC’s Refusal to Aid Soviet Tour

by Dave Pfeffer

The Student Faculty Fee Committee (SFFC) feels that it has absolutely "no obligation" to allocate student fees to the proposed Russian Tour. Mr. Philip Brunster, (Student Life), chairman of SFFC, declared Tuesday that “since about 1200 students went on record as being "opposed," the committee has no obligation to be involved in the tour. We have no right to tax the students.”

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$250 Granted to Soviet Tour

by Gloria Kingsley

Student Council voted last night to appropriate $250 to help finance the intercollegiate Soviet tour this summer. A new appeal to the Student Faculty Fee Committee to contribute to the tour was made again by SC leaders. After an hour of debate, a motion to over-rule the Elections Committee was defeated by a 16-1 count. Only SC Secretary Abram Bernstein backed the plan.

SC also ordered three fraternity chapters to submit their charges for the month of April and all academic years, under a new plan to assure that the bars would be closed after the students have left for the summer. The groups are Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Delta Phi and Pi Delta Phi.

Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Judicatory Committee was called for 11:30 AM today in Room 20 to discuss candidates for office who are interested in running for student body office. The meeting will be attended by members of the Junior Council, the Executive Committee, and members of the Student Assembly.

Candidates . . .

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JA Columnist Attacks Prexy

President Bussell G. Gallagher was described as a “demagogue” by E. F. Tomkins in Thursday’s Journal American.

Tomkins stated that Dr. Gallagher does “quite a lot of demagoguery” and in fact “has had a lot of academic training during his lifetime.”

The Journal American columnist then went on to attack Dr. Gallagher’s statement that the “(students) have no interest in what the students want or think.”

The Opinion Committee advised that Dr. Gallagher’s statement was a “false and not accurate” portrayal of the student body. The committee went on to state that the students have no right to tax the students.”

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apparently recognizing the need for change. After three months of deliberation, after weighing both the Presidential Committee and SFCSA recommendations, Dr. Gallagher issued a

We stated at that time that Pres. Gallagher's attempt at compromise was not successful. The Presidential Report wanted the SFCSA set up exclusively as an appeals board, in a nutshell. Dr. Gallagher was recommended that the SFCSA be constituted primarily as a review board, denying them the authority to initiate legislation, but requiring all matters passed upon by Student Council to go through their hands. In essence he recommended that Council be strengthened a little, SFCSA be strengthened a little—but the old top-heavy balance was to be maintained.

The General Faculty met several weeks ago and found Dr. Gallagher's compromise too radical. They liked the idea of giving SFCSA the unprecedented authority to check on all of Council's actions; but the idea of denying the SFCSA the right to initiate legislation was rejected. The essence of Dr. Gallagher's compromise was slightly modified: SFCSA would be strengthened; Student Council would be encouraged.

But a Committee of Five was formed, with the power of the General Faculty, and many of us read into this a sincere attempt to make changes of such a sweeping nature that they could not be handled in a meeting room. We overlooked the flaws in the principles passed by the General Faculty. We overlooked and mumbled again that change is a grand and evolving phenomenon.

Last Friday Dr. Gallagher chose the five members of this uniquely empowered General Faculty Committee. At first we were slightly numb and editorially repeated the "watchful waiting" slogan again. We could not realise that this was the end. Progress was being strangled.

Evaluation

We took a look around the Committee of Five, the latest receptacle of our hopes, and it is our sad duty today to pronounce it a dead organism. Three deans—Daniel Brophy, Leslie Engler and James Peace—comprising a majority on this newest committee, cannot and will not be able to carry out the changes that are necessary. They are of course, undisputably entitled to their views. Indeed, the knowledge and bearing of Dean Peace, in particular, might have proven very valuable if he had been appointed non-voting chairman but the three men have helped to create the present machinery: they worked with it and most recently stood by it as members of the SFCSA which unanimously rejected any notion of change.

The Total

This, then, is the total as the years go by: In fourteen months, the SFCSA has come of age from now—nothing. Let us be realistic at last. We have been willing to wait; we have had patience and as recently as last Tuesday we were willing to go along with the promises of change. But we have heard too many hot bursts not to recognize the signs.

The Future

There have been many ideas for changes proposed in these many months. Dr. Gallagher has been willing to examine them. "Throw it in the hopper," he has frequently said. Well, the "hopper" is full and the ideas are conflicting, jumbled, etc., etc.

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Sure Bet

Tomorrow twenty-one candidates will compete for your vote in the Soviet Tour primary election. You may vote for eight of them.

OP has entered as a candidate. Its Associate Editor and former editor, Andrew Meissl, is a witty, sourly

The "young man in a hurry," as he was derisively called by a colleague, has come a long way. Born in Manhattan in 1914, the son of a women's wear manufacturer, Jonas Edward Salk as a youth showed superior scholastic ability. He graduated from Townsend Harris High School (for non-college-bound students) at the age of sixteen and from CCNY before his twentieth birthday. After graduating the New York University Medical School, Salk joined a former teacher, Dr. Thomas, who was working at the University of Michigan, the same Dr. Thomas who is now the director of the Salk vaccine. Salk received an invitation to work at the University of Pittsburgh, and despite the fact that the school had no virus lab, he accepted. As a result of Dr. Salk's efforts, such a laboratory was built.

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Awards

* Applications for Student Council positions are still available in Room 20 Main. These awards are made on the basis of leadership and service in extracurricular activities. Deadline for applications is Friday, May 14.

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The Rich History of Charter Day

By JERRY LUDWIG

History tells us that late in the afternoon of May 7, 1847, the Governor of the State of New York, the Honorable John Young, affixed his signature to an act authorizing the establishment of a "Free Academy." And so today, the first Thursday in May is celebrated as Charter Day. But behind the annual celebration is a story of two.

The first tale deals with a man who lived in the era when popular education was on the rise. He was a man destined for great fame in the field of education; he had spent years as a teacher. Slowly and surely, the idea of holding a regular competition in the field of "literature" had been growing in public esteem. Townsend Harris, Harris was one of those named to the committee. A memo to the Legislature was drawn up, embodying the principles. Townsend Harris, and in 1846 he assumed office as the first president of the Board of Education.

Harris' first actions as Board President made it clear that he was determined to sponsor the establishment of a free college. After some difficulty he succeeded in calling a special meeting of the Board to discuss such matters. In the course of this meeting the President left the chair to move that a committee of three be appointed to examine the present allocation of the State "Literature Fund"—the 1846 version of State Aid. Harris was one of those named to the committee.

In six months the committee reported back. The majority found that the Fund was being divided among four schools: the Columbia University and Grammar Schools, whose establishment he bought so bitterly in 1847. Rutger's Female Institute—which the committee found neglecting many "vital" branches of education; the Deaf and Dumb Institution—which the committee declared was not worthy an expenditure of money; and the Deaf and Dumb Institution—which the committee found neglecting many "vital" branches of education. The press on both sides was most vehement. Perhaps the bitterest of all editorial opponents of the Free Academy was Col. James Watson Webb, publisher of the New York Daily Tribune. It was passed. This was common practice with important legislation.

On Monday, June 7, 1847, the people of the City of New York went to the ballots and voted by more than six to one in favor of creating the academy. It was further decided that the government of the Free Academy's favor. The actual beginning of the ceremonies now identified with Charter Day involves still another story. John H. Finley, who history generally accepts as City College's outstanding president, was always searching for ways to call attention to the College's rank as an educational institution.

In 1906, Finley set off the idea of holding a regular ceremony each year in observance of the College's founding. The first celebration was held in May of 1895. The student body assembled in the College Chapel at the old downtown school to hear addresses by President Finley, Professor Alfred George Complan (Compton Hall is his name sake) and the President of the Student Council.

At Finley's request, the faculty voted in 1906 to make the ceremonies an annual institution.

A particularly impressive Charter Day celebration was held in 1907. On that occasion the old chapel was crowded with a great throng to mark the sixtieth birthday of City College and to see the antiquated red-brick building on Twenty-third Street which the school was shortly to desert for its new uptown accommodations.

Over the years many speakers and events have provided the colorful ceremonies with historic value. Most recently, when Bernard Baruch, class of '97, spoke at last year's ceremonies, President Buel Gallagher took the occasion to propose the renaming of the Downtown School of Business in honor of Mr. Baruch.
City Plays League Ace at Ohio Field

By JERRY STREAK
Oh sweet mystery of life, what almost happened. Baseball, that haunchiest of outdoor pastimes, nearly returned to Lewisohn Stadium today. When Monday's City-Hofstra tilt was called off due to inclement weather, it was promptly rescheduled to today. But soon, to the dismay of College officials, it was discovered that there was no field available for this afternoon.

No field except one, to be more precise. Lewisohn Stadium is its name. The thought brought shudderers to all who were concerned.

But thanks to feverish work by the Athletic Office and some quick help by the authorities at New York University, the Convent Avenue rockbed will remain a practice "field" for just a little while longer. Instead, the Conference game will be played at the Violets' Ohio Field at 3 PM.

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