SG Presidential Council Decides to Act Informally

By ED MARSTON

The Municipal College Presidents, meeting last night, unanimously decided not to form an official body. According to SG President Mike Horowitz, the group felt it could achieve more as an informal group. Horowitz emphasized that the Presidents do not intend to dissolve the group and have already scheduled a meeting for the first week in December.

The President-elect, last night’s action, requested Horowitz to arrange for a meeting of the group with Governor-elect Nelson Rockefeller to discuss state aid to the municipal colleges.

In a statement issued during the campaign, Rockefeller had indicated his support for state aid, and expressed agreement with the Presidents after the election.

Horowitz said the Rockefeller statement was a “direct result of the Observation Post story concerning Governor Averell Harriman’s support for state aid.” He said that “the Board of Higher Education, the Council of Municipal College Presidents, and the Alumni Association had been unable to obtain such a statement.”

Horowitz said that state aid is one of the three issues he feels the Presidents should concern themselves with. The other two are the Smith Act ban and problems arising from increased enrollment.

He went on to say that the concerted voice of the SG presidents will wield much greater influence than the individual voices of the Presidents.

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Postmortem...

“Thomas K Finletter, former Secretary of the Air Force will speak at the College on Monday at 2:15 PM in the Grand Ballroom of the Flinley Student Center.”

The topic of his discussion will be “Election Postmortems.”

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600 Sign Petition Urging Nuclear Ban

A petition urging immediate agreement for the permanent cessation of nuclear weapons testing was signed by over 600 students and faculty members this week.

The petition is being presented to the heads of the delegations of the three major powers at the Geneva Conference: James J. Wadsworth, United States of America, David Ormrod Gove, United Kingdom, and Semyor Tzarapkin, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
Informality

It has yet to be proven that an informal group yields more power than a recognized organization.

The municipal college Student Government presidents, in relinquishing their first real hold on a centralized policymaking council, have castrated themselves.

They have shown a surprising lack of foresight for leaders who hold the highest student positions in their respective schools.

This body can never attain its goals informally. Questions of speaker bans and state aid are formal, and formidable ones. A group chartered and recognized by the Board of Higher Education carries weight which no informal gathering, regardless of the august personages of which it is composed, can hope to achieve.

The presidents will see this for themselves when they try to oppose the Smith Act ban, if not before. As a chartered organ of the BHE, the Municipal Council of Student Government Presidents could rightfully come before the Administrative Council of Municipal College Presidents to plead for academic freedom as viewed by its members.

But working within the context that the presidents themselves have chosen, there is no reason to suppose that the Administrative Council will choose to recognize them. Indeed, this group shall have to be recognized anew in each battle that it fights.

How much simpler and more forthright to be chartered once, and for all time.

Councils of this sort have been attempted before; each time a lack of unity caused failure. Without a basic form and charter to bind the members together, there is no choice but to doubt such an informal group's stability and ability to endure.

Fight Against Artificiality

Once again students have clearly voiced their position in regard to restrictions on speakers.

This time it is Queens College which has rebelled against artificial regulations of the freedom to speak, and the call for "no ideological or organizational restrictions" resounds once more through the city.

Brooklyn College students fought the Smith Act ban all the way to the Administrative Council of Presidents last term, finally obtaining permission to invite John Gates to their campus.

We have fought here, time and time again, for the appearance of various forbidden speakers. Student Government, the General Faculty, and President Gallagher have pleaded for the removal of the odious administrative fiat.

We are tired of constantly addressing our pleas to a blank wall. Students have made a new move which must inevitably result in battle with the only body empowered to rescind the ban—the body which introduced it—the Administrative Council of Presidents. It must be backed by the authorities of Queens College.

The failure of the General Faculty of Queens College, and of the president, to pass the recommendations of the Student Association Activities Board would be a slap in the face of all students, faculty, and administration, who have worked so long to originate a plan which guards against both grounds on their part of freedom and the appearance of undesirable speakers.

Now, indeed, has such a plan been offered. While the students are empowered to choose their own speakers, they are also required to consider their moral responsibility to the students whom they serve.

Perhaps this is the beginning of the final struggle for the rights of students to hear all points of view on their campus—a beginning of the final struggle for the rights of students to hear all points of view on their campuses—a beginning of the identification of the college with the world beyond its gates.
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NAME OF COLLEGE UTERRED IN VAIN; 'CCNY Prof.' Rants Over Airwaves

By CARL GRIEWE

Late Sunday night, parts of the faithful "Night People" throughout the city perked up at the introduction of Dr. Sholem Stein, "CCNY Professor" on the Jean Shepherd WOR radio show.

Dr. Stein was introduced as a tape recording as "Professor of Hebrew at the City College of New York" and an "authority on the origins of calypso." The hundreds of students flipping through the pages of the College Bulletin in search of the professor's name met with disappointment. It wasn't there.

Meanwhile, the interview had progressed to the point where Dr. Stein was reciting the following calypso verse:

"Way down south where Bananas grow,
Ants are stepping on elephant toes.
Elephant jump with tears in his eye.
He said, 'Why don't you mash someone your size?'
"This seems rather innocent verse," the doctor observed, "but comparing it to the Mishnah, the third of the seven books of Moses, we find a similar thing . . . the banana symbolizes a plantain. Scientific authorities have shown us that the world is shaped like a football. It seems to be maintaining balance that way, going on and on through the ages."

At this stage, even the most faithful Shepherd devotee thought he had missed a few words.

The doctor then proceeded to a discussion of his secondary interest, among them, political science.

"Israel," he said, "is the pivot point of the Near East."

"If that falls, the British Empire, the Suez Canal, consequently the Panama Canal, in fact all canals, ah (pause), international trade will be affected and the British pound sterling will go down. That will bring the value of gold up and the ratio will be thrown off balance to create refractions even in the ruble, the yen. Yes, it's a very profound subject, economics. Very interesting."

Commenting on this portion of the show, Mr. Irwin Brownstein (student life) said that it is "unfortunate when the College's name is used in this manner."

"Just as I thought the College of Complexes of New York was detrimental to the school," he continued, "the use of our name in any instance is illegitimate and unfortunately for the College and the people of New York who are responsible for it."

When asked for comment, Jean Shepherd maintained that he "isn't worried about those who don't understand satire. It's too bad if they don't."
Soccermen Eye Record; Meet Brockport Tom'w

The College's soccer team will be out to shatter last year's record total of 52 tallies when it clashes with the far-travelled Brockport State Teachers squad tomorrow at 1:30 PM in Lewiston Stadium.

The Beavers have gleaned fifty matches on the log in their previous eight forays; Bill Sand, who as of Tuesday's contest against Brooklyn, holds the individual high-scoring championship, having accounted for seventeen of the goals. Tomorrow's game will be the last of the season for Brockport's Golden Eagles; so far they have demonstrated most of their competition including such powers as Buffalo State, and McMasters.

Took the Boys will pour their talons filed down by the rugged and powerful brutes from West Point.

The Lavender has compiled a 7-0-1 record so far. There are still four games to go on the College schedule—tomorrow is the last non-Metropolitan League tilt. The Upstaters have traveled 450 miles to destroy the Beaver prey, and they are expected to give the Cityites a rough going. According to Beaver Coach Matt Karlin, "this is the game in which we have to show ourselves to be the champions that we are!"

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