Expect Many To Apply for Summer Jobs

A room next to the College’s Placement Office has been appropriated for an expected avalanche of summer job applications.

For the first time in its year, the Placement Office will be open to all students who have completed at least one year on campus. The office will remain open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Monday through Friday.

The Placement Office will provide job listings, interview tips, and assistance with resume writing. It will also offer advice on career development and preparation for interviews.

HP Fete Loss: $200 In Red

House Plan lost at least $200 on Saturday night’s 25th Anniversary Ball, according to Steve Schwartz, HP presid-ent. He also said that although the accounting had not been completed “we will use all of our $200 underwrite.”

The Treasury Committee undertook any loss in the affront up to $200.

Terpsichorian

Eighteen girls in colorful printed skirts performed before an audience of 100 in the Modern Dance Society’s recital of “From A to X-Man” last Thursday afternoon in the Grand Ballroom, reported by Lee Baxter provided accompaniment for the terpsichorian exhibition. The dances were centered around “most jazz and African type movements.”

The program included a number which for which the girls carried trays of flowers on their heads. A satire of a dance class done to “The Barefoot Ballerina” rounded out the recital.

S200 Petition Drive In The Last Day Here

The Student Zionest Organization’s (SZO) petition drive, now in its third day, collected approximately 1500 signatures as of 12 Noon yesterday, according to Sol Becker, president of SZO.

The petition protests discrimination against American Jews by industry. The discrimination, according to the petition, is a result of Arab pressure on American companies that deal with Arabs. The petition drive was authorized by the Student Council on December 9 by a “very large majority.”

According to Becker, the Council members were particularly concerned over the travel restrictions produced by America’s submission to Arab demands.

At present, American Jews may not get off a plane if it stops over in an Arab Country. “American Jews of Jewish descent must sit on the plane while their fellow passengers are allowed to disembark,” Becker said.

“Among the 1500 signatures are approximately twenty-five faculty members,” Becker reported. He said that four out of five persons who shared the SG executive committee’s idea of a petition signed the petition itself.

Becker said that they hope to collect 3,000 signatures. They have extended the petition drive until today because “the snow slowed it down.”

Originally, the drive was scheduled to end on New Year’s Day, but according to Becker, “we have about fifty people collecting signatures, some in bars and others in classrooms.”

Unsuccessful

A petition drive is also being conducted in the River View. This has not been successful, according to the SZO president. Most of our people are day seniors and it is hard to find people to stay at the school late.”

Season’s Greetings — OPeace To The World

TO THE STUDENT BODY

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Group Forms at College To Aid Sen. Humphrey

BY GRACE FISCHER

An organization at the College which will actively seek the nomination of Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (Dem., Minn.) for President of the United States was given charter approval by the SG executive committee yesterday.

Members of the “Humphrey for President” group are confident that the charter will also be accepted by the College. According to Harold Geyer, Student Council President, students participating in the new organization will run out campaigning, ring doorbells and bother people on and off campus.

Parades and copies of Senator Humphrey’s voting record, “which speaks for itself”, will be distributed to the student body, said Geyer.

“Like Senator Humphrey, we intend to find the people who feel the way we do about Humphrey.”

Barry Kahn Rocks Idea

“We definitely will ask Humphrey to speak at the College,” Barry Kahn, President of the SZO, said.

“Many of our members would have liked to see Adlai Stevenson become President, or be former Kennedy supporters, but the practical as well as the idealistic side must be considered,” he pointed out.

“Humphrey is a good liberal and has the energy to campaigns and won. He has outstanding possibilities as a dark-horse candidate,” he said.

Theater Party Set For Jan.

A theater party for the preview performance of “Peer Gynt” will be held at the Phoenix Theater, 12th Street and Fourth Avenue, on Saturday night, January 9.

Tickets, to be sold as long as the supply lasts, will be made available to the College’s students at a special price by the Student Government Cultural Agency. Tickets regularly costing $2.90 each, will be priced at $1.75 a pair. After this supply of fifty-five runs out, a $2.20 ticket will cost $1.75 and a $4.40 ticket will be reduced to $2.30.

Tickets may be obtained in Room 102 Finley.
Shield of Democracy

Once again the electorate has spoken, and with the College’s democratic form of government, with the concept of popular sovereignty over all, it shall undoubtedly have what it voted for.

And what has the electorate voted for? Uniquely enough, it has urged the institution of a scheme to evade some of the restrictions of compulsory membership lists.

Now a chance has been provided for democracy at City College to show its full flowering. The essence of democracy can be shown once again in a true “liberal” college. Now all that is good in democratic society can be shown in miniature in a “typical” college community.

Now the electorate’s decision will once again be casually overlooked.

The Department of Student Personnel Services—the College’s version of the commercial “protective shield”—will continue to mechanically collect and deposit names of club members “in the eventuality of future necessity.”

That “necessity” has never been named, and we venture to guess never will be. But, after all, the shield has been entrusted with the task of ensuring a healthy and happy life for its student body. The hands of the students must not be soiled by work with mere administrative detail. The shield must carry it forward as the students desire and thus their “minds” slogans be placed on student publicity. Perhaps this is true in the island. I believe or evidence does not show that it is true in Puerto Rico; that “English teaching is nonsense, and at-

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I do not deny this might be true about South Korea, for example, but evidence does not show that it is true in the island. I believe the organizational system in the school system in Puerto Rico is as good, if not better than in New York City.

I attended rural schools for my first, seventh, eighth, and ninth grade in Puerto Rico. The same subjects were taught for corresponding grades in rural and urban schools, by teachers of similar educational backgrounds. There were more or less the same number of students for classes and the same availability of equipment and facilities in both rural and urban schools.

When I was in the fourth grade, in 1944, I had three teachers. One taught in the morning and the other in the afternoon. In my sixth grade, there were regular teachers and the other two were student teachers. Does this mean that students were undertaught, even when it was seven years ago? Unfortu-

nately, such a situation must be much better in 1959.

Mrs. Garvin says English teaching is nonsense in the schools of Puerto Rico, and evidence shows it is.

There are about 125,000 Americans in Puerto Rico. This number is made up by tourists, by businessmen who are here, and by professionals. It would obvi-

ously be careless to neglect English teaching, as the teaching of the English language could only tend to harm commercial, technical, and intellectual relations between Puerto Ricans and North Americans.

I cannot believe my own ex-

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POETRY

PROMETHEAN

By SANDRA H. ROSENBLUM

Poetry has become the primary means of expression of the College's literati, if one is to judge by the current issue of Promethean, the College's literary magazine. Unlike issues of the past which have contained occasional ode or sonnet, the pages of this semester's Promethean are replete with poetry, so much so that one might actually call it a poetry issue.

Perhaps it is because of sheer number—fifteen in all—that we are able to pick out so many excellent poems. But, regardless of the reason, Promethean this semester, has discovered and has printed some very works of talented young poets at the College.

A semi-annual contributor to the pages of Promethean, Richard also once more has cultivated the magazine with his fine poetry, "The Boy" is perhaps the finest poem in the issue. Mr. Kelly uses vivid, clear images. His poem is lively and refreshing. We find none in this issue of the hackneyed phrases, some of the cliched ideas, which often dominate the young writers' efforts. It is really a pleasure to read Mr. Kelly's works.

Another fine poem in the magazine is "I Think His Name Was George Preston" by Rosaly DeMaio. In an unintentional unassuming manner, DeMaio has written a poem which arouses deep feeling in the reader. It is encouraging to find a young poet unafraid to handle a one of this type, and even more gratifying to appreciate the success of this attempt.

One of the critical papers in the magazine is "The "A.B.C." or the alphabet, in my previous grades, was not until the fourth that I really learned it well. My teacher taught it to me in a song from which we sang every day before the beginning of our English period."

When I was in the sixth grade we also planned and prepared projects in our English classes. Some of these projects, for example, were entitled "Children of Other Lands" and "Animals of the Farm." By means of these projects, for example, we learned a great deal about children of other lands and about life in the farm (besides the names of farm animals) and at the same time we learned English. We learned songs written in English about Chinese, American, Dutch, Indian, and Eskimo children, which I still remember.

In the light of the seventh grade in an urban school, my English teacher gave prizes for best spelling, best composition, and best vocabulary. In fact, I won a Webster's dictionary for best spelling. We also had to report three book reports on short novels such as "Little Rose of the Igloos" and "The Seven Foot Trail," which I read. I'll like to make a final comment to each effect that textbooks in elementary, secondary, and higher institutions are all written in English, except those for the Spanish courses.

In conclusion, I would like to advise Mrs. Garvin to take a trip to Puerto Rico. It is not only an interesting and challenging work well worked out. The staff of Promethean deserves a round of applause for this semester. It has put together an exceptionally fine literary magazine which has avoided many of the pitfalls that collegiate literary magazines so often fall into.

Every student at the College should give himself the opportunity to read the creative talent of his fellow students. The value of the magazine is far more than its price.
Films...
Fifteen courses in film-making are being offered during the spring semester by the College's Institute of Film Techniques in the evening session. These courses can be taken by day session students. Registration will be held Monday, February 1, to Thursday, February 4, in Shepard from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

Track Team To See Action In Two Holiday Encounters

While everyone is spending his Christmas holiday loafing and having fun, the College's indoor track team will be busily pounding the boards of the 182 Engineers Armony in two Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) sponsored developmental track meets.

The meets will be held on December 26 and January 2. The College's team will be spearheaded by co-captain Mel Siegel, who coped first place in last week's AAU track meet. Besides Siegel, the team will be sparked by the return to action of John Robe, who was out with a fractured ankle and Den Clark, who also was bothered by an injured ankle.

The team is using the two holiday meets and the informal meet at Queens on January 9 to prepare for the Milrose Invitational Games, which will be held at Madison Square Garden on January 29.

Cagers Put Streaks on Line Tonight

Polansky Coach For Queens Game

When the Beaver hoopsters do something, they do it in grand style. For example, when they play Queens tonight they put two streaks on the line. One will be a losing streak, the other will be, of all things, a winning streak!

Impossible? Not for the Beavers. The team is on a season-long, five game losing streak; but no Beaver team has ever lost to the Knights of Queens.

The series started in 1949 and has gone on continuously. The teams have met twelve times. The only thing we can say for sure about tonight's game is that one of the streaks will be wrecked. If the Beavers win, they break their losing streak, and of course, if they lose their domination over the Knights will come to an end. It's a good thing that in basketball there is no possibility of a tie. Then again, the way things are going for the Lavender this year...

A win over Queens would be just what the nicest Christmas present for the Lavender cagers could give all who also was hobbled by an injured ankle.

Ascher, still have Marty Grobman defense and a free wheeling fast breaking offense. The Beavers, hurt by the absence of Hector Lewis and the return to action of Al Hevesi and Mel Goebel, the Knights have been riding high this year. Their four and seventeen record includes a twenty-six point romp over Hunter, and a run of seventeen victory over Brooklyn. The own Knights use a pressing, man defense and a free wheeling fast breaking offense. Rounding out the Knights starting five, along with Hevesi and Goebel, are Bob Brown and Don Garvey.

The Beavers, hurt by the graduation of Hector Lewis and Jo Ascher, still have Marty Grobman and he will start, along with Bob Brown, Julio Delgado, Gav, and Irwin Cohen.

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