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Levine Holds World's Record For Flowing, Unconnected Talk

SG Presidential candidate Bob Levine might well be heartily endorsed by John Dos Passos. He's probably the only stream-of-consciousness talker in the world.

"Actually," he will tell you in a semi-drawl, "the University Party [on which he is running] is fundamentally interested in organizing the free tuition fight in all the free coll . . . hrm, there goes that cute girl from Vector again . . . Boy, oh boy . . . colleges, on a year-round basis, so that the activities of different schools don't conflict with one another . . ." He never misses a beat.

"I consider last Thursday's snow a good omen," he says with an effortless grin.

The tall (rather) and thin ("I have to watch what I eat, or I'll disappear") upper junior is an Urban Studies major who hopes to go into Education or Journalism upon graduation. He looks upon SG as "part of the training the student receives in college — 'lab work' of a sort."

There Was A Time

There was a time, in December of 1961, when Bob became the first candidate in the College's history to lose an election on a recount. (On this momentous occasion, Richard Weisberg sailed gracefully into the SG Secretary's post after a slight—oops!—tallying error).

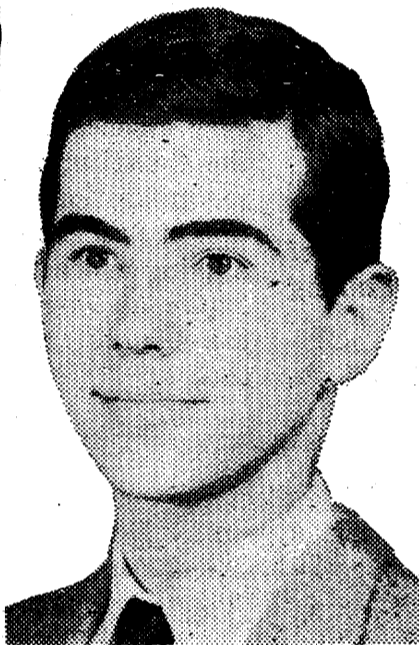
The following semester, having taken his near miss like a good sport, Levine again entered an SG race . . . for vice-president. Remember? Mark Kessel and Ira Bloom, his two opponents for the position, piled up in a dead heat with 35% of the votes apiece. (For the first time in history once more, of course.)

"People kept saying, 'If I hadn't voted for you, Kessel could have won,' or 'If I didn't vote for you, Bloom could have won.' I felt terrible."

Bob refuses to launch personal attacks against his opponents. "I want to fight a positive campaign," he said, "in which people will vote for me, not against the other candidates."

He can, however, be provoked to mild comment: on Vice-Presidential candidate Danny Katkin, for instance, who is generally credited for his slate's appellation . . . the New Perspective Party.

"Last term, Danny helped form the Free Higher Education Party," Bob reminisced. "The names aren't very original. As a matter of fact, Danny always seems to pick names exactly . . . hrm, there goes that girl again . . . See? . . . exactly two and a half years old."



Bob Levine
Fights A Positive Campaign

OP Endorsements At A Glance

SG President: HOWARD SIMON
SG Vice-President: GIRARD PESSIS
SG Treasurer: LARRY STEINHAUER
SG Secretary: JOHN ZIPPERT
Student Council '64: ERIC EISENBERG
Student Council '65: JIMMY BALTAXE, JOEL COOPER, FRED NEWDOM
Student Council '66: PAUL HIRSCH, MIKE TICKTIN
Student Council '67: NIKKI LANDSMAN, GREGOR OWEN, ZELDA STEINBERG
Referenda:
Reorganization — Yes
SAB — Vote to Abolish
Basketball — Abstain

Rosenberg Sees 'No Panacea' In Organizational Reforms

By MARTHA STERNIN

The President's chair is not unfamiliar to Bob Rosenberg; this presidential candidate ran Student Government when Alan Blume was in the hospital with mumps last year.

The first thing one notices about Rosenberg after his imposing height is his spirit. It's obvious in his jovial attitude, his rapid speech and his energetic movements. He's enthusiastic about the College and exuberant over the exciting years he has spent here.

Now he desires to infuse this spirit into Student Government. Bob feels that mere constitutional changes won't be the panacea for Student Government ills. He wants to see the "elite group" which has arisen in the Council during the last few terms abandon its apathetic attitude and establish rapport with both the Student body and the clubs.

Realizing that his own extracurricular activities have helped to make his college years rewarding



Bob Rosenberg
Wishes To Establish Rapport

ones, Rosenberg would like to see more students participate in organizations. One of his pet projects to get students interested in activities will be to establish a pre-registration week for Freshmen during which the Inter-fraternity Council and House Plan will take over Finley Center.

Bob's plans extend far into the future, far beyond the forthcoming election and the possible Presidency of Student Government. A political science major, he hopes to enter law school after graduation this June.

"Maybe I'll go to Cornell and room with Ira Bloom," he joked. He hasn't taken the law boards yet, but he once dreamed he scored 670 on the exam. "When I'm awake, I worry my score will be more like 450," he added.

Rosenberg is a member of ZBT and proud of his house and his
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Simon Wants To Cut His Ties, But Keeps Getting All Tied Up

By MARC BRODY

Howard Simon says that he has been trying to cut his ties with student activities ever since he entered the College, but once again it looks as if he may not succeed.

His whole college life has been a "tremendous attempt to do homework," he declares, but his service as the Metropolitan New York Chairman of the National Student Association last year and on Student Council in his freshman year has prevented him from achieving this goal to any great extent.

Howard does feel, however, that his education in college only began when he was elected to the NSA. After spending a year as NSA delegate: traveling cross-country, meeting with student leaders and educators, helping SG's "becoming more meaningful to their respective campuses," supervising thirty to forty SGs in the New York area, he has "gained respect for education" and developed a real set of values. He also worked very closely with SG President Ira Bloom at the NSA Congress this summer, and gained his respect and friendship.

A lower junior, Simon, is in the process of deciding his major. "If I get good marks in the History Department I'll go in for Intellectual History; if I do better in the Philosophy Department I'll probably major in the History of Philo-

sophy," he declared. He maintains that "there basically isn't much difference between the two."

Rather than acting radically he prefers to "internalize" things after studying them as an intellectual, and then going to work. SG is challenged by many problems,

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Howard Simon
Earned Bloom's Respect

Smith Considers His Opponents Pseudo-Philosophic Preachers

"I have awakened and I wish to share my enlightenment with my fellow students," declares Barry S. Smith, candidate for the Student Government Presidency.

Smith appears as one who has realized that the situations in which he finds himself are rapidly changing, and as a young person he considers it his responsibility to "have a say" in evaluating and revising existing ideas and institutions. He affirms that living in America today demands that students "discard our narrow-minded conventionalism."

The 21-year-old candidate has

made an independent evaluation of the College's Student Government, and has concluded that SG is not a representative organization. Smith regards his fellow candidates who consider SG to be representative of the student body as preachers of a "pseudo-philosophy."

Without the support of a con-
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Barry Smith
"SG Is Unrepresentative"

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Vote YES On SG Reorganization

Investigating seems to be one of SG's most frequent pastimes. Too often, the problem is a "straw man" existing only to cause dissension within the Council. The issue of reorganization, however, is one worth investigation and, significantly, it is clearly an item which need not (and in this instance has not) been divided in the trite, "students as students," right-left tradition.

Three referenda will be included on next week's SG ballot. All three deserve the careful consideration of the student and, more important, merit his affirmative vote.

The clause which has caused the most controversy and received the brunt of negative opinion involves the conversion of executive offices into year terms. Although new to the College, this plan is employed at many schools, including Hunter, Brooklyn, and Queens Colleges of the City University. So favorably impressed with the proposed plan was the Baruch School, it is now considering the reorganization of its own SG along similar lines. Clearly then, this is no wild-eyed, fanatic idea. The year term has been attempted and has worked in most of the nation's senior colleges.

The primary motivation for the change is the fact that one semester is approximately one term too short to execute any meaningful SG program. Two weeks of adjustment and five weeks of Council wrangling leave SG executives with just enough time to commence

electioneering and no time for carefully planned, well-studied, effective action.

Charges have been made that a poor president will remain in office for one year, that the student body will have no chance to reappraise its legislators, and that there will be a dearth of executive candidates. The first allegation is partially countered by another referendum which provides for school-wide election of Executive Vice Presidents, thereby creating three new executive posts. Because of this shift of power, less will depend on the President's personal efficacy. The strength on Council will, in effect, be decentralized. The second objection, that students will not be able to reevaluate SG executives each semester is, at best, a moot point. As SG is now organized, after one term there is very little to be judged other than the President's ability to chair a meeting, the barest beginnings, perhaps, of one or two programs, and a determination as to whether or not the Secretary is capable of taking minutes. There is, and will continue to be, no consideration of Councilmen's performances — a fact more worthy of condemnation. That there will be a dearth of persons concerned with service to the College is always possible. Vital again, however, is the fact that the Chief Executive's job will not be as time-consuming as it is now.

Of prime importance, in response to all ob-

jections, is that the very existence of year terms will facilitate the establishment of on-going SG programs. A Council that has more time to think, and then carefully plan, that need not lower itself to the semi-annual election scramble, and that bases its work on issues instead of personalities will be successful. Each of the proposed reforms is a step forward in smoothing SG's presently rocky road. Decentralization, closer contact between the executive and legislative committees, the added advantage of at-large Council members who could share their past experience with novice representatives — these benefits and more can be derived from the passage of the proposed referenda.

The College's SG is endowed with a vast amount of potential including a large student body, an enlightened administration and a greater number of "paper" rights than most other Student Governments possess. It is the responsibility of both the student body and Council to fulfil every possibility. The three referenda will enable Council to extract the very essence of student self-government from the Constitution's pages. Approval of the SG reorganization will facilitate the transformation of Student Government at the College into a living and active organization which will not expire as long as students desire to exercise the rights and responsibilities inherently their's.

Simon for Prexy

The Student Government presidency can be a very powerful post. Among other things, it is an excellent way to gain admittance to law school. It can also be — in the hands of a competent executive with an ability to lead and a capacity for hard work — a boon to the student body. The SG President can make students' views felt in the College's Administration, in the Department of Student Life, and, with a little bit of luck, even in Albany. He can make SG a genuine student self-government of co-curricular activities, enhancing students' enjoyment and increasing the value of their education.

In consideration of the importance of the office, **Observation Post** urges students to elect Howard Simon president of Student Government. Of all the candidates, he could make SG most meaningful to students, most respected in the Administration and beyond the College's gates. Simon is an intelligent, capable individual, who has done a great deal of work in SG this term — this despite the fact that in September he held no SG office and even now is officially serving only as a Council representative.

Simon is well qualified to handle the presidency. He has worked closely with SG President Ira Bloom this term, perhaps more closely than anyone else. Last year Simon was Chairman of the Metropolitan Council of the National Student Association. In this capacity he was involved with activities of over thirty SGs in the Met area. He has also mixed with SG leaders from all over the country at two NSA summer congresses. And

as a freshman, Simon served on Council at the College.

Bob Rosenberg is the only other presidential aspirant worth consideration. Because of Alan Blume's illness and inability to wake up early in the morning, Rosenberg got a certain amount of presidential experience when he served as Blume's VP. But then that term was far from SG's most successful. Rosenberg displays some difficulty defending many of his ideas about SG, mostly because he hasn't bothered to formulate them. He has a lackadaisical attitude — coupled with a desire to make everybody happy all the time and a short-sighted view of SG's scope — which would make him no better than an ordinary SG president at a time when SG needs extraordinary leadership.

Bob Levine is a presidential hopeful interested in being SG President — not in doing anything in particular, but in being SG President. A master of the art of speaking long and saying little, Levine is known for his dubious campaign tactics. Despite his long list of qualifications, a less qualified candidate is hard to imagine.

After spending over three years at the College, Barry Smith has finally discovered what any freshman in SG has been saying since he arrived: Student Government's problem is that the majority of students wouldn't give two hoots for it. Spouting the old cliches about student apathy, and looking as if he has just had a mystical experience, Smith concludes that since SG doesn't represent the students (in the fullest sense of the word 'represent') it

should be content to reflect the opinions of its president. A vote for Barry Smith is a vote to abolish student government.

Taking everything into account, Howard Simon is, by far, the best candidate for SG President. **Observation Post** urges all students to elect him.

Pessis for VP

Only rarely does the SG Vice-President do more than chair Council meetings when the President is busy. This term's VP was not content to swing a gavel occasionally. He created a need for his office because a job had to be done. Girard Pessis must be re-elected as SG Vice-President. The program he has initiated demands his continued leadership. Pessis has laid the groundwork for meaningful action for free-tuition.

Politics is the science of winning people over to your position and making them work for you. Pessis is known and respected as the College's leader on anti-tuition. He established personal contacts this term with state political leaders, the College's Alumni Association, and State University student leaders. Understanding politics, Pessis helped to arrange and will participate in a meeting with the State University of New York student leaders to coordinate action between the City and State universities in the anti-tuition drive. He has made it possible for all students to effectively influence the vote in Albany this February. He should not be turned out of office as the campaign he is running reaches its cli-

max. The inroads he has made are of little value to a new Vice-President, who must first become closely acquainted with the anti-tuition work being done and the people involved. If Pessis loses this election, the College's influence in the tuition fight will be lost.

If Pessis were not so eminently qualified, Danny Katkins candidacy could be more seriously considered. But under the circumstances, **Observation Post** feels that students at the College cannot afford to lose Pessis.

Elect Steinhauer

The student voter is, upon occasion, presented with an executive candidate possessing a voluminous list of qualifications. Every once in a while, such a seemingly experienced candidate opposes another with a less impressive collection of titles, past and present. Even more rarely, the latter student is eminently better qualified and intrinsically more competent. Such is the case that exists in the race for SG Treasurer.

No one can question Alan Blume's preoccupation with Student Government. The competency with which he has executed his assigned tasks is, nevertheless, questionable. The office of Treasurer is one which demands the utmost capability. Alan Blume, despite all his pleas that Student Government must concern itself with issues that affect students here, led a Council whose net contribution amounted to one bus trip to Albany. It is highly doubtful whether this individual, although ostensibly experienced, is qualified,

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merely in terms of competency, to hold this vital post.

Larry Steinhauer, conversely, although not flaunting a scroll of past positions, has demonstrated his responsibility and competency. He has served two terms on Fee Commission, one term on Council, and has been Treasurer, President and Manager of the Debating Society. He has served well. In addition, he possesses the maturity and intelligence necessary for successful fulfillment of the Treasurer's tasks. **Observation Post** wholeheartedly urges the election of Larry Steinhauer.

Vote for Zippert

A good Student Government Secretary must be more than a good clerk. As a member of SG's Executive Committee, the Secretary should have a solid understanding of SG, and perhaps more important, the energy and creativity necessary to provide high-level programming.

John Zippert meets these criteria; he is eminently qualified to be Secretary, and **Observation Post** endorses him.

Zippert has been on Council a year and, as is the case of so many freshman SC members, his first term in office was marked by hesitation and uncertainty. Last May, however, he ran for and was elected to a position as a member of the College's delegation to the National Student Association Congress at the University of Indiana. The experience of meeting student government leaders from schools across the country seems to have had a profound and beneficial effect on him.

This term Zippert has been chairman of Council's Civil Liberties Committee, and this term the Civil Lib-

erties Committee has probably produced more meaningful legislation than all the other standing committees combined.

Zippert's ideas are valuable, and forcibly expressed. His advocacy of a year-round multi-pronged anti-tuition drive as opposed to the establishment of an annual Albany "outing" is particularly refreshing.

Zippert's opponent, Stan Shapiro, offers a mediocre record of achievement. In addition, he seems to regard the position of SG Secretary as primarily a clerical job; most of his concrete proposals were concentrated in this area.

John Zippert is by far the better candidate for SG Secretary; we urge his election.

Perfect Examples

Once again candidates for Student Government positions are spouting loud, self-righteous statements deploring student apathy. And we are once again forced to say that many of these candidates are perfect examples of the apathetic student.

It is an unfortunate situation when a majority of the students take little interest in the workings of their Student Government. But when candidates supposedly determined to combat this situation display equal ignorance of SG and the College in general, it is not only sad but indefensible.

Candidates have asked for our endorsement without ever having attended a Council meeting, having no idea of SG structure or procedure, and not even being aware what their responsibilities will be if they are elected.

Some have not read the platforms upon which they are running, and don't know the views of the running

mates whom they endorse.

They have cried "abolish the SAB," and did not know what the SAB is. They have criticized SG officers, but could not tell us what these officers have or have not done. They have denounced SG inaction without ever having taken any action themselves. They have cited problems, but could offer no remedies.

The first term a representative sits on Council is not the time for him to learn all the things he should have known before he decided to run for office. (We might add that the night before **OP** endorsement interviews is also not the time for a cram course on school affairs!) Candidates should develop a serious interest in the problems facing the College long before seeking office.

Students who sincerely want to contribute to SG can qualify for election by serving in various capacities before they run for office. Positions on SG agencies and committees, as well as SG Leadership Training Sessions, are open to all interested students. We would also like to inform those candidates who claimed no knowledge of SG activities this term, that they could have picked up a few tidbits by reading the student newspapers whose endorsements they seek.

Vote YES

It seems only sensible that students giving exceptional service to the College should be honored by their fellows. On the other hand, the manner in which honors have been handled by past Student Councils suggests that the mode of awarding needs revision. At best, Council has elected on the basis of hearsay; at worse, Council has been influenced by partisan politics. And always,

many — if not most — awards went to the very members of Council giving them out.

Observation Post urges students to vote YES to the referendum which would take the power to give out honors away from Council. Then, if Council wishes to continue making awards, it will have to devise a better system for handling them and present it as a new referendum next term.

Other Referenda

The Student Activities Board is an anachronism, and any referendum calling for support of the status quo is, to use a Council term, "frivolous and dilatory." Students last term indicated a desire to remove the SAB and, as a result of the great lack of interest, mandatory attendance at Federation meetings was subsequently removed. As long as the student body is again being polled, they must offer the only logical response. The SAB should be abolished because it is not supported, it is functionless, and its very existence is an insult to the concept of responsible student government.

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The referendum "requesting" President Gallagher to return the College to big-time basketball competition once more indicates a lack of thought before action. In reality, the issue is up to the Board of Higher Education which rules that the Colleges of the City University may not play in any arena not under educational supervision and may not play more than 18 games a year. President Gallagher can do little to change the present situation. We urge voters to abstain on this referendum. We encourage SG, on the other hand, to further investigate the question.

Few Candidates In Race For SG Office

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urer, and Stanley Shapiro for Secretary.

The only independents running for executive positions are Robert Levine, and Barry Smith, both presidential aspirants.

Also at stake are four referenda. Three are part of an SG reorganization plan which, besides rearranging freshman representation, and expanding the executive committee to include standing committee chairmen, will lengthen all executive terms to one year. SG executives are now elected for one term.

Another referendum would direct SG to cease giving Honors and Awards, which up until now have been awarded every year, and have been determined by a closed session of Council.

The contest for the six senior positions on SC appears to be over, with only six petitions accepted by the Elections Agency, Alpha Phi Omega.

According to John Zippert, member of Council, and candidate for Secretary on the Competency Slate, two other seniors were planning to run, but would not solicit signatures for the nomination pe-

titions out of respect for the death of John F. Kennedy. "They might appeal" to the Elections Agency, he said.

The six "candidates" are Myron Bassman (NPS), Eric Eisenberg, Ronald Goldberg (NPS), Michael Gross (NPS), Douglas Meyer (NPS), and Terry Vann (NPS).

The Class of '65 and '66 are also represented, with nine and eight candidates, respectively, running. The '65 candidates and their slates are Jim Baltaxe (CS), Joel Cooper (NPS), Jay Fortgang, Bruce Kreiger (NPS), Stanley Lowenthal (NPS), Stephen Marcus (NPS), Fred Newdom (CS), Eric Shtob (CS), and George Spira (NPS).

The '66 candidates are Joel Glasman (NPS), Paul Hirsch (CS), William Kirschler (NPS), Mark Landis (CS), Charles Miller (NPS), Michael Tickin (CS), George Besculides (CS), and Bob Voigt (NPS).

The Freshman Class attracted a larger number of candidates than other classes, as usual, but did not come up to previous years.

The fourteen candidates are Jay Dankberg (NPS), Rosa Mandel Kern (NPS), Richard Kirsch (CS),

Cary Krumholtz (CS), Nikki Landsman (CS), Robert Leader, Lynda Lubar (CS), Jerry Ostroff (NPS), Gregor Owen (CS), Nancy Rothman (NPS), Laura Schecter (NPS), Eileen Steinberg (NPS), Zeldia Steinberg (CS), and Stanley Varon.

The only substantial conflict in class elections occurs in the Junior Class, where there are four candidates for the Presidency and four for the Vice-Presidency.

The '65 presidential candidates are Jay Becker, Isabel Cooper, Robert Myrstord, and Paul Ruder. The vice-presidential candidates are Marvin Fried, Pete Honisberg, Richard Lowenthal, and Eleanor Nagler. Competing for the office of Secretary are Marsha Alpert and Eric Weiss. The Treasurer's office will go uncontested to Judy Stein, also uncontested are '65 Class Council offices which will go to Barbara Orenstein, Howard Price, and Max Varon.

Class of '66 has no executive contenders or council candidates, and the Class of '67 will elect uncontested, Lelia Hans to the Presidency, and Deborah Kosiner to the Vice-Presidency.

President's Choice

To the Editor,

It is customary for the incumbent Student Government President, at this time in the term, to express his preferences in the upcoming elections. I would, however, like to break precedent by first discussing the election which I deem most critical—that for Student Government Treasurer.

The role of the Treasurer is central to the disbursement to the various clubs and organizations of the student activities fee, amounting to over \$30,000 per semester. A comparison of the qualities of the two candidates running for this office can only lead to the conclusion that only one can fill the office—that one being Larry Steinhauer. Larry has served two fruitful terms as a member of the Student Government Fee Commission, and was selected in his first term on Student Council to be Chairman of the Student Council School Affairs Committee, a role which he has filled with extreme competence and with careful attention to the needs of the student body. He is an articulate individual with a firm understand-

ing of the Treasurer's job and all that it involves. His opponent, Alan Blume, although he has served as Student Government President, served only one term on the Fee Commission with little distinction. He has a very poor perception of what the Treasurer's role involves. It is of critical importance that this position be given only to the individual competent and capable of filling the role—**Larry Steinhauer.**

As for the Presidency, two candidates, Howard Simon and Bob Rosenberg are qualified, capable individuals who could serve with merit. However, for several reasons I feel that Howard Simon should be preferred. Howie has a clearer conception of the role and functions of the institution of Student Government. This is due to his intense involvement with the United States National Student Association in which he has served as Chairman of the Metropolitan New York Region as well as having been a member of the National Executive Committee of N.S.A.

Ira Bloom, President
The Student Government

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Let's Look At The Record

- 1—A motion to change Inter-Fraternity Council's allocation of \$135 for Greek Letter to a full subsidy minus \$50 and advertisements.
- 2—The President ruled out of order a motion supporting the civil rights workers who were facing the death penalty for their activities in Americus, Georgia. He based his decision on the clause of Student Government Constitution which states that SG will be concerned with students "in their role as students." The President's decision was appealed, and a vote was taken as to whether the Americus Resolution was out of order. A yes vote upholds the chair's decision.
- 3—When Council was considering ratification of the City University Executive Committee's (CUEC) Constitution, a motion was introduced to amend the constitution so as to authorize the use of the name of the City University only when all members of CUEC were in accord.
- 4—Adoption of the CUEC Constitution.
- 5—A motion to place the question of the continuation of Honors and Awards on the ballot as a referendum.
- 6—A motion to place the second reorganization referendum on the ballot (The first passed 23-0-0).
- 7—A motion to place the third reorganization referendum on the ballot.
- 8—A motion stating Council support the first reorganizational referendum.
- 9—A motion stating Council support the second reorganizational referendum.
- 10—A motion stating Council support the third reorganizational referendum.

Candidate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Pessis	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cooper	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abs.	Yes	Abs.	Abs.	No	No	Abs.
Steinhauer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abs.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lowenthal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abs.	Abs.	No	Abs.	No	No	Yes
Marcus	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Abs.	No	Yes	No	No	No
Ticktin	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Zippert	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kaktin	Abs.	Yes	Yes	Abs.	—	No	Abs.	No	No	No
Shapiro	Abs.	Yes	—	—	No	Abs.	Abs.	No	No	Yes
Smith	—	—	Yes	Abs.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Hirsch*	—	—	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Simon*	—	—	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

* These candidates were admitted to Council in the October election and missed the first meetings.

of Student Government will provide for three Vice-Presidents elected by the Student Body and charged with specific programming responsibilities in his area—Campus, Community, or Educational Affairs. The Executive Committee as well as the rest of the Student Government will then be elected in May for a full year. Only with the year term of office will the executives be provided with the necessary continuity and time to carry out their programs. Without the year term and continuity, we find that even the most vital programs such as Course and Teacher Evaluation have remained stagnated for three terms because of the preoccupation with Student Government elections and the resulting discontinuity due to the rate of turnover in the office. It is the frequency of Student Government elections that inhibits the formation of any on-going programs. The three commissions (Campus, Community and Educational Affairs) are then necessary if Student Government is to limit itself to meaningful activity. A year term of office is necessary if we are to permit Student Government the time and continuity needed to carry out the programs.

In addition, the somewhat meaningless debates over the "Students as Students" clause of the SG constitution has for too long a time been a stumbling block to constructive action by Student Council. We must turn away from this straw man and look to the preamble of that same constitution, which states that one of the purposes of Student Government is—"to foster a recognition of rights and responsibilities of students to their college and community." With this guiding principle we need only confine our efforts to program that will have a meaningful effect on the students, the campus, and the community. The stream of hollow resolutions which recommend no positive action but merely deplore the existence of a problem must be ended. In their place, pro-

grams like those enlisting student participation in a neighborhood program to tutor High School drop-outs (JOIN—Job Orientation In Neighborhoods) and establishing a letter writing campaign to free students jailed unconstitutionally in Americus, Georgia, as well as pursuing our responsibility to students on this campus on questions of academic policy formation, course evaluation and the present "enrollment crisis" must be substituted.

New Perspectives Slate

I. Free Tuition Program

We intend to try to break the partisan politics surrounding this issue. This will be accomplished by personal contact with Republican assemblymen and impressing them with the fact that this should be a non-partisan political question.

We intend to work through the Alumni Association to have publicly known, respected figures make public statements on their attitudes towards the issues.

We intend to send a delegation of Student Leaders to Albany so that they may meet with prominent assemblymen from both sides of the aisle.

II. A Philosophy of Student Government—Programming

It is our firm belief that Student Government's prime responsibility is to work with the student organizations so as to assure the student body of continuous, high-level programming.

III. The Enrollment Crisis

On the basis of present information at our disposal we have grave reservations about the advisability of admitting such large numbers of students to the college. In the event that Dr. Gallagher answers the questions raised by the Ad Hoc Committee of Students, composed

of members of Student Council, then we will:

Try to create an identification by the new students with City College. This is of paramount importance and must be accomplished by working with the student organizations on Campus.

Extend Student Government's role in a Freshman Identification program by sponsoring a week of pre-registration activities culminating in a formal convocation ceremony.

Prepare, in the months ahead, a complete booklet, outlining for the incoming students, all extra-curricular activities and other facts pertinent to College life.

IV. Advisory Board

We intend to establish an Advisory Board to the President of Student Government consisting of the President of I.F.C., House Plan Association, and Tech Council and the Editors-in-chief of the three school papers. The purpose will be to provide the organizations with a liaison so that they will identify with and suggest programs to the Student Government.

V. Small Organizations

We intend to administer to the needs of the small organizations as well as large. Their needs, we feel, can best be met by having the Treasurer and Fee Commission meet with any organization that requests aid or advice pertaining to programming or general organization problems.

VI. Speaker Program

We intend to achieve a regular program of prominent speakers by inviting speakers in the name of the Student Government in conjunction with the Administration and Faculties of the College. In addition, we believe this to be a legitimate area for student fees.

VII. Academics

We intend to make further inroads in the field of academic cooperation. It is our belief that students should have a definite role

in appraising the curricula and faculties of the college. We further believe that this goal can best be accomplished by presenting to the faculty and student body with a mature, respectable image of Student Government.

VIII. Athletics

We intend to gain for the student body a larger share of the responsibility in the programming of athletic events. We find it objectionable than \$20,000 per semester of the students' money should be spent on athletic programming while no student representatives share in the responsibility of making decisions of allocations. Furthermore, we believe a well publicized program of athletics will serve to augment the student's identification with the college.

I. "Students as Students"

We believe that the above points in our platform best exemplify our attitude towards the clause in the Student Government Constitution that provides that we may act on all questions pertaining to students in their role as students.

Addendum: The Student Government Reorganization Referenda:

We feel that we have a responsibility to the Student Body so that they can make an intelligent decision when voting on the proposed changes in the S.G. Constitution. For this reason, we will present the arguments against the proposed changes.

Rosenberg

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brothers. He doesn't smoke or drink.

"I hate to ruin the fraternity image, but I don't have much time for girls either," he apologized.

School work, co-curricular activities such as ZBT, his job as special assistant to SG President Bloom, the Lock and Key Society, and the Government and Law Society, plus an out-of-school job have taken up most of his time. He's proud of the high scholastic average he has maintained despite so many activities.

Bob enjoys American history more than any other subject, and his favorite type book is the historical novel. He reads a great deal, mostly non-fiction books. His greatest interest, however, is people. "I have great faith in people," he said, "But I realize that everyone hopes to satisfy his own interests."

Bob, who was Vice-President under Alan Blume two terms ago, has run in two elections already and has been successful in both.

Simon . . .

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he feels, but "it is on the border line or not existing at all."

His commitment to the ideal of SG, he asserts, is the factor that influenced his suggestion for its reorganization (a plan that has won the strong backing of Bloom, who has also endorsed Simon for President). He cites as an example the proposed one year term which, he hopes, would leave more time for legislating as opposed to electioneering.

Simon plans to go to graduate school following his College graduation, after which he wants to become a "beatnik with a paisley tie that teaches the history of philosophy."

Reorganization Versus the Status Quo

One Year Term

By SG PRESIDENT IRA BLOOM

The Student Government is in the unique position of being the only elected representative body on the campus charged with general responsibility for student welfare. One of the most significant ways in which Student Government can fulfill its responsibility to the college community is through its on-going programs and activities. At present Student Government is greatly hampered in achieving its goal of a series of continuous and meaningful programs by an antiquated system of twice yearly elections and an inherently ineffective Executive Committee structure.

"As I have seen one year of student government at City College and read its history over the years, I am convinced that the greatest single deterrent to the achievement by student government of greater freedoms, responsibilities and long range goals, is the one term system of elections. . . . In fact, in most large colleges and universities today where the student governments are carrying heavy responsibilities, the term of office is for a full year." So writes Dr. Willard W. Blaesser, Dean of Students at the City College.

Mr. Irwin L. Brownstein, member of the College's Department of Student Life and Advisor to Student Organizations, writes: "I have been at the College for the past seven years, and I have thus worked with fourteen Student Government administrations. During this time I have seen each succeeding term's officers grow disillusioned as programs they had worked for, and goals they had set failed to materialize because of the rapidity with which one semester melts into another."

As is pointed out above, the one term tenure of office is a severe limitation on an officer in his attempt to attain a functioning and meaningful Student Government. However, in reality the Student Government officers do not even have the short span of a fifteen week term. As soon as the seventh week of the term arrives, almost everyone in the organization begins planning for the upcoming election and loses all interest in the functioning of Student Government itself. Thus the incumbent administration can find almost no one with the time to spare to work for Student Government! What can be meaningfully accomplished in the attempt to provide for the increased welfare of the student body in the short period of seven weeks?

What are the main points raised by those who oppose the reorganization? These are three in number: (1) the one year tenure will reduce the number of students who can serve in leadership positions; (2) the strain of serving in office for an entire year would affect the individual's academic work; and (3) individuals running for the Presidency cannot accumulate enough experience before running for that office.

What do Dean Blaesser and Mr. Brownstein have to say on the first point? Dean Blaesser: ". . . I believe if our student officers could count upon a full year, they would be able to set in motion and carry through programs that would actually involve significantly more students in leadership roles and in experiences that would have greater value to themselves and to the College."

Mr. Brownstein: "There are those who feel that yearly elections for major office could limit the number of participants in Student Government. They are wrong. The scope of such an organization, and the work it can perform will continue to provide ample opportunity for interested students to serve on the many committees and agencies. Their work will be more meaningful, moreover, because the program will have continuity, and the members will be able to see the results of their endeavors. There will be a limit in the number of students holding major office. I don't feel this is bad. A yearly term of office will more likely draw students whose dedication and involvement in Student Government is sincere than will the present structure, in which the candidate seeking self-aggrandizement could coast along for thirteen weeks."

What of the second objection? Under the new proposals the work of the individual executive officer will be reduced rather than increased. The creation of the three topical vice-presidents will establish clearly defined areas within which each officer works. The work load of the two top officers will be reduced materially. They will thus have greater time to analyze student needs, as well as additional time for academic work. In addition, they will not have to conduct an election campaign in the middle of the Fall term. This in itself will be a major time-saver.

As for the third objection we find that upon examining the present system an individual could run for either Student Government President or Vice-President after having served only one term on the Student Council. Under the proposed system a candidate for these offices must have served at least one full year on Student Council before being eligible to run.

It is time for Student Government to rid itself of this impediment to effectiveness — the twice yearly electoral system.

The second amendment would replace the present three Executive Vice-Presidents elected by the Student Council with three programming vice-presidents — a Campus Affairs Vice-President, an Educational Affairs Vice-President, and a Community Affairs Vice-President — elected by the student body. This change will provide the student body with a much more effective set of programs run by Student Government since each of these Vice-Presidents will be elected by the student body specifically to maintain a group of programs. Thus Student Government's programming activities will be brought directly to the students for judgment.

The third amendment provides for the necessary adjustments in the electoral scheme to implement the initial two amendments.

SG Reorganization To Be Determined By Referenda Vote

Three referenda which will, if passed, bring about major changes in the structure of Student Government will be on the ballot in next week's SG elections.

The referenda encompass the constitutional changes necessary for the enactment of an SG re-organizational plan proposed jointly by SG President Ira Bloom, SG Vice President Girard Pessis, and SG presidential candidate Howard Simon.

The most controversial amendment provides for a full year in office for SG executives who presently serve for one semester.

New Veeps

Another referendum would create three new elective vice-presidents with specific areas of concern: educational affairs, campus affairs, and community affairs. If the entire Bloom-Pessis-Simon plan goes into effect, these VPs will head commissions in their respective areas. Each commission will serve as a standing committee of Student Council and will

COUNCIL URGES

The following is the Student Council vote on motions urging the student body to approve the three referenda printed above: ('A' indicates absence; 'Abs.' indicate abstention.)

	1	2	3
Bloom '64	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pessis '64	Yes	Yes	Yes
Katkin '65	No	No	No
Cooper '65	No	No	Abs.
Atkins '64	Yes	Abs.	Yes
Goldberg '64	Yes	Abs.	Abs.
Kane '64	A	A	A
Mandel '64	Yes	Yes	Yes
Smith '64	Yes	No	Abs.
Steinhauer '64	Yes	Yes	Yes
Becker '65	Yes	Yes	Yes
Engel '65	A	A	A
Kauffman '65	No	No	No
Lowenthal '65	No	No	No
Marcus '65	No	No	No
Simon '65	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eisenstadter '66	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hirsch '66	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rachlin '66	A	A	A
Shapiro '66	No	No	Yes
Tickin '66	Yes	Yes	Yes
Zippert '66	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eisman '67	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reiman '67	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fleischer '67	A	A	A
Salzberg '67	Yes	Yes	Yes
Speigleman '67	Yes	No	Yes

have charge of those SG agencies which operate in its domain.

The object of this amendment is the decentralization of power; each new VP would be taking over a certain part of the SG President's duties.

Change Representation

The third proposed change would alter representation on Council. It reduces the number of freshmen elected in May from six to three (there are approximately 200 freshmen at the College in May).

It also provides for three at-large delegates to be elected in October. This is intended to allow aspirants for executive office who were defeated in the May elections an opportunity to gain seats on Council.

According to this referendum, a special election would be held in December in which the freshman class would elect six representatives.

If the referenda receive support from a majority of those voting in next week's election, they will be submitted to the General Faculty Committee on Student Activities for approval. If they are okayed by the General Faculty, they will probably go into effect in next May's elections.

Six Months Term

By DANNY KATKIN and JOEL COOPER

The student body will be asked this week to decide the fate of student self-government at the College. It has not been proposed that Student Government be abolished, but only that its structure be changed. It is our contention, though, that by changing the structure of Student Government in the manner proposed by Mr. Bloom and his friends, we will have less self-government by the student body and more "government" by student in-groups.

Let us make clear at the outset, what is at issue. There is only one point of contention: the desirability of permitting Student Government executives to remain in office for one full year. Not at issue is the contention that SG should be program-oriented rather than issue-oriented. To this end, all sides agree. Not at issue is the contention that some changes are called for in the structure of student government. To this all sides agree. Most important, not at issue is the possibility that the structural changes put forth in referenda #1 and #3 are steps in the right direction. At issue — and we cannot emphasize this too strongly — is Mr. Bloom's attempt to camouflage, amidst these structural changes, the distasteful concept of SG executives spending one full year in office. We will show that the proposal for the full year span of office, embodied in referendum #2 will serve to harm the concept of student self-government.

We are told that those colleges with really good student governments have officers who serve for a full year; and we are asked to assume a cause and effect relationship. We think that those colleges have good student governments because they are different types of colleges. At Harvard, Wayne State, Indiana and other schools with the full year officers, all social and intellectual activity is centered on campus. Therefore the student governments at campus-oriented colleges are generally high level. This can not be called an analogous situation to that of City College, a commuter college centered in the biggest city in the nation. The situation at Hunter College in the Bronx is more analogous; and their student government, despite its long term officers, is far less efficient than its equivalent here. It may be remembered that our student government managed to organize a 16 busload trip to Albany to fight against tuition. Hunter's program was dismal by comparison. There is no reason to assume that transplanting a system which has worked at some very dissimilar schools will help our school. We are told that this system would work here because it would provide SG with continuity. But our system, as is, has provided for continuity. Members of Student Council are elected for a year. Continuity should come from council. New ideas and new impetus should come from Executive committee.

The year term would, moreover, make our system less efficient than it presently is. In order to be qualified for the Presidency a person should serve in some other executive capacity first; after all, experience counts. So, students would be called upon to spend two consecutive years as officers of the student body. No one, at least no one as far back as we have been able to trace has done this. The reason is obvious. While serving, few officers, if any, have taken more than fifteen credits and some have taken as few as twelve. If they are to graduate on time, and have the reasonably decent grades which they desire, they must take an occasional term "off" and concentrate on a heavy academic load. Even Mr. Bloom, who proposed this plan, took off a term between serving as Vice-President and serving as President. Surely we can't be asked to overlook the possibility that having our officers serve for so long a time would cause the quality of their work, both academic and co-curricular, to diminish rather than increase.

Not only would this plan stand to diminish efficiency; it would also undermine the very reasons for which Student Government exists. The first purpose of SG is to serve as an organization which echoes the desires and attitudes of the student body. These desires and attitudes may change quickly, and the mechanism of Student Government should permit the student body to review student government frequently.

Student Government is also a training ground. Everyone who has served in any organization knows that the individual gains at least as much from serving as the organization gains from his service. This is one of the most important purposes on any organization: to provide as many students as possible with a chance to serve, so that they may learn how to work with others in order to attain worthwhile goals. If this referendum is passed only one half the present number of students will be able to have this worthwhile experience.

There is still another important argument. Student Government is, even now, prone to being run by little in-groups and cliques. When a person is elected he gives the important positions in Student Government to his friends. The people who are not known to the in-group in power at any particular moment have no chance of doing anything worthwhile through Student Government, nor do they have much of a chance of attaining recognition for what they have already done. This situation is bad enough as is. We should seek to remedy it; this plan would aggravate it. At present, an in-group has but a term in which to dominate. Then there is a change over and new people are brought into SG. If this plan is adopted, in-groups would have more time to perpetuate their power; they would have more time to force qualified people out of Student Government for reasons of personality.

All these things being true, the student body should vote to defeat the referendum which would help perpetuate these in-groups. The student body should vote NO on the referendum which provides for officers serving for a full year. The other referenda are far less important than this central one. Though they may be steps in the right direction, it is our hope that the student body will defeat them along with referendum #2, so that they may be resubmitted next term as part of a comprehensive program to get at what really ails SG.

