Beame Defends Free Tuition; Against Bussing in Integration

City Comptroller Abraham Beame declared here yesterday his support of the City University's free tuition policy.

Speaking before the Government and Law Society, the Comptroller said, "Myfour votes will be against charging tuition... There is no question in my mind that the college should be free."

"If the State University Trustees drop the ax," he added, "the raising of the funds necessary to keep the city colleges free "would be our headaches."

Mr. Beame contends that if one member of a family was in a public college which charged a tuition of $100, that family would be paying in effect, a tax of $400. He noted that only twenty percent of New York taxpayers pay this high a state tax.

The Comptroller, a graduate of the College, also commented "as a layman" on President Gallagher's proposal for lowering the admission requirements to the College. He declared himself opposed to lowering admission requirements if such a move would "lower the status of the College." He added that he would be happier if the city's elementary and high schools would prepare their students better, so that more applicants would be admitted to the colleges without any lowering of admission standards.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**The Men**

**SIMON FOR PRESIDENT:** If experience and competency are the deciding factors Howard Simon will be elected president of Student Government. One of the originators of the reorganization plan, Simon has worked very closely with this term’s president, Ira Bloom. He, too, was on Council three terms and has supervised the activities of some thirty-five student governments in the Metropolitan area while serving as Regional Chairman of the National Student Council last year. Simon is intelligent and capable; the student body would be doing itself a favor by electing him.

**PESSIS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:** Girard Pessis is a living argument for allowing SG executives to serve a full year. In Student Government, Pessis has laid the groundwork for effective action in the face of student struggle. He has made contacts with state political leaders, the College’s Alumni Association and State University student leaders. But Pessis’ term in office expires in January — just as the State Legislature usually should be re-elected to finish the job he has started so ably.

**STEINHAUER FOR TREASURER:** We would trust Larry Steinhauser with our fee allocations and we recommend that you do the same. Having served two terms on Fee Commission and having been Treasurer and Manager of the Debating Team, he is most familiar with the duties of the office and quite competent to handle them. In addition, he possesses the maturity and intelligence necessary for successful fulfillment of the Treasurer’s tasks, Elect Larry Steinhauser.

**ZIPPERT FOR SECRETARY:** John Zippert is a rarity in Student Government, a politician who does speak forthrightly and convincingly, but he gets things done. Not content, as some Councilmen, with producing a lot of hot air on Wednesday night, Zippert works hard, the rest of the week to turn Council meetings into meaningful action. Zippert should be made a member of the executive whose plan he can accomplish even more.

**The Issues**

**YES ON REORGANIZATION:** Student Government is endangered with a vast number of pressing issues. Passage of the three referenda on SG reorganization will insure the fulfillment of all possibilities. Year term executive officers will insure the creation and support of meaningful on-going SG projects. John Simon for President, Girard Pessis for Vice Presidents will easily be the President’s work load and increase the representation on Exec Committee. OP urges student to vote YES on all three referenda.

**ABOLISH THE SAB:** Students last term indicated a desire to remove the SAB because its not supported, it is functionless, and its very existence is an insult to the concept of responsible student government.

**YES ON AWARDS:** The manner in which Honors and Awards have been bestowed by past Student Councils suggests that the mode of praise needs revision. At best, Council awards have the power to give out awards.

**ABSTAIN ON BASKETBALL:** The final determination as to the College’s participation in big-time basketball is up to the Board of Higher Education. It is therefore proper that the College’s students and University may not play in any arrangement under educational supervision and may not play more than 18 games a year. President Gallagher can do little to change the arbiters of this question. We urge voters to ABSTAIN on this referendum and encourage SG to further investigate the question.

**SPECIFICALLY NOTHING**

In OP’s recent editorial entitled “The writer of my profile wrote state- what I believe and removing the [sic] from their profile is hereby misrepresented [sic] my belief. In proper context I stated that I shall try to guide and lead student council [sic] in the achievement of [sic] of those goals which I have set for SG. I shall [sic] stand by my commitment to a forum or Roundtable on the crucial issues facing America and the World will be instituted at City College. This forum will be outside of the circle[sic] framework. If the other candidates are not worthy, anything they should also desire to push to the forefront of their own agenda, if SG alone must. At CCNY, students must be educated outside of the present cur- riculum. I believe that in order to solve these issues placed before them in this roundtable or forum of ideas, the principles of high school education within the[sic] faculty and interested student[sic] body in achieving our goals; I believe there are students outside of our arachne circle[sic]. Ann [sic] executive leadership is functionless, accomplishes specifically nothing,” Barry S. Smith, Candidate for Executive Committee.

**SHALLOW**

To the Editor: I found the extracts from SG minutes by Joel Cooper, presented in my November 1st, issue, both disappointing and shallow. Immediately, I show how his bias of discrimination by his indirect statements of the word “what if SG alone will respect to the nation or the city, he is way off; if with respect to the nation, a city, Cordiculation here at City College? The Office of the President of SG is one of the highest responsibility [sic] and prestige. The office of SG is the barometer of the students of the City College. The President’s work load and increase student representation necessary for successful fulfillment of the President’s tasks, Elect Larry Steinhauser.

My unhappiness deepens when I read that “It is a known fact that our present curriculum does not cater to those students who come from a culturally deprived home.” But how is it, if you know? Not having taken Sociology 1, the entire sentence seems less categorically wrong to me. I believe I insinutively sense its import. I took my share of SATs, and I cannot imagine how the entire Mathematics section could discriminate against any student who had learned mathematics in high school mathematics and could apply them with facility, even if he might be teaching in a public, or private school dwellers. As for the English section, the vocabulary questions are straightforward generally, and only the reading comprehension seems debatable standards: I do not see how I could have interpolated a passage of a short fiction piece on somebody’s boat (Dec., 1961), if I was culturally deprived. Sociology 1, I am not doubtful, will need to show that a student who has retained next to nothing from his high school work is not neces­sarily culturally deprived. A student with limited vocabulary, or has impaired reading ability is suitable for ma­tricity here at City College.

Finally, I do not believe it is President Gallagher’s aim to have “minority” students hurled into a non-representative Student Government, “inflated” averages, although this seems to be Joel Cooper’s “cause.” Rather, I think Dr. Gallagher felt that by lowering the composite score re­quired for admission, these stu­dents who are not among the “cream,” but certainly not among the “whey,” would be admitted.

John Hochman

**LIBRARY**

To the Editor: As a member of City College (Class of 1961), I am deeply dis­turbed by what I consider an outrageous and unjust ruling on the part of the officials of the Cohen Library and I am writing this letter in hopes that the public voice of OP may alert the Student body to the facts and perhaps bring about some change in this matter. I refer to the recent rules im­posed by the Cohen Library con­cerning overdue fines and charges of lost books. I feel certain that the student body and its representa­tives should be consulted when a charge of 10¢ per day was de­clared on late books and I am certain that the student body would strongly object if given this opportunity. This extraordinar­ily large fine is unjustified and I believe unfairly, will create a sev­ere hardship on students of limited financial means and will in no way solve the problem of overdue books and strained library resources. In addition, and most infuriating charges for lost books. The library insists on not only accumulated late fines (at 10¢ per day) and $4.00 as payment on a book (no matter what the actual price) but they de­mand a $5.00 “service charge” for certain unnamed services. So, ac­cording to my calculations, if a student were to lose an out of print book worth $4.00, and reported it a week late, his total charges to the Library would be $50.00. Cer­tainly the student should pay for or replace the lost item, but I con­centrate on this line, that these charges are unreasonable and unjust. It is undoubtedly true that the Library is facing a serious prob­lem with the increased enrollment and a limited number of books. The book must be returned promptly so that the maximum benefits may be obtained by all the students. The minute fees are great, however, that this system is of dubious value and

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Beyond The Gates

By Ronnie Reigh

Women students at the University of Colorado may be on the verge of emancipation. Students have overwhelmingly supported a referendum which would allow all women students to choose their own residence and regulate their own hours. By the present rule, co-eds must be over 23 to reside off campus. This rule was called discriminatory since no similar regulations exist for the University's men students who are free to live where they choose.

In a similar move at the University of Wisconsin, senior women will vote completely unrestricted, while junior women will have unlisted hours over the week-ends.

In Paris two weeks ago, hundreds of students were clubbed, punched and sprayed with fire hoses as they fought police in the streets demonstrating against the almost unbearable overcrowding in Paris universities. Next year, while the enrollment climbs to 600,000 or more, it will be a 15% increase in classroom facilities and teaching positions. Hardest hit of all the variable Sorbonne, which was built some 200 years ago to accommodate 10,000 students.

For many of the 22,000 students now crowded into the University, a Sorbonne education means enrollment in the fall and waiting in piles around the school every day for the rest of the year in order to copy the notes of friends who could squeeze into class. Says its Sorbonne's director, Jean Roch, "We are at the brink."

A full scale search for academic talent among Negroes in the South is underway at the Ivy League colleges; the "Seven Sisters" and the Big Three. As part of the recruiting program, representa- tives from all the colleges have been visiting Southern high schools with predominantly Negro enrollments in order to encourage them to take applications.

Another plan, under discussion, would have talented students from both the North and the South take summer courses at the participating colleges before their senior year. It is hoped that it would provide students with adequate preparation to meet the rigid standards of Northern colleges.

Green mold on the bologna, worms in the salad, random fingernails, petrifying masses scattered about may be found in a dormitory attic in Berkeley, according to a report filed to California's State Board of Health by one of its students. The student, who asked to remain anonymous, said, "Not only do many students com- plain, but several are actually afraid to eat the food for fear of what they will find."

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At the University of Chicago the Small School Talent Search, which was organized four years ago to locate superior students in the nation's high schools with small towns, will be followed by a similar program to be called the California School Talent Search. The project has been approved by the California State Board of Education. The Volunteer organizers, who have been in California for two months, said preliminary data indicate a larger effort than in the past.

Large scholarships and special orientation programs have been set up to give students in small education they would otherwise have missed.

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Hofstra will receive a complete architectural face-lifting to elimi- nate the "barriers that have made the disabled person a back-door cit-izen." All areas of the campus will be made accessible to the handicapped individual, with special emphasis given to the residence halls and the wheelchair-bound student. Modifications will include ramps, hand- rails, fire exits and the like. Properly trained and minded staff will be added to the school's buildings. Said Dean of Students, Richard Sullivan, "I can't see why any human being with the intellectual and psychological qualifications of an average college student should not be denied this opportunity because he can't go up a flight of stairs." Hofstra will be the only east- ern college so equipped.

The Campus Scourge Strikes Again: Qualification's Stalks Unwary

By Gregor Owen

Elections are almost over, and along with the crumpled mimeograph sheets and discarded position papers, the new student will notice the dated expression and faltering moves that mark those of his classmates who have fallen prey to a psychological disorder common at the College: qualificationitis.

Qualificationitis is that disease while making an honest attempt to comprehend the listing of qualifications, the student may print during every election. Among the fourth or fifth hour of involvement in one school activity or another, he is apt to feel himself to be an unqualified candidate for any office.

"There's no such thing" he will whim- per; and indeed it might seem to the casual observer that even the lowest candidate must have spent at least sixty hours in school activity or another.

For instance, one competent fol- lowed was "First Alternate to the Student-Faculty Bookstore Com- mittee." Another, running for SG Trea- surer, included bowling, softball and football intramural activities and membership in the Freshman Baseball Team among his qualifi- cations.

This same candidate also in- cluded somewhere in his three in- thes of application the following: "Student Government President... Chairman, Student Government Re- ceptive Committee... Delegate to the City University Council of Student Bodies..."

This is a New Perspective in qualifications, since every SG presi- dent necessarily holds all three positions.

At this point, the student's case of qualificationitis is at its feverish climax. He'll shuffle a little as he reads a candidate for class office as "Participating Student Anti-Tuition Rally, Albany."

Perhaps he will read of a fresh- man candidate for SC who lists, as her only qualifications: "Secre- tary of the Bridge Club; Member of House Plane Association; Mem- ber of the Witches' Dynasty; Mem- ber of Sigma Xi."

With trembling hands and wat- ered eyes, the student will close his Observation Post, and perhaps will stare vacantly at the sloping forms of the candidates, or at the blank spaces of the ballot, and perhaps he'll feel that it's not worth voting this term; perhaps he'll tend to be a little apathetic about SG in general.

Qualificationists will have claim- ed another victim, and no fund drive on earth will ever cure him.

Spirit of Giving:

HPS To Stage Xmas Benefits

While many of the College's students are caught up in the last minute frenzy of buying Christmas presents, forty member Houses of the House Plane Association are quietly and diligently planning the annual Yuletide projects for young children in the Col- lege's neighborhood.

Each year the children eagerly await their chance to be entertained by the Homes for Xmas Bene- fits for them by HPA. In addition to the parties, the houses are planning picnics, bowling, skating, musical skills and numerous visits to children's hospitals.

Trip To Kentucky Tops Yale Drive

A Christmas trip to Ken- tucky, in support of a wild- cat coal strike, is being sup- ported by the College's branch of the Committee for Miners.

The group is also collecting money, food and children's clothing. Thus far, the New York drive, comprised mainly of students from Columbia and the College, has col- lected $130 in cash plus food and clothing. According to the organi- zation's leader here, Bob Jacob- son, the collections will continue until December 20, when the group will leave for Hazard, Kentucky.

The committee, which has thirty active members at the Col- lege, is planning to distribute the food and clothing, to hold a Christ- mas party and a miner-student seminar, and to publicize the situa- tion. Room 108 Finley is being used for collections and re- ceiving of contributions.

Miners Ask Raise

The miners, led by Berman Gib- son, who spoke at the College a few weeks ago, have been on the picket line since September, 1962, and are asking for a raise from 25c per day wages and the re-institu- tion of their lost hospital bene- fits.

Martin Jackson

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Puerto Rico...

"Puerto Rico: What is its fu- ture?" Statehood, Common- wealth, Independence. The debate will be discussed by Juan Mardi- bras, the Deputy General of the M.P.I. (Puerto Rican Pre-Independence Movement), at 4 PM in Room 212 Finley.
The College's basketball team has been ripping through opponents lately like the amazing Boston Celtics of professional basketball fame. Following the analogy one step further, one could reason that the Beavers are one step ahead of the Celts in that the powerful Boston club has lost two games this season while the Lavender has lost only one.

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