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CITY COLLEGE

RFK to Campaign Against Tuition; Supports Restoration of Mandate

The free-tuition issue has been made an integral part of Robert F. Kennedy's Senatorial campaign, it was announced Friday night. Kennedy had issued a statement Thursday detailing his support of restoration of the free-tuition mandate to State law.

His staff has been augmented by students attracted to his tuition stand; they will participate in district level campaigns linking Kennedy with free tuition. Students from the College presently working with Kennedy Headquarters include SG Treasurer Marty Kauffman, Danny Katkin, Stan Lowenthal, Fred Newdom, Jerry Ostroff and Mike Lyons.

"We are presenting the man and the issue as one," Katkin said, "it may be the most important issue of the campaign."

Student campaign activities will include a flashlight parade in Manhattan or the Bronx on November 1, with both pro-Kennedy and anti-tuition activities extending up to the 3rd.

Groups of 15 to 20 students will man street corners at the Grand Concourse and Fordham Road, Grand Concourse and 170th Street, Pelham Bay Parkway and on White Plains Road — to distribute campaign literature tonight. They will be at Broadway and 181st Street, Broadway and Dyckman



Robert F. Kennedy
Free Tuition A Campaign Issue

"We intend to have students out on the streets every night," Katkin said.

Kennedy will emphasize his opponent's lack of interest in higher education and his reluctance to appropriate funds for higher education. Senator Kenneth B. Keating has several times voted against large Federal bills that would have provided up to \$120 million for the city. Senator Keating has been quoted as calling aid to education "simply a handout."

Kennedy has called for the rescinding of the "Republican mandate imposing tuition at the State University as quickly as in administratively possible and the statutory guaranteed of free tuition at the State and City University should be restored.

Katkin feels that combining student participation for free tuition with a campaign for Kennedy will bring out more students, and prove beneficial to both.

St., and on Broadway and 207th Street tomorrow, and at the Staten Island Ferry Terminal Thursday.

Bio Dept. Brews A Storm

By ANN EPSTEIN

News that the Biology Department has instituted its first curricular changes since 1928 was received with radically opposed views by faculty and students at the College.

Teachers in the department greeted the new system with considerably more enthusiasm than did their charges.

"What does a Pre-Med student need with two terms of botany?" a senior majoring in Biology wailed. As singularly reluctant to disclose her name as were virtually all of the students interviewed, she went on to term the new Curriculum as being "too rigid," saying she feared that it "would not allow the individual to branch out into other fields in which he might be interested."

This view was in marked contrast to the opinion of Prof. Joseph Copeland (Biology), who, as a member of the department's curriculum revision committee, was "completely in favor of" the changes. He saw the new "core" courses as an attempt to provide all Biology majors with a "broad knowledge of the general field of biology as a whole," and as a way to promote deeper concentration and advanced study in their particular areas of specialization.

"Core" courses, originated in the course of the reorganization, consist of a series of studies in biology, each concentrating upon the broad aspects of a particular field (ecology, history of biology, etc.)

There were reservations among students, however, about the effectiveness of the new classes. Many questioned the advisability of beginning a new curriculum, even on an elective basis, with existing

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English Majors May Advise On Curriculum

Members of the English Department Thursday with approximately 75 English majors discussed possible changes in the curriculum and graduate school requirements. They ended up by agreeing to establish an ad hoc committee of students and teachers to conduct a study of the curriculum.

Prof. Stephen Merton opened the meeting by declaring that the Department was considering increasing the required number of elective credits from eighteen to twenty-four because the Department felt that English majors had not been taking enough electives on their own. He added that many graduate schools preferred courses covering a diverse number of literary periods, rather than the one-course, one period system generally followed at the College.

Several students responded that they didn't need any prodding to take more than the present minimum of credits. An informal poll was then taken which showed that those present had taken an average of 30 credits of electives.



Free Tuition Campaign Opens With High But Damp Spirits

More than 200 students from the College, Hunter, and Queens invaded the Sixth and Eighth Assembly Districts in Manhattan last Saturday in an effort to publicize the refusals of incumbent Assemblymen Paul J. Curran and John M. Burns to vote for discharge from committee of the free tuition mandate.

Despite a continual downpour, small groups of students canvassed blocks within the target areas, distributing free tuition flyers and a special free tuition edition of (Continued on Page 2)

Former JFK Aid To Speak Thurs.

Arthur Schlesinger Jr., noted American historian and former advisor to President John F. Kennedy, will join Jonathan Bingham, Bronx reform Democratic leader and a candidate for Congress, here Thursday, in a discussion of the campaign.

The discussion, which will be co-sponsored by the Government and Law Society and the College's Young Democrats, will take place in Aronow Auditorium.

Prof. Schlesinger has recently been traveling in New York State, trying to convince dissident liberals to support the Senatorial candidacy of Robert F. Kennedy, the late President's brother.

Mr. Bingham defeated former Bronx political boss Charles Buckley in a Democratic primary election earlier this year.

Justice Department 'Complicity' Charged In Mississippi Terror

By M. LAMBERT KNIGHT

A condemnation of the Justice Department's "complicity" in the Mississippi bombings, and a plea to President Johnson for aid climaxed Thursday's CORE rally on the South Campus lawn.

Former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy was assailed as an "accomplice to murder" in Mississippi through the Justice Department's inaction in the wake of this summer's bombings and killings. Steve Cagan, President of the College's CORE chapter, in attacking Kennedy, denounced the country's "so-called liberal government."

By overwhelming voice vote, the gathering of approximately 100 students approved the text of a telegram to be sent to President Johnson. \$29.61 was collected for the cost of the message, and for contributions to the Council of Federated Organizations which sponsored the Mississippi Summer



Marion Berry
Condemns Justice Department

Project.

Guest speaker Marion Berry, a full time worker for the Student Nonviolent Coordination Committee, explained that the Mississippi Negro was "sick and tired or being sick and tired. We want all of our freedom. We want it here, and we want it now."

Elections . . .

Petitions for all positions to be filled in fall elections are due by 2 PM tomorrow. Balloting for three delegates-at-large, two delegates for Class of '65, and one for Class of '66, will be held on October 28, 29 and 30. Other positions to be filled are Secretary for the Class of '66, one delegate to Class Council '65, four delegates to Class Council '66, and one delegate to Class Council '67. The campaign will begin on October 22.

Expect Revision To Get Boost By Curriculum Comm. Changes

By FRED ARIAS

Curriculum revision is expected to get a boost from a change in structure in the Curriculum and Teaching Committee and the Student Faculty Committee on the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, SG sources predicted.

In a meeting between Dean Reubin Frodin, SG President John Zippert, and Educational Affairs Vice President Howie Simon, it was decided that students would no longer be members of the Curriculum and Teaching Committee. Zippert said that Dean Frodin felt students were not a necessary asset to the functioning of the committee and that the Dean and faculty committee members would exercise less restraint in discussing the personalities of faculty members without them.

Zippert said the new structure for the Student-Faculty Committee on the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, which will be brought up before Student Council for approval this week, will carry with

it a commitment to maintain an exchange of material with the other committee. He explained that the student-faculty committee would have access to the minutes of the all-faculty group, so that the same issues could be discussed and that resolutions that the former produced would be considered by the Teaching and Curriculum Committee.

The SG President added that the functions of the committees are to focus attention on the need for change in curriculum, suggest and discuss methods of changing the curriculum, and to make recommendations to the departments.

Zippert noted that the aim of curricular revision is to devise an interdepartmental approach to basic courses.

Biology . . .

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facilities.

"I'm in favor of the proposals," a bio major stated, "but I doubt seriously whether the department has either the equipment or enough specialists to carry them off."

"The courses will be introduced as facilities permit," stated Prof. Leonard Sayles (Chmn., Biology). "We are not establishing courses that are more involved; students will just cover a broader area." Prof. Erik Fries (Biology)

agreed. "The institution of these classes has to be gradual . . . bit by bit," he said, adding that the teachers already present in the department would be equal to the demands of the new courses.

There was one point, however, upon which both students and faculty agreed; that of the necessity of revising the general curriculum. One student stated, "it is ridiculous to offer new courses in any department when a student has to take too many required courses. The student has no room to take elective biology courses."

Tuition . . .

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Observation Post, while some trucks followed citing the position on tuition of the campaigning assemblymen.

The day was highlighted by several impromptu debates between Curran and canvassing students on the feasibility of discharging the mandate. Mr. Curran stated that the anti-tuition drive had had no harmful effect on the campaign.

Earlier in the day SG Executive Vice President, Joel Cooper, Chairman of the City University Tuition Coordinating Committee, addressed the volunteers at a rally in the Auditorium of the Baruch School. Emphasizing that the students are not workers for the Democratic Party," he declared, "I need not beg to any man for free higher education," and promised future campaigns against other assemblymen. The meeting was also addressed by the President of the Baruch Student Government, Fred Schwartz.

Daily campaigns have been scheduled against Assemblymen Curran, and on Saturday, October 24, a massive action is planned in the districts of Assemblymen Robert Kelly (Ninth A.D. Brooklyn) and Edward Amann (First A.D. Staten Island). Queens Assemblymen Anthony J. Savarese, (Thirteenth A.D.), and Fred Preller, (Ninth A.D.) will be target on Saturday, October 25.

Students to Debate on the Air; Civil Rights Will Be the Topic

As the presidential campaign moves into its final weeks, two debaters from the College will take to the radio to discuss one of its leading issues.

Tonight at 8:30 PM on WRVR, Bruce Freund and Alan Pomerantz will debate New York University on the proposition that "the civil rights of all Americans would be more effectively promoted by a Republican than by a Democratic administration."

Freund and Pomerantz will defend the affirmative. Ironically, Pomerantz is President of the College's Young Democratic Club.

Tonight's debate is the third in a series of four debates between New York colleges on "Major Issues of the Campaign." NYU has won the first two debates, defeating Barnard in the opener on the question of condemning extremist groups and last week conquering Fordham on the issue of reducing the role of government in society.

The winner of tonight's debate will meet Columbia next week for

the unofficial city "championship." In the past, debaters from the College have done exceedingly well against both Columbia and NYU.

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OBSERVATION POST

VIVIAN BROWN
Editor-in-Chief

The Gallant 200

The fact that more than two hundred students from the City University were willing to brave Saturday's rains to participate in the free-tuition campaign is an encouraging sign. It may have been a result of election-year fever, an increase in interest in preserving free tuition, or the realization that free tuition campaigns can be fun. What ever the reason for its existence, we hope the spirit evident Saturday will continue to be present until November third, Election Day.

Now that the rushing season is past, perhaps the Inter-Fraternity Council and the individual fraternities can devote more of their efforts to providing man-power and leadership for the free-tuition effort. Free-tuition is probably as important to members of fraternities and sororities as to any other student, and is probably essential to the maintenance of the fraternity system as we know it at the College.

As for House Plan's seeming disinterest in the tuition threat, we can only point out that the Association, as an organization whose roots are deeply entwined in the College's history, should realize the absolute necessity of maintaining the free tuition policy. We are gratified that HPA's managing board has at last taken a stand on the question, but these words unsupported by action have less meaning than the deep silence which had previously prevailed.

Both IFC and HPA have been either unable or unwilling to raise broad support for the free tuition campaign. If they are unable to raise this support, we must express regret, and perhaps suggest some sort of re-organization; if they are unwilling to, we can only wonder if the fight is worth it.

A Welcome Surprise

The decision of the English Department to consult the student body before instituting its curricular revisions came as a pleasant and welcome surprise. By the formation of an ad hoc committee of English majors, the Department has demonstrated a desire to mold its curriculum around student needs.

We hope (and presume) that this attitude will lead to a more workable and more beneficial English program, through which more students may find themselves prepared adequately for graduate studies.

Prof. Edmund Volpe, and his department, have taken an important and commendable step which the rest of the faculty might do well to consider.

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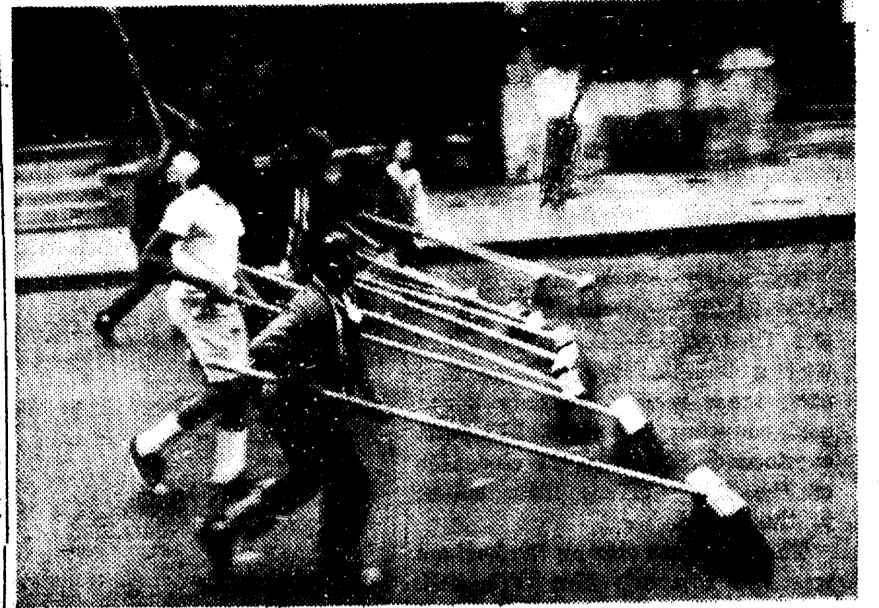
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CORE "Blocks" Slum Housing



Neighborhood children swept the streets as part of a cleanup festival last summer.

By JOSHUA MILLS

Members of the College's Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) organized parents and tenants into "The West 122nd Street Block Association" this summer to improve the living conditions on 122nd Street between 7th and 8th Ave.

The Block Association, headed by a resident of the area, Mrs. Lillian Scott, under the direction of CORE, had two aims: to organize tenants into effective building councils, and to force landlords and the City of New York to fulfill their obligations.

A housing clinic was established to aid tenants in completing forms necessary for repairs or rent reduction, and among its accomplishments were the rewiring of several apartments, the painting of an apartment house, and the reduction of rent in another pending completion of repairs.

To introduce youngsters of the block to various sights of New York, trips were made to museums,

zoos, and the Staten Island ferry. For many of the children, it was their first trip outside of Harlem.

The highlights of the summer were the two cleanup festivals, held on June 6 and August 20. Aided by the Department of Sanitation, the Block Association cleaned the streets, hosed down the stoops, emptied back yards and alleys of garbage and served refreshments to all the children participating. These festivals not only cleaned up the block, but helped instill in the residents the spirit of cooperation and advertised the aims of the Association. The second festival also signaled the opening of a voter registration campaign which instructed residents on how and where to register.

The Association plans to inaugurate a roach extermination drive and a remedial reading program this fall, and hopes that tenant participation can be increased to a point where the program will be able to extend its activities until the block serves as an example for other such organizations in Harlem.

We Gain In The Lawn Run: Arbor-tration Hits The Campus

South Campus lawn, the College's example of nature at its finest, has been infested by machines strongly reminiscent of Coney Island, and by men performing weird acrobatic stunts. Actually the machines and the men, employees of the College's Buildings and Grounds Department, are pruning the branches of the trees. This operation is necessary to keep our trees in good condition by removing dead wood. It is not, however, the only attempt to beautify the campus.

Last week Japanese ginkgo trees were planted on Convent Avenue in front of Lewisohn Stadium. These trees, however, esoteric, are nevertheless extremely well suited to the city environment, and will eventually provide greenery



Ginkgo Tree
New Look on Convent Ave.

and shade for all students passing between the North and South Campi. The trees previously planted on this spot were unable to survive the pressures of City College life.

Many students have noticed that the massive oak tree obstructing the tennis courts was recently cut down. Mr. Fleming, superintendent of the Department of Buildings and Grounds, stated Friday that the tree was a danger to the students and faculty of the College. The branches were dying, and someone might have been injured by falling limbs.

CLASSIFIED ADS

PROFESSIONAL TYPING—plays, novels, reports, releases, resumes. Mimeographing. Rush work. SU 7-1310.

WHY DID Jimmy's P. Goodwin run before the ball was snapped?

JOYCE: you finally made "Them!"

—Karp, Maier

USMMA Tops Harriers 24-35; O'Connell Cops First Place Again

By RICHARD SIMON

All hopes for an unbeaten season and quite possibly the Championship of the Collegiate Track Conference were lost Saturday amidst the mud of Van Cortlandt Park as the College's cross-country team was shaded by the harriers of Kings Point by a score of 24:35.

The score was originally reported at 24-40, but was changed after the *Observation Post* discovered that a technicality, stating that each team may have only seven men counting for place, had been overlooked. However, the closeness of the score offers little solace to the squad.

The brightest star on the horizon was the Beaver's Jim O'Connell, who splashed to victory by 300 yards in a sparkling time of 28 minutes and 3 seconds. O'Connell was never headed and solidified his position as one of the top collegiate runners in the East.

Mariner Lloyd Smith followed O'Connell across the finish line with a clocking of 28:57, while teammate Joe Belmonti copped the third position in 29:26. Captain Marcell Sierra and Abe Assa performed well for the Lavender, taking fourth place and seventh place, respectively, with times of

29:37 and 30:17. With John Bourne ill, and Sophomore Gus Marinas uneligible, the



Coach Francisco Castro Sees Team's First Defeat

squad's lack of depth has been its greatest weakness. This weakness was exploited by Kings Point. The Mariners placed ten runners in the final standings before the Beaver's fifth man was able to register. Peter Ziemba, taking the 13th position, and Bob Casey, in 15th place, completed the varsity scoring.

SUMMARY

1. O'Connell, CCNY	28:03
2. Smith, USMMA	28:57
3. Belmonte, USMMA	29:26
4. Sierra, CCNY	29:37
5. Cartridge, USMMA	29:54
6. Powers, USMMA	29:55
7. Assa, CCNY	30:17
8. Schnaber, USMMA	30:49
9. Soavins, USMMA	31:39
10. Chandler, USMMA	31:57
11. Dunn, USMMA	32:21
12. Havsey, USMMA	32:12
13. Ziemba, CCNY	32:57
14. Clark, USMMA	33:18
15. Casey, CCNY	34:06

A Club's Spirit Lingers On

When John L. Lewis called his famous mine workers' strike during World War II he never expected the College to form a sports fan club as a result.

The banner of the club, now defunct, still flies at the College's athletic events with the name "45 Club"—brought there in hopes of its revival.

The club was begun quite by accident by Lewis and Professor Frank Thorton of the Economics Department at the Baruch School. Thorton often took his classes on field trips. One time in the mid 1940's, he had chartered a bus to take his students to the coal mining country in Pennsylvania, but Lewis, head of the coal miners union, called a strike.

Thorton now had a bus but no place to go. One of his students suggested going to see the College's football team which was playing Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa., and Thorton agreed. Many of the students enjoyed the trip so much that they

formed a permanent club with Thorton as its faculty adviser.

Since there were only forty-five seats on the bus, the club was limited to that number of members. It is from this fact that the club derived its name.

Even though the football team rarely won a game, the club never lost its enthusiasm and followed the Beaver eleven wherever it travelled. When the College's basketball team became very successful in the late 1940's other students chartered buses and went along with the club.

Nine busloads of students once attended a basketball game at Temple University in Pennsylvania. The club, however, was limited to forty-five members to keep it a tightly knit organization.

After the basketball scandals in 1951, the club slowly died out and had vanished completely by 1958.

Nimrods Open Season Friday; Prospects For Success Good

By MARK BENDER

The College's rifle team is aiming at more than one target this season, as they prepare to bear down on Rutgers this Friday in their first competition.

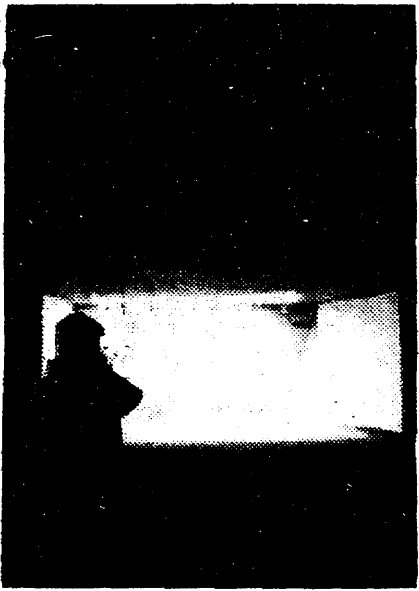
They'll be trying for the Met league championship and for a

and Matt Cordillo will rejoin their teammates. All have recently been shooting in the high 280's which is near perfect.

Returning from last year will be the bulk of the team's power—Bernie Abramson, Bruce Gitlin, Fred Bondzeit, Stan Fogel, Jim Volinsky, Bob Didner, and Steve Glickman. Returning as a junior from military service will be Matt Horween. These men along with the shooters up from last year's freshman team should be able to top all teams in both divisions of the league.

The league in which the Lavender played last year underwent some changes over the summer. Manhattan and Fordham were removed, and the league has been divided into Northern and Southern divisions.

The Beavers will only shoot in about half as many matches this year, but St. John's and St. Peter's, the arch rivals of the Lavender, will still be out trying to discolor the nimrod's record. Along with the Beavers in the Northern division is St. Peter's. If the Lavender cops the Northern division championship, it will have to meet the top team in the Southern division which could well be St. John's, last year's league champions.



Nimrod Prepares For Opener

team total of at least 1425 points out of a possible 1500 in each meet.

The new Coach of the Lavender riflers, Noah Ball, expects another good season since three men who shot for the Beavers in 1962 are returning. Jerry Uretsky, last year's team manager and this year's team captain, Frank Palka,

VARSIY and FRESHMEN RIFLE 1964-65

Day	Date	Time	Opponent	Place
Fri.	Oct. 30	7:00	Rutgers	Away
Fri.	Nov. 6	7:00	Seton Hall	Away
Fri.	Nov. 13	7:00	N C E	Home
Fri.	Nov. 20	7:00	Stevens	Away
Fri.	Dec. 4	4:00	Navy (F&V)	Away
Fri.	Dec. 11	7:00	N Y C C	Away
Fri.	Feb. 5	6:30	Cooper Union	Home
Sat.	Feb. 6		Army (F&V)	Away
Sat.	Feb. 13		U. S. Coast Guard	Away
Fri.	Feb. 19	7:00	Iona	Home
Fri.	Feb. 26	7:30	St. Peters	Home
Fri.	Mar. 5	7:30	Columbia and N Y U	Home

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