Faculty Reacts To Enrollment Controversy

Volpe Attacks Overcrowding In Letter to Gallagher

By LINDA FEUERBERG

Professor Edmund M. Volpe (Chmn., English) attacked plans to admit additional freshman and erect temporary facilities in a letter to President Buell G. Gallagher yesterday. "I expect the [English] faculty to back me unanimously," he said.

Copies of the chairman's letter were distributed yesterday among the English faculty at both Brooklyn and Baruch — so that "those who wish to endorse my protest may sign a copy of this letter," he explained.

Although he would have preferred the department to act as a unit, he said, in expressing their opposition he felt immediate action was necessary.

At a departmental meeting Thursday afternoon, the letter was returned to the drafting committee for re-wording.

"This is the quickest form of protest at the moment," Prof. Volpe said, "As I am not able to call another departmental meeting until November."

Dean Leo Hamilton (Curricular Guidance), a member of the drafting committee, said Prof. Volpe's letter defined "general principles that put things into form."

He maintained it was only semantics that differentiated the resolution from Prof. Volpe's letter, and expressed his wholehearted support of the protest.

Professor Theodore Dominello, chairman of the largest department at the college, urged the College's faculty and entire student body to unite behind "the chairman of the largest department in the College."

"We're all signing it," said Professor Henry Leffort (Eng.). "I agree absolutely, and I hope the whole faculty does too."

Dr. Gallagher was unavailable for comment.

Finley Center Room Changes

Approved by Advisory Board

By IVON SCHMUKLER

The Finley Center Board of Advisors approved last night the first major room re-allocations since 1958.

The changes were made after evaluating community and college service, as well as membership of student organizations, according to Edmund Sarfaty, the Center's director.

"It is not enough for a club to be big; what you did with your leisure is a major consideration," he explained.

Several North Campus organizations were allotted Finley Center rooms for the first time, Sarfaty said.

Questionnaires were sent out last year to each organization by Kathryn Burke (Efficient Life), who asked groups to evaluate their needs and to explain their programs.

Sarfaty stressed that the offers were not intended as "hard selling" rooms, but rather for officers to do paper work in.

The Board of Advisors also established machinery for seeking a room change. Organizations will have to present their student government president, will be given cases before consulting Sarfaty.

Among the various changes:

- Cadetsway Society, Biology Society, and Baskerville Chemicals

Logos...
The Philosophy Society Journal, "Logic," is now accepting articles for publication. Interested students should leave their work in the philosophy society mailbox in 115 Finley.

Ex-Student Tries For Albany

Wendy Nakashima, a former student at the College and a member of the Progressive Labor, is seeking a seat in the State Assembly.

Her campaign manager and husband, Jake Rosen, said yesterday that they've had "several positive successes already. We're pleased at the response we've gotten from the neighborhood."

Miss Nakashima is running for office in the 69th Assembly District on Manhattan's West Side.

Rosen cited the 3,000 signatures that have been collected, the beginning of a tenants' group and the organization of a Women's Commission.

"There are people from West End Avenue and from the Manhattanville projects going out canvassing, distributing literature or doing other campaign work," he said, explaining "some are against the war, some are just concerned with neighborhood and job problems. But they're all enthusiastic."

Miss Nakashima was called to testify before a New York grand jury in February, 1965, on the role of the Progressive Labor Party in the Harlem riots.

She was sentenced to a jail sentence for refusing to answer the grand jury's questions.

New CU Centers To Give Aid To Educationally Handicapped

By NANCY LINDE

A new program to prepare high school graduates from disadvantaged backgrounds for jobs and possibly for college is to be launched by the City University, under contract with the State University Urban Centers.

Experimental educational centers will be opened in Harlem and in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn "within the next few weeks," CU Chancellor Albert H. Bowker announced last Wednesday.

The new units, to be known as "The City University of the State University of New York," will direct the Manhattan operation to one in Brooklyn.

The letter states, "The educational facilities at the College are already so inadequate that faculty and student morale has become a major problem."

Prof. Volpe pointed out that even without the four thousand additional students the chaos at workmen, machines and construction workers working on the massive building project in the next few years "will make great Santo's Inferno seem edible."

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Volpe Criticizes Overcrowding

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"I am convinced," he declared, "that the decision to admit so many additional students immediately sacrifices educational standards. I am sure... that neither rhetoric nor temporary structures will prevent the quality of education we can provide from deteriorating," he added.

Many of the administrative decisions are understandably emergency measures in this time of the University's infancy. Prof. Volpe continued, "But when such measures seem, from the faculty level at least, to be less responsive to educational principle than to other considerations, then the faculty must oppose." Prof. Volpe's statement ended on the optimistic note that "surely some means can be found to provide education for 5,000 students without sacrificing the quality of education being offered to the other 30 or 40 thousand."

Prof. Volpe concluded with his reaction to the student demonstration on the Mott Lawn last week: "I felt ashamed of my own hesitation in joining this battle to maintain high educational standards at this institution."

"Their efforts," he continued, "were unfortunately mistaken... but their spirit and determination are admirable. Let this letter serve as my contribution to their efforts."

The Breakthrough

- Professor Edmund Volpe's attack of the College's plans to jam in extra students no matter how much the overcrowding lowers the quality of education here, is a welcome and surprising development.

Coming from a faculty member — and the chairman of the largest department of the College — it is bound to generate discussion and debate. If the entire English Department is indeed behind him, as he promises, then Dr. Gallagher will know, at last, that he cannot push ahead without first consulting faculty.

Now that Prag Volpe has jumped into the breach, it is incumbent upon all faculty to pick up the banner. The College's faculty must move, at the Faculty Council meeting Thursday, to take a firm stand for their rights, and against the degradation of education at the College.

Prof. Volpe said best: "This central issue can be and has been buried under all kinds of statistics and irrelevant arguments, but I am sure that each member of the teaching faculty knows, as I know, that neither rhetoric nor temporary structures will prevent the quality of education we can provide from deteriorating."

We only hope that the faculty will keep in mind a most important consideration — the right of students to be heard. The real issue here is not temporary structures or overcrowding, but how faculty will make decisions for the College and no just method can be set up that fails to recognize students' rights.

Every significant concession that has been wrung from the Administration recently has come through student activism: even the exclusive-for-faculty summer referendum came about only after students sat in outside Dr. Gallagher's office; only through a burst of enthusiasm was the temporary lawn on campus given a temporary reprieve. Students should not be shortchanged. We should not have to fight for our "oases" amid the tables monsters sacrificed either for faculty parking lots or steel huts; we should not be forced to wait on line in the cafeteria for an hour to pay an inflated price for food; we should not have to fight one another just to wash our hands in the washrooms; we should not have to crowd together in the basement of Wagner Hall with 45 other students in one elective course.

We have had enough. Our education has been sacrificed. We have been ignored long enough. We have been the victims of political expediency and short-sighted planning far too often.

It is time for the faculty to seize their rights, and it is time for the students to gain recognition of their rights. It is time for the school to undergo a radical change, to establish once and for all a more democratic means of determining College policy.

Hopefully, Thursday's Faculty Council meeting will see the first step taken.
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Non-League Win

Harriers' Depth Edges USMMA, 26-3

Readies Nimrods

Crosscountry team extended its perfect record to 5-0 Saturday by beating a deep team from the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, 26-30.

As usual, Jim O'Connell won the five-mile race, but he surprised almost everyone by running the fastest race run on the Van Cortlandt Park course this year, clocking in at 25:37, just over his record time of 25:15.2.

The win by O'Connell and the second-place finish by Abe Assa, in 27:41, were expected. However, it took Andy Ferrara, who broke up a Kings Point expected 3-4 finish with a fifth place finish, and Allan Steinfeld, who produced a stirring stretch drive to capture seventh place, to win the meet, even though the Mariners captured the eighth, ninth and tenth spots.

Steinfeld, running hand-in-hand with three Kings Point players for a while, pulled ahead with less than a mile left to the finish and clinched the victory.

Aside from the team scoring, the race was all Jim O'Connell, as he trounced his nearest Kings Point competition by more than two minutes. Just before the finish with three Kings Point runners...

First-Place LIU Crushes Booters;
5-0 Shutout Drops Record To 1-3-1

By JOEL-PHILIPPE DREYPUSS

Powerful Long Island University scored three times in the first quarter and coasted to a 5-0 victory over the College's soccer team Saturday.

The loss was the booters' third in a row and the worst defeat any Booters' team has ever suffered.

The game was the second half of a doubleheader serving as a clinic for metropolitan area high schoolers. Played NYU's field, it was apparent the crowd of 300 was for the Beavers, hoping to see an upset.

Both teams played beautifully, making pinpoint passes and dribbling gracefully. The defenses seemed impenetrable as they squelched all threats and blasted the ball back to the center of the field.

Superiority Apparent

LIU's superiority slowly became apparent. When the ball was at midfield they controlled it. When the Beavers got into Blackbird territory, they didn't know what to do.

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The College's rifle team tuned up for its league opener against Brooklyn College, Oct. 28, with a 1053-917 victory over Cooper Union, Friday.

The Nimrods were led by Dave Keller, with 266, Alan Feit, 256; Jim Maynard, 248; Richard Messori, who played a superb game, kept the score down.

Under new rules this season, Merchant Marine Academy does not include in the team total.

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Five Beavers outshot the leading Cooper Union scorer, Geoffrey Gentile, who fired a 249. Underclassmen ruled this season, only the top four scores are included in the team total.

"Much Better"

Other Beaver scores were Paul Kang 260; Allan Polt, 206; Jim Maynard, 248; Richard Mo-

rill, 208; Mike Siefel, 241; and Manual 233.

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