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## Optimism Dominates in Great Hall As Frosh Anticipate Registration

By CARLA ASHER and S. J. GREEN

The crew cut blue-eyed red-blooded resident of the mythical midwestern town graduates from Hometown High, and moves on to the golden spires of Hometown University.

There, with little luck, less imagination and lots of dates and laughs, he gets his college passport to fame, money and sex.

It must be taken for granted that, in the idyllic pastures of Hometown University, there would never appear the spectre of freshman orientation at the College.

As Registration Week moves into high gear, the Freshman begins to realize how much time there is between Wednesday, when Registration begins, and Friday to Monday, when he first gets his chance to endure the agony of the Shepard Hall rat race.

There is time for all his courses to be closed out; time for him to become the forty-first student in

an already overcrowded French course; time for him to see that he will be going to classes from 8 AM until 6 PM, separated by a six hour break.

This year's version of registration doesn't promise to be much different from what the students at the College have come to expect. The current freshman class numbers 2,550—slightly less than had been expected. But the number of advanced standing students is larger than the previously predicted number, according to George Papoulas, day session registrar.

The first day of registration was "no better or no worse than a normal registration," said Robert L. Taylor, special assistant to President Buell G. Gallagher. "My impression was that most seniors got what they wanted," he added.

As usual, freshmen are expected to bear the brunt of registration. "We'd rather close out freshmen than seniors, because they get another chance," commented Papoulas. "Seniors have to graduate," he added.

Taylor, however, did sound a note of hope to entering freshmen. "I may eat these words,"

he said, "but the sophomores and upper freshmen may have more problems at registration than the lower freshmen. This is because the College has accepted about 150 more transfer students than it did last year."

By design, however, only 60 per cent of the new freshmen will be able to enroll in English 1. The remainder will have to wait until their second semester to take the course.



One alleviating factor cited by Taylor is the 25 to 30 new teaching positions provided for the up-town day session by the city. Because of a small budget for this semester, however, new sections cannot be scheduled if all others are closed out. But if a course has insufficient registration it will be cancelled and the section of a closed course added, according to Papoulas.

## New 2-S Criteria Create Problems

By ARTHUR VOLBERT

Students at the College have been able, in the past, to complete their required 128 credits for graduation on their own time-schedules. Four years was recommended by the College but five or even six years was sanctioned. For male students, under the new draft law revisions, this is no longer feasible if they wish to retain their deferred status.

President Johnson's executive order on the draft, effective this term, requires a male student pursuing a bachelor's degree to complete 25% of his required credits per year to maintain a 2-S (Student) classification. Engineers and architecture students need complete only 20% of their required credits per year, due to the greater credit load, according to the order.

The College's male students, therefore, must have 32 credits at the end of their freshman year, 64 at the end of their sophomore year, and 96 after their junior year to comply with the percentage requirements of the order.

The College itself recognizes as a full-time, day-session, matriculated student one who carries at least 12 credits per term. A sophomore, by present College policy, is one who has earned 28 credits.

For Howard Harris, a transfer student from Kingsborough Community College, the major problem is confusion. At an orientation session for transfer students held yesterday, he said that the transferees were advised to take "a light program" until they could become more accustomed to the College. The term "light

program" was not further defined, he said, but, he added, "a light program certainly can't mean 16 credits. That's ridiculous."

For other students the problem may be more serious. According to the city's Selective Service Headquarters, students who, after two or three years at

the College, have fallen behind on their credits and cannot make up the lost credits within the four-year period risk losing their deferments.

However, according to Colonel Paul Akst, N.Y.C. Selective Service director, the regulation of individual cases is not mapped out

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### A Freshman Guide:

## Eat and Study in Appropriate Places

Morris Raphael Cohen Library has been called the most sterile-looking building in the United States. Inside the grey fortress the freshman may feel the familiar warmth of confusion.

The major problem for the library novice will be the subdivisions into which the books and rooms are divided.

Flanking the second-floor circulation desk are the Social Science room and the Humanities room. The Social Science room (205) contains books on history, government, sociology, economics and law. In the Humanities room are shelves of books on literature, philology, philosophy, and religion, as well as multilingual dictionaries and encyclopedias, ranging from ancient Sanskrit to current Vietnamese.

The reserve desk section, on the first floor, houses books and articles assigned for class readings. An ever-present problem in that section, however, is the wide gap between the numbers of books and readings immediately available and the number of students wishing to use the material at the same time.

Microfilm of the New York Times and a large selection of both U.S. and European newspapers and magazines are on the third floor. The College's archives are also housed there, along with a collection of items of historical interest from the College's past.

● Generally, the best advice about the College's eating places has, for years, been found on the

walls of the men's lavatory on the second floor of Finley. This year, the situation may change, however. The North and South Campus cafeterias, notorious for the quality (or lack of quality) of the food, are now under new management and changes in food, prices and decor have been promised. For a glimpse of why the College has been called the proletarian Harvard, try the South Campus cafeteria. A mixture of student types utilize the North Campus cafeteria in Shepard Hall.

The South Campus snack-bar, with its juke box, offers the best food at the most reasonable prices, and the atmosphere is just frenetic enough to be interesting.

● The used book scene on campus is a puzzle that many juniors and seniors are still unable to figure out. The official used book outlet at the College is the Used Book Exchange (UBE).

Students selling books there do not get paid until several weeks after their books are sold. If the book is not sold, it is returned.

The Beaver Store, Amsterdam Ave. and 128th St., pays the seller in cash immediately but the prices are not as high as at the UBE.

In buying used books anywhere, there's only one rigid rule—get there early. A week is all the time needed to wipe out the good stock of practically every used book exchange in the city.

Then again, one week may be all that is needed to wipe out every freshman in the city. Don't believe it? Wait.

## College Students Sponsor Festival Welcoming Frosh

Entering freshmen need not wait until the spring for a House Plan Association carnival; or until October to sample the rushing of the Interfraternity Council; or until mid-October for the atmosphere of the Student Government exercise called elections.

The College's three major extra-curricular organizations have banded together to give entering freshmen a "Welcome Week."

The program, co-ordinated by SG Campus Affairs Vice-President Henry Frisch, includes films ("Casablanca," "Flash Gordon"), the ever-present carnival, live bands on the South Campus lawn, a folk concert in Finley, and presentations by the College's Musical Comedy Society.

This completely non-commercial, non-profit week of bliss for the bewildered freshmen will take place September 14-22.

# OBSERVATION POST

DANIEL WEISMAN  
Editor-in-Chief

## Freshman Orientation

The freshman year at any college is a difficult experience. Here it is even more threatening because the student is expected to take a full work load and function full time without an adequate orientation and with little identification to the College.

Those of us who are veterans of the Freshman Dilemma have a responsibility to the 2,500 newcomers. The College has a heritage of an aware, vigorous, and active student body with a sense of purpose and a role in public controversy. The list of club notes in each week's issue of *Observation Post* or "Campus" contains many political and discussion groups in addition to the social organizations that function here.

The cliché states that you get out of an experience in proportion to your investment. Recently, students here have exhibited a propensity to relax and lose sight of the College's potential as a vehicle for social change. The American student has become a parasite, struggling for nothing more than the benefits of higher education in terms of dollars and cents. He enjoys the protection of a military deferment while his less fortunate counterpart is fighting an unjust war in Vietnam or struggling to support a broken family in Appalachia or the big city ghetto.

We, as students in a public university, have a responsibility to orient our freshmen and prepare them for an educational experience and for the real world. Freshmen must adopt a healthy attitude towards this experience by becoming aware and sensitive to their world and by beginning to accept their responsibility as adults. This institution can once again attain its position at the vanguard of social action, when its students realize their potential and develop a desire for change.

Then our proximity to the subway will no longer matter.

## Help Wanted

The College supports two major newspapers because students here recognize the need for journalistic competition and editorial disagreement.

*Observation Post* attempts to maintain an open and flexible editorial policy with few limiting style rules. We experiment with new and original layouts, reportage, approaches and ideas. We do not limit ourselves to the events of the College. We keep in touch with other colleges and try to expand our scope with original reporting. This, we believe, justifies our existence because it parallels the goals of higher education.

We invite any freshman interested in journalistic experimentation to give *OP* a try for a few weeks. The change in atmosphere may do us good.

## Temporary Delay

Construction of temporary structures has been delayed.

English classes scheduled for temporary structure Mott 801, have been temporarily scheduled for the following rooms:

1A4 to Z211	109X to M106
20D2 to W107	160C to M105
20T to D103,	Fri. to W114
Thurs to E 122	301Q to M105
54R to C204	191F to W119
60L2 to M105	188D to M105
61B to M204	188G to C105

For temporary schedules of other huts, contact the office of the registrar.

## Draft . . .

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in the order, and the matter is at the discretion of the student's local draft board.

The draft revisions have stretched the concept of the academic year to September-September to include the summer session. Therefore a student may, for instance, take 14 credits per term and make up the missing four credits in the summer.

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## Students Cool to Draft Ruling; Korn Hits New 2-S Standards

Students are generally unmoved by the government's new criteria for obtaining deferments from the draft according to a recent survey at the College.

An informal poll showed students to be evenly divided on the fairness of the new system, but most students didn't express a change in their previous attitudes.

SG President Joe Korn said the ruling was "clearly inequitable." While the old draft deferment system attempted to set "academic standards by basing deferments on tests and class rank," he said the new system is unfair because the government attempts to "set academic policy" by dictating the number of credits students are supposed to take over the course of the term.

The new criteria for 2-S or student deferments as set forth by the President require students to complete 25% of their required credits toward graduation in each year of study to maintain the deferment. Students in five year programs will be required to complete 20% of their credits needed for graduation each year.

Korn explained that he felt the new system would be unfair to students who carry light credit loads in order to take jobs to support themselves. He said the ruling, if strictly enforced, would be detrimental to the educational process at the College since it would require all students to take heavy credit loads. "I would rather see a student pass 12 credits a term than fail 16," he said.

Korn added that he had been in touch with local draft boards and had information that led him to believe that the new deferment system would not be strictly enforced.

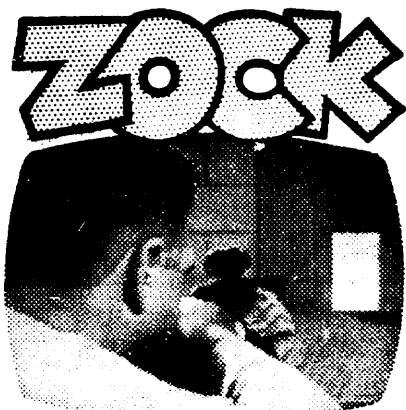
Other students at the College

didn't share Korn's concern with the new deferment procedures. T. Geary, a graduate student in education said the ruling on undergraduate deferments was "fair" although he disagreed with it. He recognized, however, that the ruling would impose hardships on students forced to work their way through college.

Fergus Bordewich, organizer of Resistance, an anti-draft movement at the College said he felt the ruling to be unjust, but simply an aspect of a much larger unjust system. According to Bordewich, "every phase of the draft is discriminatory and unpalatable."

Bordewich added: "I am disgusted that the new ruling hasn't prompted more students to realize what a threat the draft is."

Another student said the new ruling was fair "because it will force students to buckle down."



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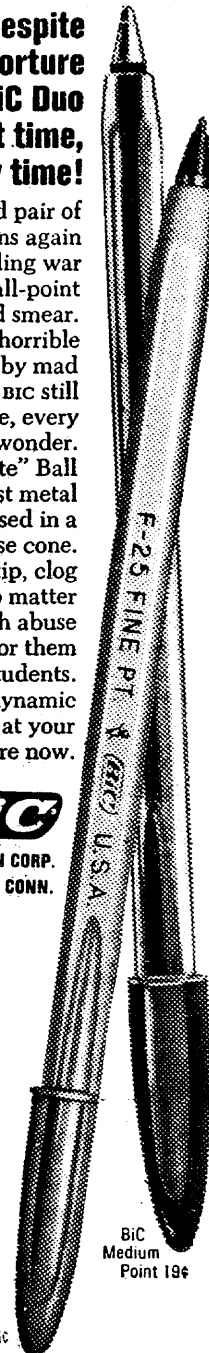
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WELCOME BACK, UPPERCLASSMEN



# Frosh Booters Already Hard at Work Harrowing ...

By NOAH DAVID GUROCK

Lester Solney figures he's just one step ahead of everybody else. The coach of the College's freshman soccer team has had potential members, who haven't even registered for their classes yet practicing for the coming season since the day after Labor Day.

"We'll practice twice a day, from nine to twelve and from



## THE SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sat., Sept. 30	Queens	Home	11 AM
Wed., Oct. 4	Hofstra	Home	3:30 PM
Sat., Oct. 7	NYU	Away	11 AM
Sat., Oct. 21	Fairleigh Dickinson	Away	11 AM
Sat., Oct. 28	Long Island	Home	11 AM
Tues., Nov. 7	Columbia	Away	10 AM
Sat., Nov. 18	Adelphi	Away	11 AM

three to five, until school begins," the seven year veteran of Beaver frosh soccer said Tuesday. He is putting up signs around the Lewisohn Stadium home of his charges-to-be, inviting entering

students to come out for the team any day this week or next week. "All I need is someone who is interested in the sport. He doesn't have to be experienced, he just has to be willing to learn."

Solney expects to field a squad of between 15 and 20 players when the season begins, but until just before the first game he will keep anyone who attends the

practice-training sessions. These will run every afternoon except Tuesdays once the term begins.

"Last year we had 30 come out for the team, and 60 the year before," he said. "I guess you might say that we had a bad year in terms of numbers but a good year in terms of quality last year." (His team won four of six games, their best campaign in recent years).

Solney anticipates a team of some boys who have had some contact with the sport, some who have played the game a little and some who have never touched a soccer ball.

"I want boys with some athle-

tic ability who've played other sports," he said. "Sometimes American boys like that make better players than the foreign born players." He would also like some basketball players with quick hands whom he can develop into goaltenders.

"I will teach them everything they have to know," said the coach. "It's a game where you don't have to have any special height, weight, or strength."

Being on the team also gives a student credit for a physical education course.

"You register for Phys. Ed. 1," he explained, "and after you make the team you substitute soccer for the class. After the season you go back to the class and I give you a grade."

## Advice ...

Entering freshmen seeking information about the new draft laws can go to Room 135A Shepard (Financial Aid Office) to get their questions answered and obtain the proper forms for their local draft boards.

Information about Regents Scholarships and other forms of financial aid and grants can be obtained at the same office.



After a harrowing week of registration, the College's athletic teams may be just the thing to tone you up. For those freshmen for whom registration was a permanently disabling process, however, fear not. Vicarious thrills may still be yours.

Stop running from your sorry state. If the freshmen blabs have put you in bad shape, do like the rest of us rejects. When you can't participate write about your frustrations. OP. Room 336 Finley.

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