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Students, Faculty to Strike Separately On Wednesday



Hired, fired, rehired, and refired: Jay Shulman.

A renewed student strike against the City University's plans for instituting Open Admissions may begin Wednesday.

Students dissatisfied with the limited scope of last week's Student Senate action have called for another strike with wider demands. Strategy for the proposed strike will be completed at a "mass meeting" tomorrow at 4 PM in Buttenweiser Lounge.

If this new strike comes off, it will be held simultaneously with a one-day class-room boycott by faculty members protesting the dismissal of Assistant Professor Jay Schulman (Sociology) and the lack of faculty power.

About 20 students, calling themselves People's Coalition for a Free University, met last Thursday and formed "action groups," which will enter classrooms to discuss strike proposals and publicize tomorrow's meeting.

A table will be set up today in the South Campus Cafeteria to coordinate action groups and enlist more people.

On Wednesday, the group will hold

rallies and unspecified actions involving the action groups. In a departure from last week's strike, the insurgent group wants students to come to school and actively participate in shutting it down.

The People's Coalition will push for adoption of a preferential admissions proposal at tomorrow's meeting. This proposal, which was voted down by the Committee for Free Open Admissions two weeks ago, is essentially the same as last year's negotiated agreement between the Black and Puerto Rican Student Community and the College. It would increase the percentage of black and Puerto Rican students in freshmen classes to about 35 per cent.

The group also advocates the eventual implementation of an Open Admissions plan that would admit all high school graduates, eliminating the need for a preferential admissions plan.

Members of the People's Coalition foresee a "very heetic and very heavy" meeting. Several feared that black and Puerto Rican students would not support a strike for Open Admissions but would support one for preferential admissions.

Board May Consider Alternatives to \$132 Fee Hike Tonight

Students may not, after all, be hit by across-the-board fee increases in September.

A member of the Board of Higher Education (BHE) has indicated the board will consider a funding method tonight to meet City University's deficit without raising student fees.

Benjamin McLaurin stated Friday that because of the opposition among both students and board members to fee raises, Chancellor Albert Bowker had devised alternatives to the fee raise.

Students at the College stayed home last Thursday and Friday in a purported protest against the projected fee increases. An estimated 80% of the students heeded a letter from the Student

Senate advising them that President Copeland had endorsed the strike.

The strike took place one year and one day after the takeover of South Campus by the Black and Puerto Rican Student Community.

One of the original plans would have raised the College's Bursar's Fee to \$132 for undergraduates.

But Ira Bogart, assistant to Vice Chancellor for Budget Edward Hollander said Friday that he was not aware of any new proposals. "I don't think it's true. I think Mr. McLaurin is talking for himself. He may be talking for himself. He may be opposed to fee increases and Chancellor Bowker may be opposed to fee increases but if

Mayor Lindsay has said we must have a fee increase then I guess we'll have it."

Spokesmen for the BHE said that the fee was not on the agenda of tonight's regular meeting, but that McLaurin could bring up the issue. The Board is not scheduled to reach a final decision on fees until after May 15, when the City Council will appropriate funds to the university.

McLaurin's disclosure coincided with a rally by 800 angry CUNY students at Hunter College to protest the fee raise and call for an expanded Open Admissions program.

After listening to speakers urging them to take control of (Continued on page 2)



Hunter students freely take food from cafeteria counter.

Fred Mille

A Year Later and the Stirring Begins Anew

The warm spring breezes force students weary with the tasks of school to lie in the grass and catch a little sleep, or maybe sing, throw frisbees, and kick a soccer ball, just idling away time.

The English department is distributing questionnaires to its students to discover why more than half do not attend classes.

Someone lights another joint, Someone pops another pill, while in the south Campus Cafeteria, students stare at each other and ask, "When are we gonna shut the school down?"

Early on a Tuesday morning, a little over a year ago, students professors and workers sped up dark streets to seek shelter from grey sheets of rain on South Campus. But there were chains on the gates, and black and brown faces, determined and anxious, blocked their way.

The College remained shut for more than two weeks.

Last year, the Black and Puerto Rican Student Community (BPRSC) diverted the College from its normal functions of "education" to deal instead with five pressing demands. It was not until there was a strike and a lock-out that the College took these demands seriously. A negotiating committee consisting of former President Buell Gallagher, faculty and BPRSC representatives met for two weeks and resolved three of the demands to the BPRSC's satisfaction.

But the Faculty Senate and then the Board of Higher Education destroyed the work of the negotiators, Mayoral aspirant Mario Procaccino had made the lock-out into a campaign issue and Mayor Lindsay remained silent,

One of the demands, requiring Spanish language courses for education students, has been instituted, and another, greater student control of the SEEK department, has been accepted in part. But three major demands—a School of Third World Studies, a freshman class that would reflect the racial composition of the high schools, and a separate freshman orientation program for blacks and Puerto Ricans—were cast aside or co-opted by the BHE.

The present BHE "Open Admissions" plan is faltering and will probably have the same troubles at its implementation next fall as now characterize the preliminary stages—chaos and uncertainty.

The issues on campus this year are essentially the same as last year. But relatively new groups have amplified and added to these basic demands. The potential for a coalition of groups acting together and shutting down the school exists now. Some of the groups which are presently talking and planning actions are:

 SEEK students, who are demanding an increase in stipends and a reversal of plans to close the dormitories at the Alamac Hotel;

• Women's Liberation, which is demanding that the

administration establish day care centers for students, workers at the college and for community families, and a change in course content in all subjects that have distorted roles played by women.

by jonathan penzner

The women's organization is an unknown quantity in campus politics. Perhaps beneath the velvet glove of petitioning, is the iron fist of a forceful, energetic movement.

 The City-Wide Committee for Free Open Admissions, demanding, as it did last year, a truly expansive open admissions plan that would admit all high school graduates who apply to the university and be funded by taxing banks and corporations.

The Labor Committee, a small clique of hard-working organizers, has initiated this united front-type group, which has endorsed Women's Liberation, D4M, SEEK and evening students demands. But under Labor Committee guidance, this larger group will probably not initiate a strong action. The Labor Committee is usually good for digging for facts and formulating proposals, but rarely has it stuck its neck out.

• The December 4 Movement (D4M), demanding, in addition to an effective Open Admissions plan, rehiring the Sociology professors fired last term, an end to ROTC training on campus, an end to the John Juy School of

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Fee Rise...

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the university and "implement Open Admissions by ourselves if we have to, " students moved two flights downstairs to the cafeteria where they helped themselves to an impromtu party.

"We have to implement our own Open Admissions," Maria Ramos of Manhattan Community College told the cheering audience, "All that they have to do for us is to give us the money. If we don't get Open Admissions then we will only have ourselves to blame.**

Speakers advocated uniting the 19 branches of the University.

constantly reminding students not to let the BHE divide different groups.

Their Open Admissions program called for: guaranteed entrance to all applicants, expansion of the SEEK program and other remedial programs, stipends for all needy students, free city-wide day-care Centers for children, equality for night students, expanded college facilities, joint student-faculty control of all decision-making bodies, an end to all fees and tuition, as well as taking the banks and corporations to finance new building, instead of the City University Construction Fund.

"They are not going to divide

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us, black against white, or day against evening, or undergraduate versus graduate," said James Ollie of Hunter, "We ain't afraid of jails or injunctions or. especially jive-ass administrators with bullhorns."

Leon Taney of Baruch added, "Bowker pulled the fee increase near final time. To hell with finals! We're gonna take action!"

Students then chanted "Free. free, free, free" and "1, 2, 3, 4, No tuition any more!"

About 100 police waited outside the building as students moved into the cafeteria. Swarming over the counters, students helped each other to food and money in the cash registers as cafeteria workers looked on. "This has been going on for a month," said one Hunter student.

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stration and the boycoti at the College, Baruch students remained in their student center. Lehman students held the library overnight and Bronx Community students occupied the Administration Building. Hunter has been in turmoil for over a month, with demonstrations centering on student participation in policy making.

Thursday students held President Jacqueline Wexler and some faculty members in her office for several hours when she attempted to break off negotiations.







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by fred miller

Yes, Jerry Rubin banks.

About 3 p.m., as Margaret Mead, whom we all should love, and a few other people took over the podium to conduct a teach-in, I left that part of Union Square and learned that Jerry Rubin banks.

It all happened in the Amalgamated Bank on fifteenth Street, where I went with a couple of friends to get money to give to

Bill Graham for permission to see Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young with Taylor and Reeves. And as we left the bank, we all thought we saw Jerry Rubin.

"Jerry?", I said querulously, kind of amazed to find myself in a bank, more amazed to find him in a bank and most amazed to find us both in the same bank at the same time.

He turned, I took his picture and left. And I knew that Jerry Rubin

Outside, there was a carnival going on. Up and down Fourteenth Street and around Union Square the carnival spread, in flights of reality and fantasy.

At the Con Ed Building on Irving Place were plastic models of power plants and freshly pressed public relations men who

the air and water.

Visions of sugar plums danced in our brains. And realities, like the air pollution level rising to the dangerous mark for the firsttime in a while last Wednesday.

The carnival was a groove, with booths housing everybody from the Labor Committee to Conserned Architects to a bunch of told the crowd how Con Ed cleans city agencies, a big bubble of listened for a while but didn't retain too much of what was said.

"Any movement that Richard Nixon says he agrees with has to be in trouble," one of the speakers said. I dug that.

I also dug Pete Seeger's comment that Nixon's environment proposals entail spending less money next year than it costs to maintain a B-52 squadron. Pete

Ecology Carnival In Union



Jerry Rubin and his wife, Nancy, are caught with the funny papers.

fresh air for those who dared to breathe it, a tank truck with clean water for those who wanted to taste it, an electric car or two, banners, flags, and a huge structure built out of junk.

The Good Humor man cleaned up, but they didn't use Goulden's Mustard on the hot dogs.

There was a guy walking around with huge twin mirrors hanging from his shoulders and yelling, 'See true pollution!"

Another group of truth seekers from St. Xavier Church carried a banner, "end personal pollution!" Youngsters carried signs like "End filthy pictures" "Dirty books pollute people."

It was like every be-in, all the freaks showed up.

Folksinger David Peel held forth on the north side of the park, inviting everyone to come on stage and do something. On reaching the stage, most people suddenly discovered they had nothing to do. It was really embarrassing.

Across the park, on a 20-foothigh green and yellow stage, the official ceremonies were held. A crowd stood in front, and we

sang "Bring Them Home," "The Hudson River Song," and a couple of other master pieces and it was great to see the old trooper at it again.

When he asked people who



disagreed with "Bring Them Home" to boo, they all cheered. "I guess the silent majority doesn't give a damn about pollution, 'cause they're not here," surmized Pete. Good man.

The crowd, mostly young, soaked in the sun, lolled on the grass, and had to be reminded from the stage a couple of times not to destroy the hedges in the park. While demonstrating for a clean environment, many were caught dropping cigarette butts onto the pavement.

But the environment movement was growing, gathering steam, if not detergents, attracting a lot of friendly publicity and putting on a good show.

One Year Later, the College Is Still Standing

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Criminal "Injustice," and freedom for the Panther 21.

D4M, whose name commemorates the day Black Panther leader Fred Hampton was murdered by police in Chicago, is a city-wide group with chapters at Columbia, NYU, Brooklyn, Queens, and Hunter. With its demand that the Alumni Association use its trust funds to bail out 11 Panthers, this group has the best chances of creating a situation that electrifies the campus community. However, at the moment, the group is loosely organized, uncontrolled and uncertain. Its members are committed to actions, but as of yet, it is not ready to act. D4M could isolate itself easily by taking a wrong turn and acting without support.

•The liberal faculty, which is planning to strike Wednesday in an attempt to democratize the BHE's grievance procedures, using the case of Assistant Professor Jav Shulman's appeal of his firing as a particular incident

The faculty has not asked for student support, and according to several professors in the English Department, they "would rather go it alone."

The Senate is only interested in the narrowest element of the BHE's Open Admissions plan—the possibility of a fee increase to \$132 a term.

But Open Admissions is more than just a threat to the Bursars fee_it can be, if properly organized and founded, free higher education for those people the City University was originally meant to serve. Much more money than the BHE, the city or state are planning to spend also is needed to provide stipends for those students who will need them,

The student politicians should take account of the Labor Committee and D4M proposals for reallocating funds for Open Admissions by ending ROTC and the John Jay School, which educates policemen, and taxing banks and corporations, which have profited by underwriting university construction.

a The Student Senate called last week's two-day strike to protest the BHE's proposed "tuition" increases and will probably support another city-wide strike slated for May 13-15.

Potentially, blacks and Puerto Ricans, Women's Liberation, radical, faculty, and even Student Senate forces. united, can upset the College's "normal" functions with even greater success than last year's actions,

But the level of political activity this term is insigmificant when compared to activity at this point last year. The basic difference is that last spring, a well-knit, determined group of people acted forcefully and decisively. There is no such group of people prepared to take such provocative actions now.

Few of the famous organizations of the past exist on



White students march up Convent Avenue last spring to support five demands

campus today. Specific personalities remain with us, and these individuals are often more important than their organizations, which can be little more than a clique of three or four people anyway. The old SDS is gone, but some of its members are still working on the Labor Committee, which spurred the citywide open admissions group. The Commune is dormant, but people associated with it have joined D4M.

The stumbling block—and it is more than a block, it is a boulder—is that students are only beginning to awake from a long, lethargic winter. The student body at large is lulled by the warm Spring weather, strung out on drugs, or bored by courses. Not even the blacks have been able to reunite into the BPRSC this term.

In a recent issue of Utambuzi, Jerry Mondesire wrote that there are ten black organizations on campus, all trying to deal more or less with the same problem but separately pursuing their own ways, "Dismity, apathy and narcotics have brought a scent of death onto this campus," Mondestre says, He insists that unless these groups meet soon and work out a united front, the black movement on campus will shrivel and disappear.

The column in Usambuzi is the only public statement from blacks on the distressing absence of a black movement on campus.

But the lack of black leadership on campus is not a surprise to white radicals who saw the collapse of the BPRSC last term. One of the results of last term's experience was that white radicals no longer feel obligated to wait for blacks to blaze the trail. Whites do not want to limit themselves to simply "supporting" black causes. They want to move on their own.

In the days ahead, any group could provide the impetus which would spark mass student reaction-it doesn't take a large group of people to take that first, charismatic action. But the group that forges ahead has to be well organized, clear in its goals, and capable of speaking for the wide mass of student discontent.

Colleges all over the city are fighting the same conditions. Hunter has been in a state of insurrection for weeks. A city-wide organization is not too much to hope for. City-wide actions are essential if the questions plaguing the individual colleges are to be solved. The individual colleges always get raked over the coals by the BHE, the mayor and the governor with the questions of education, money and even government. Only a citywide movement can do that,

But first things first—where is the spark that will Of ignite City College going to come from?

Demonstration for Panthers

Demonstrators will mass in New Haven Friday to express solidarity with Bobby Seale and eight other Black Panthers being tried by the State for murder.

Speakers at a rally to be held in front of the courthouse near Yale University will be Jean Genet, Abbie Hoffman, and David Hilliard, chief of staff of the party.

Buses will leave Columbia University that morning and return at night. Tickets at \$5 each can be bought all week in the South Campus cafeteria or in the OP office, Room 336 Finley.

The mass mailing from the Student Senate to all students at the College is shrouded in mystery. The letter called for last week's boycott of classes and a mass rally this Thursday to protest the proposed fee increase.

The mailing cost the Senate \$875 plus an additional \$30 to change the date on the envelopes when they weren't received on time by the Post Office. It was uncertain whether or not the Senate would be charged for use of the College's computer center to address the envelopes.

Another mystery is why the letter wasn't signed by Senate President Jim Landy but by Executive Vice President Alan Ross, and Educational Affairs Vice-President Neil Rand. None of the principals were available for comment.

The Senate is also not sure of how it will pay for 5000 "Free Tuition/Not Fee Tuition* buttons. costing \$295.

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Students with any desire to participate in next year's Student Senate may take an initial step by filing their candidacies for office in Room 331 Finley before April 29. Senate elections will be held in May.

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