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## SG Administrative Comm To Discuss Fee Increase

By Fred Jerome

A fact-finding hearing on the proposed increase in the Student Activities Fee will be held this afternoon by the Administrative Committee of Student Government.

Bill Brown '57, SG treasurer said that the amount of the proposed increase is still undecided "but it may need to be higher than the original estimate of 25 cents. "Student activities have increased on campus over the past years while the income has remained fixed," Brown added.

The Student Faculty Fee Committee last night, in granting funds to twelve organizations, cut each request to the "barest minimum." The only organization emerging unscathed was the Physics Review which received the full amount of its request for 300 dollars.

Today's hearing will take place in 306 Shepard from 3 to 4, and will be open to all students.

Following the hearing, the proposal will be presented to the Student Council. If Council approves the fee increase, it will be submitted to the student body in the form of a referendum at the next SG elections, Brown indicated.

Any raise in student fee must also be approved by the Board of Higher Education.

A year ago the students voted by referendum to increase the activity fee from \$1.50 to \$2.00. At that time the BHE had set two dollars as a maximum limit on such fees.

## TICKETS STILL ON SALE:

## Spivak To Play at Prom

By Barbara Ziegler

Tickets are still available for the Thanksgiving Prom, which will be held tomorrow evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The Ticket Bureau, located on the first floor of Finley Center, will remain open all day today to service last minute buyers. Tickets will also be sold on the North Campus in the cafeteria alcove from one to four in the afternoon. The price is five dollars per couple.

Highlighting the entertainment program will be Steve Lawrence, Charlie Spivak and his orchestra, and Catalino Rolan with his mambo band. Lawrence will be awarded a special degree as Doctor of Song.

A number of other awards will also be presented at the dance, among which will be a scholarship award to the fraternity having the highest scholastic average. The winner will not be revealed until the actual presentation.

Delta Alpha will receive a special award for being the oldest fraternity on campus, and Delta Kappa Epsilon will be presented with the Greek Week Trophy for having bested other fraternities in the athletic events which were held during the week of October 3.

There will be no refreshments

Commenting on the recent raise in fees, Brown said, "We now have a new student center which is encouraging students to form more clubs, most of which will require funds. At present most clubs are existing under very inadequate conditions."

SG President Gloria Kingsley '56, giving her opinion of the proposal said, "a fee raise is regrettable, but Student Government has no alternative. As it is now," she continued, "students cannot fully utilize the wonderful new facilities we have acquired since moving to the South Campus."

Last year's increase in activities fees brought an increased income of about 3500 dollars.

## SFCSA to Determine Its Role Because of Elections Question



Prof. Marvin Magalaner (English) and Student Government President Gloria Kingsley, SFCSA members.



A subcommittee to evaluate and determine the role of the Student Faculty Committee on Student Affairs and report back to that body, was set up by SFCSA in a meeting last night.

This subcommittee was set up as a direct result of another subcommittee proposal recommending direct election of student members to SFCSA. It was felt that SFCSA could not know the proper qualifications of candidates for elected positions, unless that body itself knew exactly what its functions were.

Suggestions for direct elections of student representatives stemmed from the feeling that it was the general student opinion to have officers elected directly to SFCSA rather than having elected members of large representative organizations fill the committee posts, as is now the case.

### Other Questions Arise

Some other questions which arose were who should nominate the candidates in case of election, and should the present membership be completely removed. The present student membership in SFCSA is the president and vice-president of Student Council, the president of TIIC, the president of the senior class and the president of House Plan.

A proposal was made that if there were to be elections, the elected officers would then be two representatives from the School of Liberal Arts, two from the School of Technology and one from the School of Education.

### Kingsley Takes Stand

Gloria Kingsley '57, President of Student Council, declared herself in favor of direct student elections. She was corroborated by Larry Shulman '57, House Plan president, who stated, "I think that the direct elections of students to SFCSA, dependent on their qualifications, should be initiated once the role of the committee is established."

Under the present system, SFCSA members generally agreed that because of an overlapping of delegated functions, a question brought to the SFCSA might just as easily go before the Board of Managers or Student Life.

## Skating Party Set for Dec. 2

The first ice-skating party of the Fall term is being sponsored by the class council of '59.

The affair will be held at the Wollman Memorial ice skating rink in Central Park, Friday, Dec. 2 at 8.

Arthur Genen, president of the class of '59 stated, "Since for most people this will be the first or second time on ice, we have arranged to have "The Golden Blades" ice-skating club give free instruction. If you feel you are in need of instruction, come to 151 Finley, Wed. at 12:30 and 4."

## Center Director Charges Carelessness by Students

Dean James S. Peace (Student Life), director of the Finley Student Center, charged on Monday that "student carelessness" is hampering the operation of the Center.

Several instances of damaged property were cited. According to the Dean chairs have been found with their backs broken, cigarette burns were discovered on several pieces of furniture, and in one case a lounge chair was slashed with either a razor or a knife.

"I call on the students," Dean

Peace said, "to take more care in the use of a building which they are supporting. If they see any incident of malicious damage to property, they should report it immediately."

The opening of new lounges will call for more care on the part of the students, the Dean said. "One of our problems is the passing over of student activities cards to outsiders who are negligent."

Dean Peace also reported that the self-bussing system in the cafeteria is not working out. "The busboys still have to go from table to table and the moving of chairs and tables makes it impossible for them to do this." One solution that is under consideration is the hiring of a private detective to see that no furniture is moved in the cafeteria.

Cafeteria manager George Schuster concurred with the Dean. He felt that "something has to be done about the situation. The self-bussing system has not proved feasible."

Gloria Kingsley '57, Student Government president, said "the idea of hiring a private detective to watch over the students in the cafeteria is ridiculous. The whole matter should be turned over to the Student-Faculty Cafeteria Committee."

## Carnival Works

House Plan's Carnival workshop office has been moved to 292 Convent Ave.

Organizations wishing to erect a booth at the Dec. 10 Carnival in the Great Hall must make the necessary arrangements at the Carnival workshop.

Tickets for the Carnival, where this year's Campus Queen will be crowned, are now on sale at the Finley Center Ticket Booth, which is located on the Main Floor the Center. Tickets are \$1.50 per person.



Charlie Spivak

served at the dance, but all who wish may bring their own liquor at a three dollar corkage charge.

Drinks served by the hotel will be a la carte.

All students must pay for their reservations today or their tickets will be cancelled, according to Joe De Maio '57, IFC President.

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## Think It Over

There can be no doubt that organizations at the College need more funds to function properly. Whether the best way for them to obtain these funds is through an increase in the Student Activities Fee is entirely another matter.

Before any hasty decisions of fee increases are made we would suggest the Student Government Fee Commission carefully investigate other methods of fund-raising.

Perhaps a reapportionment of monies paid by students before registration could be made. Certainly not all of the funds received by the Student Center for carrying out this term's program will be used for this purpose. Considering the close relationship between the Student Center and campus organizations, could not 25 cents of the three-dollar fee be diverted towards student activities?

We realize there are legal complications to contend with in making such a move. But there must be some way of insuring that the most use is made of available funds before increases are sought. It would be silly to let student activities die out for the sake of a student center.

If some of the money paid by students specifically for the Center could not be used by organizations because of the legal drawbacks involved, the possibility of obtaining some of the money so generously contributed by the alumni for the Center should be looked into.

The actual size of the proposed increase is small. We would not oppose any rise in fees were we convinced the benefit derived by the organizations would warrant the increase and could not come from present funds. This question should be carefully studied by SGFC before any request for a fee increase is made.

## Turkey Day

Turkey day is traditionally the time to take stock of the year's events and to give thanks for any little kindnesses or honors which have filtered down to us.

While the Mercury editors, who might very well find the publications committee in their cranberry sauce tomorrow, may not feel too thankful at the moment, the student body, in general, may find a few things worthy of thanksgiving. Among these are the opening of the South Campus; the gradually expanding operations of the Finley Center, and the third straight Met league soccer title that the Beaver booters copped last week.

Pass the drumstick please . . .

## Letters

### 'MERCURY' STAND

To the Editor:

In setting forth an official position for Mercury, we have been torn between our personal feelings, and our desire to protect Mercury. We have no right to jeopardize Mercury even though the college community is considered the place where the ideal, per se, is justification for an action. We feel that the position taken by the administration is not in the best interests of this ideal.

Recognizing the fact that the action taken was necessitated after much sincere and unbiased deliberation and though we are unalterably opposed to any review committee forcibly imposed by authority, we recognize that this committee is a threat and so, not wishing martyrdom, we choose to ignore our principles in this matter and work within the framework of the situation.

We are going to try to "co-operate" with the committee, although the President said he was unable to define "co-operation." The President has made it clear that the committee is a buffer between us and the BHE.

There are a few more matters that we wish the administration to clear up. At the first press conference, President Gallagher said that he did not wish to make a martyr of Mercury and that the committee would therefore also review other publications. Yet he later stressed the fact that Mercury would be the only publication concerned.

Hoping to improve the ethical, literary and quantitative standards of Mercury we have joined the Associated Collegiate Press. Through our membership in the Associated Collegiate Press the college's humor magazine will be critically evaluated by professional humorists, not by people working outside that field as journalists. The function of this association is not only to judge and evaluate publications in regard to layout and typography but also to comment on ethical and moral content where warranted.

The Editors of Mercury

## Meet Miss Freshman



Joan Tenenhaus (33-23-34) is one of Seward Park High School's contributions to the Class of '59.

The grey eyed education major likes to dance anytime and anywhere and has no particular partner as of this writing.

Every Wednesday Joan can be found skimming her way along the ice (on skates) at the Brooklyn Ice Palace.

## A Fable

By Ronald Salzberg

Once upon a time there was a young eager freshman who came to City College. He was young (17) had his hair cut crew, bought white bucks (had his mother step on them so they should look worn). He also bought six three button jackets and fell right into College Life.

He heard about the plans for a new student center building and being very collegiate-minded he thought it was a very good idea. "I must do my part," he said. So he went down to see the head of the project, a Mr. Isaac Nouton. Mr. Nouton was out to lunch but his secretary briefed our hero about the project. She gave him four pounds and seven oz. of reports to take home and read. He read them that night and decided that the project looked good. The next day he went and joined five committees.

After attending these meetings for six months he began to realize that all the committees were talking about the same thing. As matters were moving very slowly he decided to see Mr. Nouton. Mr. Nouton was out to lunch but the secretary told him that things were beginning to pick up rapidly. Room plans were being charted and once the clubs were in, things would begin to pick up. This, he thought was good and by the end of his freshman year the club assignments had been made.

His second year brought new troubles. They had forgotten to polish the floors, so the committee met and decided where to place the clubs temporarily. During this time a debate raged between the faculty and the students. The students claimed the faculty was doing nothing for the building and the faculty claimed the students were running wild. Our hero mediated the debates and at the end of the year there were no more arguments—faculty and students did not talk to each other.

The third year the floors were polished. But the students were beginning to get annoyed because they couldn't use the Center. Our Hero spent the rest of the term writing newspaper articles telling the students not to worry for the committees were trying. He didn't really convince them but he told them very funny stories which made them forget their troubles.

Only one really unpleasant incident occurred during this year. The floors had been polished but one of the workmen had left a chopped liver sandwich in the Grand Ballroom and it had ruined the floor. And so the College Carnival was held outdoors. It was very cold but no one complained except the beauty contestants who had on low cut gowns and began to shiver. But our hero saved the day and built an enormous bonfire. He didn't have any wood but he used the report of the "Committee to Investigate Why the Workman Was Eating Chopped Liver," and it burned beautifully.

The fourth year started with our Hero working on the committee to select persons who would take part in Student Center Opening Day Ceremonies. The decision was held up because of an argument between the students and the faculty who by this time had begun talking to each other again. The faculty wanted a committee of nine (five faculty, four students) and the Students wanted a Committee of Five (three students, two faculty). Our Hero again stepped in, and, as a result, a compromise was made (six alumni were chosen).

One week before the opening, he spotted a workman putting up the College banner in the bell tower. He realized at once that it was the same workman whose chopped liver had ruined the Grand Ballroom. He couldn't let anything happen when the goal was almost near! He climbed towards the bell tower to warn the workman but as he fell through space he glanced at one of the windows and saw Mr. Nouton at work. At last! He had not died in vain. Mr. Nouton was working during his lunch hour and he knew that now things would begin to happen.

The Center opening was scheduled for the last week of the spring term, but it so happened that part of the membership of the Committee on Opening Day ceremonies were now working on the Committee to Investigate the Death of Our Hero, so they didn't have time to name the committee. But it was promised that the Center would positively open next fall.

- Mor. : 1. Beware of workmen who eat chopped liver.  
2. Don't count your Student Centers before they've hatched.  
3. Haste makes waste.

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# Beaver Bavard

By Jack Schwartz

Nat Gant and Spinoza, having been driven indoors by the cold, were sitting in the Finley Center Cafeteria sipping their apple juice.

Nat slicked back his slick black hair saying, "Y' know, it's stretched that we should be driven indoors by the cold. Yeah, and you know what else?"

"No, what else?"

"This place is crawling with women. You know, I feel 'em creeping up on me, like Marabunta or something. You know, I really don't think it was so bad here before the war without broads in the school. Don't get me wrong. I like 'em. They're great socially. I mean they're fine for lunchrooms and they really liven up Houseplan parties and things but it's hard to keep your mind on your work with them filling up all that chairspace in class and everything. And what really burns me is they're smart. It's bad enough they distract me, but they gotta rub it in by getting high marks."

"Ah you're a misogynist."

"Look, I'll present it to you logically. I'm competing against brains and beauty. I'm dumb and ugly. Do you realize how bad that makes me feel? You'd think this was the Hunter annex or something."

"You are a walking bundle of repressions and a potential woman hater."

"No it's not the feminine mob that irks me. They're just tools of the system. That's what's wrong with this school, the system. You can't put your finger on it, like it's abstract, but it's there. Not only this business with the broads, that's only one of its manifestations . . . Hey, I like that word, ma-ni-fes-ta-tions. It has a very clear ring to it."

"You're weird."

"That's very boorish of you. I made a sensitive statement and if you don't have the depth to appreciate it, you can at least refrain from making loathesome remarks."

"No, I really think you're crazy."

"May I continue? The thing which . . ."

"That's rhetoric."

"Shutup wilya? Right. Now what I was trying to say was that from the very moment I entered this school, I came in conflict with the system. I want to ask you. Did you ever take a course as utterly useless as freshman orientation. No, I mean it. You don't learn anything there, they don't teach you anything, and you don't get a mark. You get nothing for nothing, but you must attend classes."

"You better finish your apple juice Gant, it's getting warm."

"Yeah, like the ice cream."



Pres. Buell G. Gallagher is shown receiving the first Stein Fund button from Sandy Kelpberg '56, Captain of the Cheerleaders. President Gallagher is inaugurating the drive for the Stein Fund which provides medical aid for injured College athletes. Buttons priced at 25 cents will go on sale next Monday.

## Club Notes

### Bridge Club

Will hold an organizational meeting today at 3 in 121 Finley. All members must attend. All others interested in joining are invited.

### Geology Society

Will hold a meeting for all who are going on the Thanksgiving day field trip. The meeting will take place at 4:30 today in 305 Shepard.

### Hiking Club

Will camp atop the White Cliffs of the Shawangunk, Thursday to Saturday, Nov. 25 to 27.

### Physics Review

Will be sold Nov. 23, 28 and 29 in Lincoln Corridor, outside the cafeteria in Shepard, and at Tech Crossroads in Goethals. The Review contains articles of interest to all science and engineering students.

### Five-and-one-half

The Committee of Five-and-one-half will spend the weekend recuperating from all its hectic activities.

## A-HUNTING WE WILL GO:

# Rod and Gunners Bag Bunnies

Protesting rabbits at Bear Mountain were unmercifully hunted down and captured by the first expedition of the newly formed Rod and Gun Club last Saturday.

Six men and a coed, composing the force, set out at four in the morning and arrived at their up-state camp just in time to be greeted by the makings of a blizzard.

Undaunted, they plowed on into the forest, armed with five shotguns and two rifles frightening rabbits and other forest wild-life.

### Rabbit Bagged

They did manage to bag one rabbit within a few minutes, but after that all they were able to collect for the rest of the morning were seven pairs of frigid feet.

Plodding through the woods, they were accosted at every turn by the pitfalls of hunting, Rudy Dimasi '58, expert rod and gunner, left his waterproof boots in the truck and narrowly missed getting trenchfoot.

At this point, the hunters discovered that they were lost. Throwing away their compass and sextant, they decided that the only way to get back to the truck, where their supplies were stored, was to divide into two groups and may the luckiest group win.

### Lost in Woods

This resulted in one half of the group reaching the car and the other half, which consisted of the lone coed, and another hunter being stranded for a good part of the day until they finally made their way back to the truck.

After recuperating for a bit, the deerlayers went out once more to face the raging elements and bring back a prize trophy. The big kill turned out to be one confused rabbit, who didn't know enough to run when staring into the barrel of marksman Peter Carli's shotgun.



Coach Harry deGirolamo hands out Collegiate Conference medals to (left to right) Rick Hurford, Bill Kowalski, co-captains; Gene Forsyth, Randy Crossfield and Brian Quinn.

# Cindermen Begin Practice For Coming Track Season

With the completion of his first season as cross-country coach, Harry deGirolamo is preparing a squad for the indoor track year.

As mentor of the indoor harriers, this will be deGirolamo's initial venture into coaching this sport.

He has announced that there is a shortage of men for track (hurdlers, broad jumpers, sprinters, etc.) and all students interested in any facet of the sport are welcome to try out. Though freshmen are not allowed to compete in varsity intercollegiate competition, Dr. deGirolamo would gladly permit fresh to work out with the track team and perhaps gain subsequent varsity careers.

Looking back on the cross-country season, the mentor commented, "I feel the boys did very well considering the situation they were in, that is, working under a new coach. They tried very hard to please me and followed my instructions. I am happy to have worked with them."

The harriers compiled victories over Hunter, Queens and Adelphi, while losing to Fordham and Iona. In the Collegiate Track Championships they placed third with Brian Quinn finishing fifth.



The rod and gunners, however, are still out to get their deer and they don't care how many rabbits they have to kill to do it.

—J. F. Cooper

**Auction**  
Chi Lambda's semi-annual auction sale will be held Thurs. Dec. 1 in 127 Finley. Mr. Joseph Taffet (Economics) will auction off articles donated by students and faculty members who are urged to bring fully-labeled articles to 153 Finley, by Nov. 28.

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# Holman's Starting Five Set For First Game at Adelphi

By Sheldon Podolsky

A strange malady called hoop fever is spreading through the College and the disease should hit the peak of contamination on Saturday, December 3, when the basketball team travels to Garden City, Long Island, to meet Adelphi in the opening game of the season.

This year's edition of the Beaver five may not be the most skilled in Lavender history but it certainly gives nothing away in determination. The squad has been practicing at a feverish rate over the past three weeks and, in the words of Coach Nat Holman, "could surprise a lot of teams."

### Lacks Experienced Big Men

"We will look very good in spots," said Holman, "and bad in others. I think our success will depend on how far the first stringers can go. We can replace the small men but we lack experienced big men."

"Where height will not be a factor," continued the veteran coach, "I will rely on the small men to do a job for me. They can really handle that ball."

### Names Starting Five

Right now Holman has decided on a starting five of Captain Lou Berson, Ralph Schefflan, Bill Lewis, George Jensen and Syd Levy. Of the five, the heaviest burden will be on Levy, the 6-9 giant from Boys High. He's come a long way since his fumbling debut against Manhattan last year.

"Levy is 60 per cent better than last year," commented Holman, "and we're expecting big things from him. He's looked good in practice, but the big test will be against Adelphi. I want to see how he handles himself on a big court."

### Only Two Starting Returnees

Schefflan and Jensen, the only two returning first line operatives, are known quantities. Schefflan, a speedy junior, will operate from back-court and should turn in more than his share of scoring with a deadly jump shot, while Jensen, one of the three seniors on the club, is expected to handle most of the board work. He is 6-4 and 220 pounds of muscle.

In Berson and Lewis, Holman has two of the most improved players on the squad. Berson, a senior, came along fast last year and earned his designation as captain. It will be his job to set up the plays in back-court and serve as the floor leader for the rest of the team. Lewis is running faster than ever and has perfected his most effective weapon, the jump shot. Holman has made no secret of his satisfaction with Lewis' performance to date.

### Strong Back-Court Reserves

Ted Brimat, a senior, Joel Ascher and Joe Bennardo, both sophomores, will make up the first line reserve strength. Brimat and Bennardo, are small and fast and Holman will not hesitate to use either of them as back-court replacements. Ascher, who stands 6-4 and weighs 220 pounds, was one of the leading scorers on last year's freshman squad, and he will be on hand if one of the big men tires.

The rest of the 15-man squad is comprised of juniors Al DeMaria, Stanley Friedman and James Sullivan and sophomores Marty Doherty, Richy Garber, Pete Marsh and Arnold Weinstein.

### Hoop Managers

Basketball managers are needed. Students interested in this position should appear at basketball practice in the Main Gym every afternoon from 4-6.



Nat Holman, starting his 35 year, with some of his boys.

# Karlin Recommends Seven Booters for Olympic Squad

Now that the College's soccer team has concluded the most successful season in its history, coach Harry Karlin will have to be restrained from attaching too many superlatives to his squad.

The coach was particularly pleased by the way his team wrapped up the season last Saturday with a decisive win over N. Y. Maritime.

"They really played like champions," Karlin enthused. "You know four of my starters couldn't play so I had to change my lineup. No matter where I shifted my players they came through in splendid fashion."

Karlin announced that he was recommending seven of the Beaver booters for the 1956 Olympic tryouts. The men who have received the coach's nod to the tryouts committee are Johnny Koutsantanou, Morris Hocherman, Wolfgang Wostl, Bob Hayum, Eddie Trunk, Bob Lemestre, and Wally Meisen.

"This, of course, does not mean that these men will make the Olympic team," Karlin said, "or even that they will all be invited to try out. A lot will depend on

other coach's recommendations. Another important factor will be how these men do in the selections for the all-State team."

In the coach's opinion Hocherman has the best chance of making the Olympics. "Morris is the perfect kind of player for a 'wing' position. He's always driving, always hustling. He's got lots of experience."

"Picking Morris as the one with the best chance may seem unusual when you consider that Koutsantanou has made All-American honorable mention twice," Karlin continued, "but Johnny is a center forward and he's only 5-ft., 7-in."

The coach switched back to talking about the Maritime game. "They are a much improved team over last year but we outpassed them and outsped them," he exclaimed.

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