

COUNCIL CALLS FOR STRIKE

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On and Off Campus, College Presents a Poor Image

The Campus begins today a series of articles evaluating the College's image. The first installments on our political reputation and the sports image [see page four] appear in this issue.

'The Little Red Schoolhouse'

By Frank Van Riper

A student at the College brought a suit of his to the cleaner last summer. When the proprietor noticed the College emblem on his sweat-shirt, he murmured:

"Hmm . . . City College good school; you need a brain to get into there."

A few months later, the same student was distributing free tuition literature in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn. The reception he and his fellow students got there was very different. "These pinkos want us to pay for their education;" some residents shouted, "go back where you came from, you leftists!"

To many people, who know no better and perhaps don't care to, City College is full of smart communists. The fact that the College "has a past" makes it easy for some individuals to suspect its political leanings.

To these people, our political image is shaded pink. This stigma the College apparently carries today is not, however, completely unwarranted.

While today's student body is apparently more concerned with weekend dates and summer jobs, the College still wears what President Gallagher has called "a Purple Heart" for its more vocal—and radical—student body of the 1930's.

"City College has traditionally been a place where sympathy for the underdog was a widely held attitude," said Dr. Gallagher in a speech five years ago. "On the whole, students and faculty, and even administrators have, for the most part, been in that part of

the political spectrum which lies left of center . . . I do not regard this as a bad thing—or a good thing. It is just the way we are."

We supposedly became "the way we are" during the Depression, when the "system" seemed to have gone bad, and the dissidents found they now had a larger audience.

Because of the College's tuition-free status it attracted many students from the very socio-economic group that felt the effects of the Depression worst.

Many students, attending classes while they fruitlessly looked for jobs, were often receptive to the emerging doctrines of the period.

These sentiments, often encompassed everything from mild annoyance to espoused anarchy. They were born of student idealism, so much a part of any campus.

One would be naive to say that reaction was not widespread on campus during this time. In fact, according to the president, the College became a "prime target" of the American Communist Party.

While this group's success in recruitment was at best, limited, it did succeed in finding members among both the student body and the faculty, and the leftist image the College developed at the time as a consequence was largely justified.

However, the years passed, as did at least two major wars. The "heady" atmosphere of which Dr.

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By Alice Kottek

In its most dramatic move of the four-year anti-tuition campaign, Student Council called Wednesday night for a one-day mass boycott of all classes on Tuesday.

Under Council's plan, striking students would ring each campus building with picket lines. Other students would be deployed to march into and petition the districts of selected Republican assemblymen who voted against the free tuition mandate in an attempt to persuade them to vote to override the expected veto by Governor Rockefeller.

Still other students, if Council's strategy is followed, would stream into selected locations in the city and circulate a petition for a city-wide referendum guaranteeing free tuition.

Late yesterday, President Gallagher and Dean of Students Willard Blaesser asked that the executive committee of Student Government meet with them to dis-



FOR STRIKE: Zippert led fight.

cuss the strike. Dr. Gallagher and Dean Blaesser were not available yesterday for comment.

The boycott may still be cancelled, SG President John Zippert '66 said yesterday, if enough student support cannot be generated. A final meeting of the executive committee will be held late today to decide whether the strike will be held.

A mass meeting of students, where SG leaders will explain Council's motive for the strike call and inform students of its plans will be held today at 4 on South Campus lawn.

Meetings Tomorrow

This rally, and two other meetings Friday with Interfraternity Council and House Plan leaders, are being used by SG leaders to discover general response to a strike.

If the strike is held Tuesday, students will be urged to come to the College the following Saturday where SG hopes to arrange classes for the students. Instructors here will be asked to teach the classes, which SG is holding to demonstrate the "sincerity" of students in participating in the boycott.

Four other City University student governments—at Hunter College, Kingsborough Community College, Staten Island Community College, and Bronx Community College have also issued calls for a strike Tuesday on their campuses.

According to Zippert, the strike will hopefully serve to stimulate students here to demonstrate greater enthusiasm for and more action on the "principle of free tuition."

"The time has come to take the issue of free tuition out of the arena of self-interest," and realize the college student's right to a free education, Zippert said.

The vote in Council to support the boycott was 18-8 with one abstention and came after four hours of heated debate, highlighted by an impassioned plea by Zippert for boycott support.

Zippert contended that it "is the financial future of the people in Harlem and the rest of the people in New York that we must consider in protesting tuition."

He also also expressed his hope (Continued on Page 3)



ARTIST IMAGE: Wendy Nakashima, currently in jail for contempt of court, speaking at a rally held last month on the lawn.

Albany May Forego Attempt to Override Rockefeller Veto

By Jane Salodof

Assemblyman Melville Abrams (Democrat, Bronx) said yesterday that the State Legislature will probably make no attempt to override the Governor's veto of the bill mandating free tuition at the City University.

The assemblyman, co-sponsor of the bill, said that nothing could be done except to "wait until next year and send him [Governor Rockefeller] back to private life."

Spokesman for Senate Majority Leader, Joseph Zaretzki (Democrat, Manhattan) said that he does not believe enough support could be mustered to override the Governor's decision.

A two-thirds margin would be needed to override the veto. Democrats were unable to win the number of votes necessary for this step when they passed the bill on March 10 by a simple majority.

According to Assemblyman Abrams, free tuition forces would, in fact, lose votes if the Legislature voted on this issue again.

He explained that the four Republicans in the Assembly who originally crossed party lines to support the bill might now vote against it because they would not be able to overrule a Republican error.

The suggestion that the bill might be transformed into a rider on a piece of legislation desired by Republicans was considered a possibility by the Assemblyman. However, he added that it's "a possibility not now indulged in."

Viet Nam

A motion allowing Student Government to authorize the Public Affairs Forum to invite speakers to speak on the Viet Nam issue was passed by Council Wednesday.

Ray Fortgang '65, head of the forum said he would start to work with Community Affairs Committee President Mike Ticktin '65 to invite speakers.

Ticktin said he would like to invite Hanson Baldwin, Military Editor of the New York Times to participate in the program.

Student Government President John Zippert '66 said he believes it "somewhat immoral" to suggest a rider.

"As much as I like free tuition, I don't like legislative shenanigans," Zippert explained, because Republican legislators could pass a rider against free tuition the next year and "ride it in and out, like on a bicycle."

Zippert agrees with Assemblyman Abrams that the goal now is to elect in 1966 a governor favorable to the free tuition cause.

He added that SG's policy of staying out of partisan politics should be replaced next year by a program of supporting the Democrats against Governor Rockefeller.

Discuss Viet Nam Students, Faculty

By Sol Solomon

Students and faculty holding varied opinions on the war in Viet Nam, concluded that United States withdrawal from the area would serve no purpose and that negotiations, not escalation, is one solution to the crisis.

Speaking at a discussion, sponsored by the WEB Du Bois Club, Professor Dante Puzzo maintained that Communist influence in the area has increased to the point where the United States cannot pull out, or risk nuclear war by escalation. The only remedy left, he said, is negotiation with the Vietcong.

Three other speakers, Profs. Henry Ballard (Political Science), Conrad Schirokauer (History), and Barry Shrage of the College's Young Democrats, also told the capacity audience that they felt United States withdrawal from the area would accomplish little to alleviate tension.

However, Robert Heisler '67,

president of the Du Bois Club disagreed with his colleagues, saying that withdrawal of military advisors is the only acceptable solution to the problem.

Heisler charged President Johnson with expounding the myth that the United States is in South Viet Nam to protect it from outside aggression.

"The Vietcong," he claimed, is a popular indigenous revolt which has won the support of the vast majority of the South Vietnamese people."

Referring to recent racial unrest in Alabama, Heisler charged that US troops should be moved "out of Saigon into Selma."

During his talk, Prof. Puzzo cited part of the history of the Viet Nam crisis. He declared that "bankruptcy of ideology in the United States in the last twenty years . . . created a vacuum in

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ON VIET NAM: Professor Puzzo (History) speaks as Bob Heisler, of Du Bois Club, listens.

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The Master Plan

Student Council's vote to support a student strike for free tuition represents a hasty action that might very well seriously damage the free tuition movement. We were all waiting for Student Government to tell us what must be the next step in the anti-tuition campaign, and our student leaders have responded by ordering a reckless action.

The boycott makes no sense. Council would have us boycott our classes and give up a day of our free education, the very thing we are fighting for. The proposal reaches the height of absurdity by asking us to boycott a school that has repeatedly advocated a free tuition policy, and which has nothing to do with the imposition of tuition. Student Council has apparently strayed from the path of responsible action. The study vigil that Student Government leaders conducted with the utmost skill put the fight for free tuition into a new phase in which many students cooperated in taking a daring step. The vigil consisted of picketing for 53 consecutive hours in front of Governor Rockefeller's New York office. Everything about the vigil made sense; it protested the expected veto of the mandate and went to the doors of the man responsible.

But now SG is taking us off this track that has generated so much enthusiasm here. Council tells us that we have to strike because the goals of the free tuition movement have to be realized. Who in the college, including the administration, would argue with that statement? We all agree that the students have a right to a free college education. The only question is how we reach this end. John Zippert has outlined steps that show the ability that produced the vigil. We must convince the Legislature to at least make an attempt to override the governor's veto. We must circulate petitions in order to force the city to put a free tuition referendum on the ballot. We must force the free tuition issue before the public. All these are sound ideas and should be implemented but not by the means suggested by Council.

Some Council leaders even admit, after some questioning, that the boycott is just as much a gimmick as it would be to put the word "sex" in a headline merely to attract the reader's interest. However, these councilmen continue, we have to be realistic. Students will not give up a week end to demonstrate for free tuition despite the fact that some were willing to stay up all night during the vigil. Students need something as exciting as a boycott of classes to capture their support.

Somehow it is rather disheartening to realize what our Student Government thinks of us. We lose our respect of our student leaders when, after admitting the faults of the means designed to obtain their just end, they challenge us to devise a better system. These are the officials we elected to set policy, to work until they have the best possible plan, to guide us. If they are going to transfer the burden of their task, they should forfeit the right to govern us.

Now it seems that the challenge of Council leaders must be answered. After Council has carefully considered the proposal, we suggest students meet at the south campus gate and march on the governor's office. Once there, the group could disperse in small units and obtain the needed signatures for the referendum. At a scheduled time, later that day, we could meet before the governor's door and wait until some spokesman for the governor has accepted the petitions. Clearly, we would meet all the goals set forth by Council, and just as important we would be attacking our enemies and not our friends.

The boycott must not be supported by the student body. We should all gather on the lawn tomorrow at 4 and convince Student Government leaders not to make a drastic mistake.

Analysis of the College's Left Wing Image

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Gallagher spoke, dissipated. For one thing, the Depression was long over and the student body in general was more prosperous than it ever had been. Radical groups here, though still militant, decreased in size and number, to the point today where the College is actually no more "left" than many other colleges across the country.

In fact many "progressive" leaders on campus declared that widespread political activism of any kind here is virtually nil.

According to Harvey Mason, a member of the College's Progressive Labor Club, "the kids here have no political savoir-faire; they're politically out of it."

As a former Editor-in-Chief of *The Campus* wrote, in an article on "The Mood of the Students" in the *New York Times Magazine* on November 17, 1963: "... the vaunted City College liberalism of past years is largely dormant. The great majority of students favor the ideals behind the civil rights movement and the nuclear test ban treaty. But action on these issues is usually restricted to casual conversation, often only after all other topics are exhausted."

Supporting Mason's criticism, the article asserted that "except for those engaged in research for a course, interest in current events is usually limited to a quick perusal of the morning newspaper."

Regardless of whether a judgment of this situation is good or bad, it would seem that the College should have outlived its "leftist" image by virtue of the political apathy of its student body, and yet it hasn't.

President Gallagher has been blamed for promulgating the leftist image by Mason. He charged



HITS GALLAGHER: Harvey Mason contended that Dr. Gallagher stifled "activism" here.

that the president has "intimidated" students by "repeatedly" asserting that membership in leftist organizations will prevent students from getting jobs when they graduate.

However, another reason, probably more pertinent, stems from the fact that, of all the political groups now on campus, the only ones which occasionally do "make any noise" are those such as Progressive Labor and Youth Against War and Facism, which are admittedly pro-left.

For example, even though only fifty students, from leftist organizations held a sit-in demonstration outside of Dr. Gallagher's office last month, the coverage the story received in the metropolitan press made it appear as if they spoke for the rest of the College. Thus, a leftist impression was conveyed to the public.

However, "the public" also includes firms like Hughes Aircraft, Bell Telephone, and other

companies which regularly come on campus to conduct employment interviews. The impression their representatives bring to the home office often determine how many positions, if any, will be offered to graduates of the College.

Two weeks ago, Dr. Gallagher felt compelled to write letters of apology to many of these firms for a demonstration organized by the College's Youth Against War and Facism Club against the Central Intelligence Agency, which on February 24, was conducting job interviews in Finley Center.

Interviewed during the demonstration, many representatives said that the protest could help but jeopardize the College's standing in the eyes of their companies. One representative, from an aircraft company, said he himself had transferred from the College in the 30's to an institution upstate "to avoid just this sort of thing."

Here then, is one area where an intangible like a "political image" suddenly becomes very real. It would seem that the slowness of students here has allowed a group to be politically representative of everyone. If one agrees with the beliefs of the ultra-left, then the situation might seem correct.

Indeed, one student said recently, the "goodness" or "badness" of our presently formed political image "all depends on what's on the sandbags you're on."

Whether we'll ever see a climate on campus where both sides are not just free to speak, as they are now, but interested in doing so as well, remains to be seen. Until such time, however, the students of Bay Ridge and other such communities will continue to know the College only through what they read in the papers.

Statement of A Strategy for FREE TUITION by Student Government

WHAT ARE OUR OBJECTIVES?

1. Maintenance of FREE TUITION at the City University; restoration of FREE TUITION to the state university; extension of FREE TUITION to other states.
2. Defeat Gov. Nelson Rockefeller in 1966.
3. At least gain consideration by the State Legislature of a motion to override Gov. Rockefeller's veto.
4. Place a referendum on the Nov., 1965 election ballot to let the people of New York City decide the issue of continued FREE TUITION.
5. Develop an awareness by students, faculty, the public, civic and community organizations of the principle of tuition free public higher education as the necessary goal of higher education in this country.

WHAT IS OUR PROPOSAL?

The proposal has two parts.

Part I — A one day boycott of classes next week during which picket lines will be placed around all buildings and all students will be asked to come to the college with a book to read. In conjunction with the massive study vigil on Convent Avenue, groups of students will go to various areas of the City and get signatures for a referendum; others will go to one assembly district in the city (9th AD for instance) to gather signatures on a petition to one assemblyman who voted against the mandate to ask him to reconsider and vote to override the veto. Late in the day a rally will be held (possibly in Lewisohn Stadium) to plan part II of the demonstration.

Part II — The second part of the demonstration will serve to show the sincerity of our protest by asking all who went on the original boycott to return to the college on the next Saturday to make up the day of learning they passed up for a more important cause. Hopefully, arrangements could be made and some science professors could be convinced to open laboratories on Saturday for those who wish to make up lost time. Some classes missed, like seminars, could be rescheduled on that day by mutual agreement among the participants. In addition to merely making up regular classes, S.G. will coordinate an educational program discussing in small groups, the events of that week, and formulating plans for further action arising out of them.

WHAT ARE OUR REASONS FOR THE ACTION?

The time has come to take the issue of FREE TUITION out of the arena of self-interest. We must begin to realize that the principle of tuition free public higher education is greater than our collective pocketbooks. FREE TUITION is a dynamic concept arising out of the history of public education in this country. Years ago, Horace Mann was waging the very same fight we face today. He was trying to convince the American people that six years of free public school education for all was necessary for the well being of the society and its composite individuals. Today, the society has become more complex technologically, and the economy so demanding of skilled manpower that a public education commensurate with these changes is imperative. Additionally, we must preserve at the top of our educational system a free opportunity or we will deter and discourage those very minority groups that most need the escape ladder of social mobility offered by free higher education.

Thus, this two part demonstration will serve not so much to embarrass one Governor, but to start a movement for the principle of FREE TUITION.

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Limbless "Chicken" Squawks And Spectators Do the Same

By Steve Lambert

"The Freaks" an award-winning horror movie that has been banned in many states had its debut at the College yesterday amid an atmosphere of uncertain anticipation.

The movie produced by Tod Browning in 1932 is considered a classic. In 1960, at the Cannes Film Festival, it was named the "Best Horror Film Ever Made."

The movie has been disputed because of its cast of real freaks.

According to Frank Spellman '67, president of the Fantasy and Science Fiction Society, which sponsored the movie's showing at the College, the film was presented because it "was famous" and "of a nature that deserved being seen."

One student, however, thought the use of freaks in the film was repulsive.

The movie deals with circus people and how they react and relate

one another in spite of their obvious differences. The central theme concerns the effect on the circus populace when a "normal" trapeze artist marries one of the freaks.

They discover that she had really wanted the dwarf's money, and is now poisoning him in order to accomplish her sinister aims. As the film ends, the trapeze artist, with her limbs cut off, is seen sitting in a cage, cackling like a chicken. Apparently she is paying her circus justice, for her crime.

SG Strike

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Faculty members will join the strike. "I want the faculty in on this, but I will not hold back if they do not get a great deal of support from them," he added.

Earlier in the Council meeting, J. C. Thirlwall (English) and Irwin Brownstein appealed to the Council not to stage the boycott. Many Council members opposed the boycott expressed their concern that a boycott would deteriorate administration-student relations. Opposition leaders have been invited to present their views at today's rally.

Executive Vice-President Joel Cooper '65 maintained yesterday that he opposed the boycott because "the means have no relationship to the ends. We would be boycotting the college and the administration, and they are not the ones who impose tuition."

Oppert yesterday questioned this statement saying, "I am sorely disappointed in Buell G. Gallagher. What kind of President do we have? In his own institution, that man refuses to speak out against the administration."

He explained that President Gallagher has failed to make a statement on free tuition while the governor is considering veto of the bill.

Several of the Council members who opposed the boycott have already begun to circulate petitions denouncing the boycott plan.

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Southeast Asia which was filled by Communism."

"If we had supported revolutionary change in 1945," he concluded, "we could have channeled it."

Barry Shrage likened the situation to a game of "Russian Roulette called Chinese Chess."

When one student declared, from the floor, that American generals in South Viet Nam are fascists allegedly practicing genocide, Professor Ballard retorted "They're soldiers just as the Vietcong are soldiers. The tragedy is that they are there."

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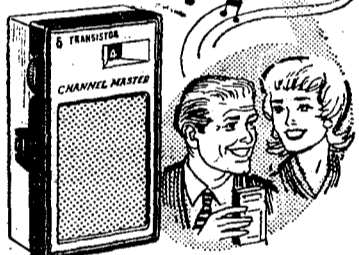
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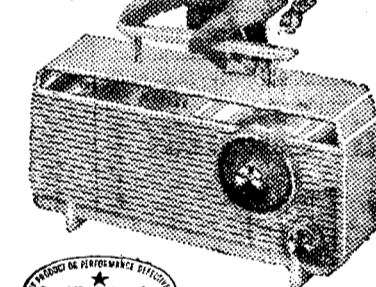
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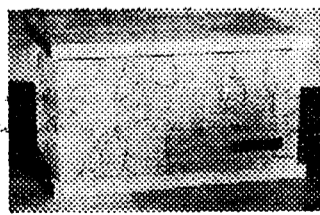
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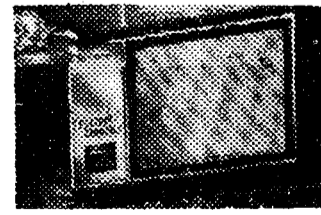


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Sports Image Disputed by Fans and Coaches

There are two diverse opinions about the image of sports at the College: the coaches maintain it is excellent, while the fans and players claim it is poor and getting worse each season.

In support of the coaches' view, basketball pilot Dave Polansky said, "This year I have received a great deal of complimentary letters about the team; Wingate gym was filled for most of our games, and the alumni came out in great numbers to see us in both Washington and Rochester. If these are any indications, I feel that the image is getting better every year."

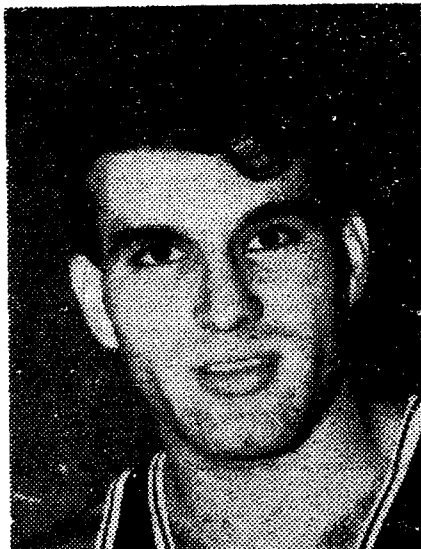
Coach Edward Lucia agreed with Polansky that the image is improving every year, and added, "We now receive much better equipment than we did when I came to the school. When I entered the school, we were only allowed to practice two hours a week and were given no money to practice with. Now we practice five days a week and are given practice money."

Despite the coaches' apparent satisfaction with the College's sports image, it seems to be suffering badly from the effects of an uncooperative administration.

Student apathy on campus will not change "until scholarships are given to athletes," said Alex Blatt '64, the leading scorer on the Beavers 1963-64 basketball team.

Even baseball coach Sol Mishkin criticized the administration's strong de-emphasis of sports since the basketball scandal in 1950.

Mishkin, who did not think the sports image here is as bright as his colleagues maintained, said, "There's no question about it. The period after the scandal in the early fifties hurt. The administration went from one extreme to the



DIFFERENCE OF OPINION: Coach Edward Lucia (left) says sports image is improving yearly, but Alex Blatt (right) former Lavender basketball star, thinks improvement is still necessary.

other; the period when we had no freshmen sports (during the middle fifties) set us back a decade."

Mishkin explained, "When I was here before [the scandal and de-emphasis of sports], the academic standards were not as high, and athletes were given more privileges," such as early registration. "Now," he added, "we can't even get our ballclub together except on Saturday and Sunday, which is asking a great sacrifice of the boys."

Mishkin said, "We were always

in major competition in sports in the past; it didn't matter what the College was; we played them all. Now we're only in major competition in baseball and fencing; we've had to fight to stay in the Metropolitan League in baseball."

Several of the other coaches mentioned the scandal which saw four of the Beaver's championship 1949-1950 basketball squad indicted by the Grand Jury for shaving points.

Although these coaches did not support Mishkin's contention that

the scandal had a profound effect on the image, Polansky did say that the 1952 squad had to cope with crowds who yelled "dumpers" at them when they stepped on the court.

Players and fans pointed to the small sports following at the College, and blamed, in part, the lack of newspaper coverage given the teams.

"If the sports got more coverage in newspapers, especially the New York City ones, the situation would be greatly improved," said Rainer Theurich '66, an ex-member of the track team.

Andy Karmen '66 agreed with Theurich. "An image is pretty much lacking. The sports are not publicized enough so the students know very little about them."

"Basketball fans are enthusiastic, but the crowds are actually very small in comparison with other school," Karmen added.

From the comments of many of the other fans and players, it seems

that the image of the College inextricably tied up with basketball.

"Basketball is the only sport which has a hard core of fans," said Joel Kravet '65, manager of the basketball team for the past two seasons, "but that's because it's easy to motivate kids to go to basketball games, since they've usually played or watched basketball since they were young."

Bob Weisberg '66 added, "The College is only known for basketball. The basketball image is healthy, but the other sports images don't exist."

"A possible solution," Kravet said, "would be to have all physical education students attend one or two games of the sport they are taking."

The consensus seems to be that sports at the College is in a bad shape, but there is hope for the future. If all the coaches and students join with the administration the image could easily get face-lifting it needs.

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