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## Delay Seen on '17' Balloting; SG May Add Third Proposal

By Louis J. Lumenick

Student Government Secretary Adam Kreiswirth '70.5 indicated yesterday that voting on proposals for campus governance would be postponed because of a six-week lag in the original time-table for the report's release.

Kreiswirth, along with Student Councilman Marc Beallor '70 has authored a counter-proposal to the Committee of 17 report and President Gallagher's own suggestions on student-faculty decision-making power.

He said his proposals, which will be presented for ratification at next week's Council meeting, could be geared to "reform and not revolution." Kreiswirth said he "resisted the temptation to make them revolutionary" and timed them towards "political reality."

He claimed his plan would increase both student and faculty power, although not drastically. He explained massive changes would require extensive changes in the Board of Higher Education by-laws, as well as state statutes. SG President Paul Bermanzohn '69, who along with Committee of 17 chairman, Prof. Arthur Bierman (Physics) and Dr. Gallagher will run the referendum, indicated that the President's proposals would require slight revision of the BHE by-laws, while the committee's would necessitate considerable revision.

While Dr. Gallagher's plans are more expedient than the committee's proposals, Bermanzohn said he didn't think they were necessarily better.

Bermanzohn also explained that he, Dr. Gallagher and Professor Bierman have decided to weigh student and faculty votes in areas where there are overlapping interests.

Students or faculty alone will decide matters which affect solely one group.

Bermanzohn made his remarks at last night's Student Council meeting, where last week's decision to hold a non-binding poll on ROTC's presence on campus was overturned, 13-6.

Debate at the meeting centered on the question of whether Student Government adequately represented the student body.

"SG does not represent all the students on this campus," contended Councilman Stu Klasfeld '69.

"I think we have as much right to represent the student body as an opinion poll," declared Treasurer Don Davis '69. Davis, a member of ROTC who voted against last week's motion urging the corps' ouster, said he thought Council's 11-9 vote on the question "was a valid reflection of student opinion."

Councilman Seth Goldstein '69 said that a student repudiation of ROTC would enhance Council's position. Councilman Jeff Bodack '70 contended that SG was "essentially a powerless group" and that ROTC's ouster was more likely "if we put this on the ballot and students are behind us."

"The essence of power is not in masses of people coming to a ROTC drill," declared Davis. "The essence of power is in a

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## Grad School Sees Enrollments Rise Despite Draft Act

By Steve Markin

The "40% dropoff" in graduate students that was anticipated here because of the draft has not materialized, according to Dean Oscar Zeichner (Associate Dean of Graduate Studies).

The dean reported that the College had accepted 40% more students this year in anticipation of the dropoff. However, Dean Zeichner noted that the graduate school admission requirements and the school's quality have not been affected by the increased enrollment.

A Stanford Research Institute survey on the effect of the draft on graduate schools, reported a 50% increase in male applications here over last year's figure.

The Council of Graduate Schools Newsletter last month revealed a 10% nationwide increase in all graduate applications.

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## Rifle Team in Jeopardy As Panel Decides Today

By Alan Schnur

The General Faculty Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics will vote today on whether or not to maintain the varsity status of the rifle teams.

The vote comes on the heels of a 5-2 vote by the Faculty Student Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics recommending the rifle team to be abolished.

If the recommendation is approved only an overruling decision by the General Faculty itself could save the team. The resolution would go into effect at the end of the team's season next term.

The present controversy over the rifle team's status was precipitated when President Gallagher sent a request to the Faculty Student Committee to investigate the team's status in light of recent gun control legislation and the position taken by public high schools in regard to rifle teams.

After the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy the Board of Education ruled to eliminate rifle teams from the public schools because of their bad influence on students.

The matter was discussed and a motion was introduced at the committee meeting by Bernard Fleigel, a non-voting member of the Alumni Varsity Association, recommending that the Intercollegiate Athletics Division no longer support the team. Fleigel based his argument on the grounds that the activity should not be considered as an athletic sport.

Rifle coach Jerry Uretzky was present at the meeting, but had no defense prepared. Uretzky later said he had had only three days to prepare for the meeting and couldn't formulate a defense. The Athletic Office, on the other hand, claimed that Uretzky had three weeks notice that the matter was to be discussed. "I didn't expect it to happen so quickly," Uretzky commented, referring to the twenty minutes of debate devoted to the subject.

Also discussed was the dissolution of the team on moral grounds. Prof. James Cowan (Architecture) and David Kirschenbaum defended the squad. Cowan called riflery a "fine sport," and Kirschenbaum objected to the motion because he felt "the issue had not been gone into deeply enough." He also

plans to file a minority report with the GFCIA.

They were, however, overruled by Committee Chairman Dr. Harry Meisel (Student Personnel Services), Prof. Carl Constantino (Civil Engineering) and Prof. Harold Davis (Education) on the grounds that the sport was not athletic, based on their army experience with rifles. Also voting in favor of the resolution were Prof. Saul Ostrow (Chairman, Physical Education) who based his decision on conferences with departmental members, and Sid Goldstein '69 who objected to the team on the moral grounds. Two of the four FSCIA's student members were absent from the meeting.

While the General Faculty Committee technically is not the final authority on these matters, it's Committee or a desire by the General Faculty to discuss the matter can save it from final ruling by the committee.

The last major recommendation by the Faculty Student Committee to the General Faculty Committee was the question of whether the College's track team should participate in the NYAC track and field meet at Madison Square Garden last March, because of the Club's alleged discriminatory membership policy. In this case, the Committee's ruling—that the team should not participate—was final.

Coach Uretzky is planning a defense for today's meeting. (Continued on Page 11)

## Grape Strike

Dolores Huerta, Vice-President of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee will discuss the California grape strike at 12:30 in 380 Finley. A film, "Decision at Delano" will also be shown.

## ROTC Under Fire

# Tempers Flare; Obscurity Grows

By Dave Seifman

"Look, you want to know what the issue is," a determined demonstrator remarked after a recent Friday morning confrontation between ROTC cadets and "anti-rotcee" protesters. "The issue is rotcee. We're going to get them off, one way or another."



"I've spoken to the demonstrators—about three years ago," said a cadet. "But now we're so polarized that there's no point in talking."

But while sentiment on both sides is all too clear, the question of who shall make the decision and how is becoming increasingly obscure.

President Gallagher, in a statement issued Oct. 1, declared that his decision on the status of Military Science was within the province of the General Faculty since it was that body which approved the ROTC curriculum in 1935.

But in a bit of parliamentary backtracking Monday Dr. Gallagher released a second pronouncement. The decision, he explained, was not at all in the General Faculty's purview. Instead a sep-

arate vote of the faculties at each of the College's four schools (Liberal Arts and Sciences, Education, Engineering and Architecture) would determine the fate of ROTC.

The President did not indicate what would happen if there were

a split vote, however. Military Science is not a prerequisite for a degree from any of the four schools, and a situation whereby one school recognizes Military Science credits toward matriculation while another would not, is hard to visualize.

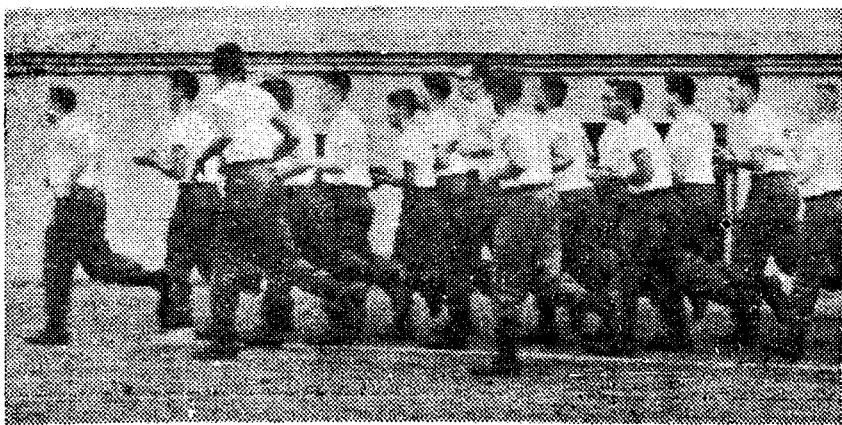
"Obviously Gallagher is playing his BGG games which he's done before," remarked Student Government Secretary Adam Kreiswirth '69. "Gallagher is handing the students a real crock."

Kreiswirth's reference was to the President's handling of a referendum two years ago polling students and faculty on the compilation of class ranking for use by local draft boards.

At that time students had the option of requesting that their

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## An Analysis



# Tempers Flare; Obscurity Grows

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class rank be submitted to the board. Students who were not progressing satisfactorily, or did not submit their rank, were subject to induction. Dr. Gallagher proposed that the faculty of each school vote on the question. The School of Education was the only division to vote against the release of class rank.

Despite the vote, the President declared that campus opinion was too indeterminate to make any changes in the prevailing procedure. One of the reasons, he stated, was that only 40% of the student body and a similar percentage of faculty members cast ballots.

The entire issue became academic when the Board of Higher Education four weeks later declared as City University-wide policy the maintenance of class rankings.

On the other side, anti-ROTC

activists have similarly been fudging the procedural questions. Student Council last week voted that a student referendum be held, concurrent with its own recommendation to the General Faculty that Military Science be driven from the campus. But at last night's Council meeting, Kreiswirth's motion to rescind the referendum request was overwhelmingly approved, despite objections from many councilmen who questioned whether the body was being representative of student opinion.

Meanwhile investigation of the arguments presented by both sides reveals a number of unexplained discrepancies over various facts and figures.

For example the number of students enrolled in the two ROTC programs, basic and advanced,

varies depending on who is supplying the figures. Official ROTC figures show 228 students in the basic course and 160 in the advanced course. These numbers include students from other units in the University.

Student Government figures show 153 in the basic course. Students enrolled in the course through the College Registrar's

office total 113 and 81 respectively.

Another apparent contradiction can be found in the Cadet Handbook's description of the course requirements. According to the handbook "when either of the two two-year courses is elected, successful completion of that course becomes a mandatory prerequisite to graduation." Many students however, have dropped the program without consequence.

Meanwhile the focus on the ROTC has intensified with the impending suspension of six students for alleged disruption of



Photo by Phil Se...

two classes last week and defacing of walls in the stadium. Another demonstration for Leohn Stadium is being prepared for tomorrow morning. And channels for resolving the complex question have yet to be

## Promethean

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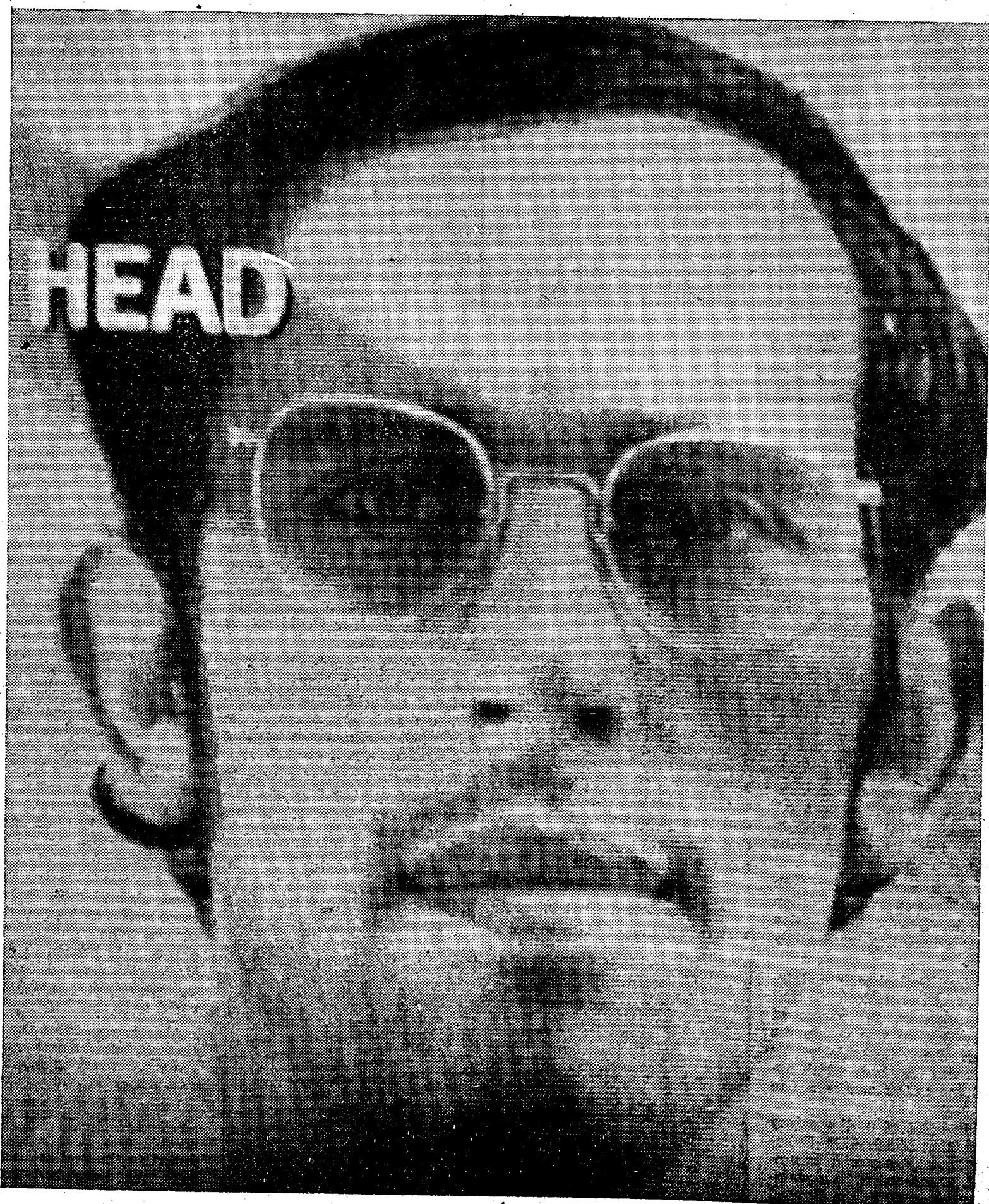
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# Student Architects Blast Master Planners

By Steven Rotheim  
Architecture students and faculty clashed sharply with representatives of the College's construction master planners for almost three hours Monday night.

The confrontation, in the architectural jury room in Goethals Hall, pitted a hundred angry members of the School of Architecture against two architects from John Carl Warnecke and Associates. They fought over the campus renovation plan.

Students and faculty criticism centered on: The "sentimental and unfunctional" preservation of the Gothic structures around the North Campus Quadrangle. The planners charged that there is insufficient room in the

structures for the fine arts and that no auditoriums, design space, or exhibit halls could be fitted into them. One student, Robert Kalish '69, suggested that the buildings were "more suitable for use as a military museum."

The failure of the planners to obtain Music and Art High School. The Warnecke representatives asserted this was impossible; the students charged that they hadn't considered a trade of land.

The alleged failure of the planners to "meaningfully relate" to the surrounding neighborhood. Students said that the College would become an alienated island in the midst of the community.

A sociology student, Sam Seifer '69, favored retention of the North Campus buildings and an-

nounced the others at the meeting by doing so, objected to the North and South division of the new plan. He declared that "walking from Gothic north to glass and concrete south was "inhumane" and that the proposed megastructure was "way out of scale." Many architecture students and faculty concurred with the objection to the scale of the new campus.

All College participants at the meeting objected to the place-

ment of the dormitories at one end of the campus. Some wanted them to be built within the outlying community.

Hirshel Post and William Carlstrom, the planners' representatives, agreed with some of the objections but defended the overall design as "the most practical one."

Mr. Post contended that the plan "includes facilities for both the College and the community" and did not ignore the campus' responsibility to the surrounding neighborhood. He pointed to the 2,000-seat auditorium, a 350-seat theater, and the swimming facilities as examples.

He said that the North Campus Quadrangle buildings "are nice... the only ones worth preserving on this whole campus. After a while, you develop a certain feeling for those buildings."

Architecture students responded, saying that the structures are "pseudo-Gothic fakes" and too obsolete for the functions proposed for them.

Mr. Post said that "public transportation was adequate" in answer to a criticism about lack of student parking. Kalish countered that "the transportation might be good at this end of the line, but not at ours; that's why we drive." He said that students need thousands of parking spaces.

Only the idea of a pedestrian mall with shops along Convent Avenue drew praise. Students claimed at the end of the meeting that "we could do better than this."

# Faculty Unit OK's Bid for Expansion Of Pass-Fail Plan

By George Murrell

More students at the College will have a wider choice of pass-fail options if a resolution passed unanimously Tuesday by the Faculty Committee on Curriculum and Teaching is approved next month.

The Committee proposed that the current options, permitting upperclassmen to elect one pass-fail course a semester, be extended to 24 credits with no restriction on the number that can be taken in one term. Freshmen and sophomores would also be permitted to take the courses.

Basic courses and elective concentration courses would still be exempt from pass-fail options.

A request from the Psychology Department that several of its courses, considered "ungradeable," be made mandatory pass-fail, spurred the Committee to expand the option.

The Committee reasoned, according to Dean Gabriella DeBeer (Curriculum and Teaching), that it would be simpler to expand the option than to deal with similar requests from other departments.

Dean DeBeer, an ex-officio member of the Committee, said it also considered whether graduate schools would devalue pass-fail grades. The Committee decided that, except in a few cases of transfer students, no handicap would be incurred.

The proposal goes before Faculty Council next month, and the Board of Higher Education afterwards. If approved by both, it could be implemented by next September or, at the latest, February 1969.

# 'Metro' to Reach 6 Colleges

By David Seifman

Le Metro, an independent statewide student newspaper, will distribute its second issue Monday to six colleges in the city. The paper's founder, former News editor Mark Kramer, eventually hopes to reach every college student. He said Metro is patterned after a similar format paper in Boston. "I think there is a definite need for this," said Kramer. New York is so big and diverse and the students are so alienated." He explained that Boston After Dark, the paper Metro is modeled upon, is read by virtually every college student in that city and its large circulation serves to unite Boston students.

New York students, Kramer declared, are "culturally fatigued." There are so many things going on in New York," he remarked, "and there is no one to talk to." Le Metro, he said, will serve this purpose. "The only true voice of what students are saying and writing are student newspapers." "We're pretty determined," said Kramer. He explained that the fact that we're not taking money from any college gives us a certain amount of freedom which we intend to use."

The first issue, distributed at the College two weeks ago, met

with something less than enthusiastic response. "It's a rag," quipped Andy Soltis '68.5, associate editor of The Campus.

Former Observation Post editor Ken Kessler '69 commented: "I don't understand it."

Initially, the paper is being financed by Kramer and five other students from the College.

A major problem facing the young newspaper is a concentration of all but three of its staff members at the College. Another difficulty encountered by Kramer has been the reluctance of some school administrations to allow distribution of the paper. Thus far, NYU at Washington Square, Queens, Hunter, Lehman, Columbia University have approved its circulation on their campuses.

# Peace Corps

The Peace Corps is coming. Representatives of the Corps will be on campus during the week of October 28 as follows:

- (1) Opposite 152 Finley; entire week; 9 a.m. until closing.
- (2) Opposite Knittle Lounge; Mon., Tues., Wed.; 9-7.
- (3) Lincoln Corridor; Thurs., Fri.

A film about the Corps will be shown in 303 Cohen at the following times:

- October 28, Monday 3-4; Tuesday, 11-12; Thursday, 11-12; Friday 3-4.

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Third: I intend to work for human rights and for only one class of citizenship in the United States.

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Fifth: I will increase, not decrease, the commitment of the national government to better education for all our citizens—in elementary schools, high schools and universities. I propose a policy of full education from age four through college age for every American child.

Sixth: I intend that every person who needs medical or hospital attention shall receive it.

Seventh: I am concerned about guns in the hands of men, but I am more concerned about atomic bombs and long-range missiles in the hands of nations. I want to end the world arms race. I want to get rid of anarchy in the streets but I am just as concerned about anarchy on the international level. And that is why I will commit the foreign policy of the United States to the cause of a stronger United Nations—a United Nations with adequate authority to prevent world war by dealing with basic causes of war.

I have a vision of a healthy and prosperous America in a world at peace. Such an America and such a world will not be easy to achieve. It needs not just a President who is determined to move in this direction, but a people who believes in progress and are prepared to give their best.

— Hubert H. Humphrey

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# God: Dead, Suspended, or on Sabbatical?

By Carol DiFalco

"'God is dead' doesn't really mean there's no belief— it just means that for all practical purposes, God's not around."

"People don't think of God as a stern old man with a long white beard sitting on a mountain in Heaven."

The 'God is Dead' movement of a few years ago has all but faded into the background, with only a few scattered graffiti remaining behind. Many students here have argued that the once controversial term is no longer meaningful because the concept of religion has since been drastically broadened. They contend that a humanistic conception is gradually replacing the traditional theological emphasis.

### Social Emphasis

"There's more of an emphasis on social involvement today," commented Angelo Nigro '70, president of the College's Newman Club, a Roman Catholic organization. "Instead of dwelling on traditional religious activities," he said, "people are going out to help others. I personally think this is more of a religion," he added.

Jacquelyn McGlynn '70 also recognized a new trend. "Years ago, people were concerned with an individual religion that didn't involve others. But I think more people are beginning to see 'God' in the kind of life they lead," she explained.

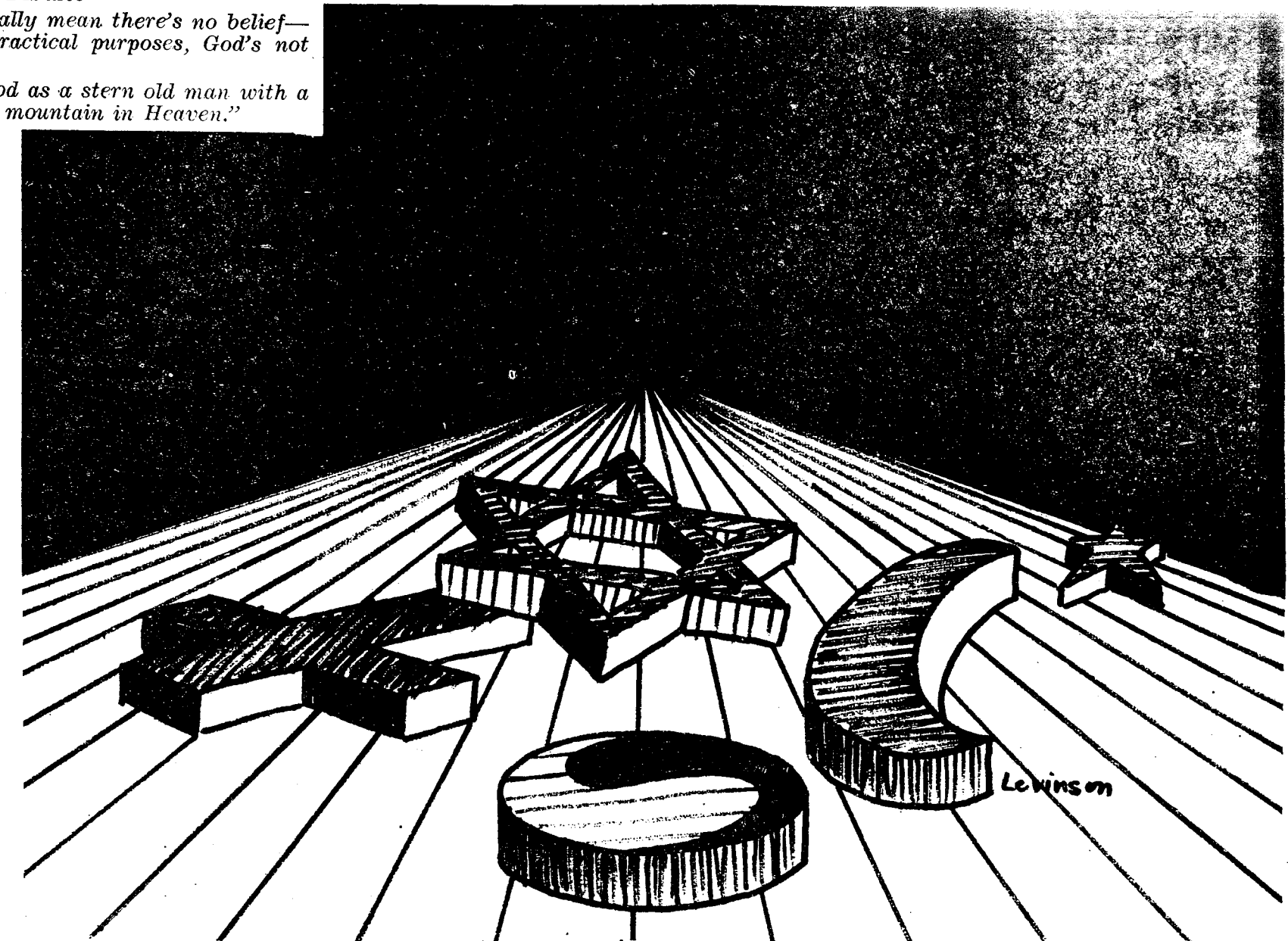
The trend away from an anthropomorphic view of God was also mentioned by Andrea Temple '69 who believed that people now "think of God as a positive value — as goodness — and they look for it in their relationships with others."

Hillel president Samuel Bergman '69 remarked that even if people believe in a traditional God "they still try to live their lives without relying on Him. Most kids don't see God as playing a significant role in their lives," Bergman added.

### 'Relative Term'

A few students suggested that everyone has his own conception of God. John Hunt '71, president of the College's Christian Association said he believed that "people are looking for different ways to come into contact with God." Hunt pointed out that the Christian Association, formerly mainly a social organization, has reflected this trend and has become "more action-oriented."

Anne Pol '71 contended that "God is a relative term . . . and



may mean something very different to many people."

One senior said that she didn't "really see a need to verbalize it — to either affirm or deny the existence of a God. Everyone has doubts," she added.

Father Edward Peters, Newman Club chaplain, suggested that "religion, like moral character, is the sum total of a person's life." He added that many of the hippie cults "may be a bit distorted and fantastic but it's religion."

Several people cited the recent surge of interest in Eastern philosophy as evidence of a "re-channelling of religious feeling" away from traditional forms. One junior noted that the philosophy's attraction for students "probably lies in its emphasis on spiritual rather than material values."

Another junior remarked that

"God can be many things. As far as I'm concerned, nature is God."

While Father Peters acknowledged that "the fundamentals (of religion) are being questioned," he pointed out that this is true of almost every aspect of modern culture.

Rabbi Arthur Zuckerman of the College's Hillel Club also noted that "students have grown more critical of the Establishment in recent years. They attacked religious institutions because they identify these institutions with the Establishment," he maintained.

Rabbi Zuckerman added that he found current students "far more critical of traditional theological concepts" and that "from my point of view, this is very healthy."

### Religious Hit

The major criticism leveled by

students against organized religion was that "religion doesn't correspond to reality," as Mike Isaacs put it. Isaacs cited the Catholic Church's stand on birth control as an example. Many people said that although institutions are beginning to make changes — "to survive" — the rate is not fast enough.

"Most people aren't bothering to work within the institutions," commented Bienvenida del Pilar '69, vice-president of the Christian Association. "Instead, they're just dropping out — period," she said.

### 'A Sham'

One student suggested that the exodus of young people from religious institutions was motivated partly by a desire to "form your own values, instead of having them dictated to you."

A sophomore remarked that she frequently found herself ve-

hemently disagreeing with the sermon in her Roman Catholic church.

"One Sunday," she explained, "after the Pope's encyclical on birth control, the priest was telling us to remember that 'the Pope is the final authority in all matters of faith and morals.' I wanted to get up and scream but he isn't . . . I am, I am!" she said.

Another said he considered organized religion "a sham" and contended that it "provides people with a crutch." Lee Harris remarked that "Man created God in his (Man's) image," and then began to rely on God for help. But "God has never fulfilled," Harris added.

A few of the students who classified themselves as atheists contended that people shouldn't depend on a God for social change because "there's no God to help them." One of these students, Alan Weber, also maintained that religious individuals are often responsible for racial problems.

"The Bible started all discrimination."  
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## ROTC Retreat

"The function of a university is not that of a department store. It is to be a guardian of truth for society. If someone said 'I want to learn how to kill,' I would say 'Buddy, the university is not the place.'"

— Prof. Arthur Bierman (Physics) at

Student Government hearings on ROTC, Oct. 9.

The American university should be an open forum for diverse ideas, but this does not mean that the institution lacks or should lack a value system. The value system should not be constraining, but at its very root should be inscribed the commandment "Thou shalt not kill." The freedom to learn does not include the freedom to learn to kill.

Inherent in the values of the college community should be a commitment to idealism. In their quest for "truth," the students and faculty can not ignore the ends for which the power of knowledge is used. Practical courses leading to careers in architecture, engineering, and teaching are given at the College; the skills acquired can be used to better the human condition. Military Science is a practical course, but unlike those mentioned above, the skills taught are designed ultimately to increase efficiency in the destruction of human life. The military establishment may be used for defense, but defense involves killing. Killing may be necessary but it is never good.

Military Science courses teach military strategy and tactics, subjects which some students find fascinating. Those students who are intellectually interested in these subjects should study them in the abstract; those students who wish to release their aggressions can find an outlet in war games such as chess or Diplomacy. But military strategy and tactics for use in warfare should not be taught at the College. In Military Science courses, students are being trained for the field of battle, where combatants are not toy soldiers and bullets don't bounce off.

Certainly the most objectionable aspect of the ROTC program are the Friday morning drills in Lewisohn Stadium. The barracks-style discipline at these exercises is not compatible with the atmosphere of a college community which cherishes individual freedom.

The Military Science Department is not an academic department like any other at the College, as some of ROTC's supporters claim. It is a curious requirement of the Military Science Department that any student taking one of its courses must join its Reserve Officer Training Corps. Students taking mathematics courses are not required to join any program specifically directed towards preparing students for careers in mathematics, nor are students taking English courses required to join a program directed towards preparing them for careers related to English.

The argument most frequently offered by those who favor ROTC on campus is that by driving the Corps off its grounds, the College would be depriving 338 officially registered students of their right or freedom to take Military Science courses. But there is nothing to stop the United States Army from continuing to give the ROTC program off campus. The army would have no trouble obtaining space for its classes and drills, perhaps in an armory. It could set a certain time for ROTC activities, and those students interested in participating could arrange their class hours to fit in Military Science courses, as an extracurricular activity.

Some students have asserted that taking ROTC off campus would alienate its members from the values of civilian life and help to further the creation of an elitist army not subordinate to the civilian government. But more cadets would choose to continue their academic program at the College, even if they had to go off campus to take Military Science courses. These cadets would not be quarantined from the influence of civilian values. Currently the average course load is sixteen credits, and no ROTC member is taking more than two credits of Military Science.

Disaccreditation of ROTC, while allowing it to remain at the College, is not a sufficient action against the program, because the corps, as an adjunct of the university, is morally reprehensible.

The bulletin of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 1968-9, states on Page 106: "The College believes that leadership, citizenship, and military training available to students enrolled in ROTC is beneficial in their overall development; therefore the College encourages enrollment in ROTC." That sentiment is simply unconscionable.

A clause in the College's ROTC contract with the Army provides that either party wishing to terminate the arrangement must give one year's notice of its intention. We hope that ROTC will have completed a full-scale retreat from the College before the end of 1969.



### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

#### The Campus

Holds a Managing Board conclave on the Committee of Seventeen Report at 12:15 in 338 Finley.

#### Government and Law Society

Hears Prof. Gary I. Boren of Washington University Law School on Tax Reform in 121 Finley. The good professor will also endeavor to interview students interested in attending that noble institution.

#### Hockey Club

Meets in 130 Shepard at 12:15 "to rehash its stunning victory over Manhattan. Front runners who refused to come to club meetings when the team was losing will be tolerated." Harrumph!

#### Club Iberoamericana

Discusses the problems of the Spanish Community in Downer 202.

#### Intervarsity Christian Fellowship

Meets in 118 Wagner, and will also view a film "A Time For Burning," in 303 Cohen Library at 6.

#### Math Society

Presents Prof. R. Kopperman on "Differentiation" in 06 Shepard.

#### Newman Club

Presents Deputy Mayor Timothy Costello speaking on "Race Relations and the Ghetto," at 4:30 at 469 W. 42 Street.

#### Outdoor Club

Meets at 12 in 212 Wagner. Conversation will center on a Weekend Autumn camping trip.

#### Psychological Bulletin Society

Confronts Prof. Hardesty in his office at 11:50; Meets in 209 Harris (New members invited).

#### Repertoire Society

Holds an Open Workshop in Theatre. God Knows Where, they didn't say.

#### Sapience

"A new intellectual group" — meets at 12 in 118 Wagner.

#### Yavneh

Hears Rabbi Manes Friedman speak on "Chabad Chasidism" at 12:15 in Shepard 125.

## Balaam's

Balaam's Ass, a College literary magazine, is now accepting contributions for its fall issue. Short stories, poetry, and art are acceptable. Please put all contributions in an envelope marked with name and phone number and leave in the Balaam's Ass mailbox in 152 Finley.

## Ed. School Talks Stress Local Control

By Yocheved Berlowitz

The School of Education Monday will begin a series of lectures and panel discussions on "Parents, Their Schools and Their Community."

The topics to be explored include enrichment programs for disadvantaged children, and the role of the local educational board. Parents and people involved in neighborhood programs, as well as professionals, will address the audience.

The eight proposed lectures will be held in 115 Klapper Monday evenings at 8.

The first meeting, will deal with the subject of community control. Prof. Ramon Sanchez, the coordinator of the series, will moderate a panel discussion among himself, Professor Ruben Mora of City University and Walter Green, a graduate student in social work at Yeshiva University.

Community residents are invited to attend and provisions are made for simultaneous translation into Spanish. A question and answer period will follow all discussions.

Topics and dates of the remaining lectures will be announced.

## Skill, Speed Keep Mice Ahead Of the Selective Service Cat

By S.B. Markin

Students here, reports a College official, seem to unwittingly winning their cat-and-mouse game with the draft.

In an interview Tuesday, Steven Mendelson, assistant to the College's Armed Services Affairs director, chalked up students' thus-far good odds against their local boards to careful humoring and a solid knowledge of the Selective System's intricate web of rules.

As an example of the latter, Mr. Mendelson dismissed as "a student-perpetuated fallacy" the common assumption that to qualify for the draft's satisfactory progress clause, one has to carry 16 credits per term.

He explained that the clause "is met by moving from class to class. The board doesn't know the number of credits for which you register." The number of credits needed for class advancement are only 28 to become a sophomore, 64 to become a junior, and 92 for seniorhood.

Commenting on the College's "excellent relationship with the 66 local draft boards in the city, Mr. Mendelson declared:

"We've never lost a student who come into this office before he has gotten himself fouled up."

Students often do just that, he explained, "by giving their draft boards too much information. This office has never knowingly given a draft board any information that could hurt a student."

Non-matriculants, Mr. Mendelson asserted, especially benefit from the buddy-buddy relationship. Most of them have been getting 2-S deferments, and the college official credited them to the form letter notifying the local boards that all non-matrices here "must meet specific requirements, enroll for a program of courses leading to matriculation and the fulfillment of their requirements for the baccalaureate degree."

Mr. Mendelson affirmed strict compliance to a declared policy of "no information to the boards

without the student's knowledge. It's my moral obligation—legally, though, it's your obligation.

"Technically, the office is required to tell the board of anything that could affect a student's draft standing. But if I were to tell of every weird thing happening at City I'd need a staff of 500."

In dealing with draft boards the College "will back the student with both this office and the curricular guidance office," Mendelson declared.

He offered shrewd suggestions on what to do when the draft board calls, or vice versa: "Confess. They are all over 30. The people are only human; if you call them a bunch of dirty bastards, things just won't go well for you."

Mr. Mendelson sounded a note of momentary cheer — the annual October to November breathing space at most draft boards, a phenomenon caused by the sheer volume of classification date that overwhelms the two secretaries for each local board.

In recalling the chaotic scene in Great Hall Oct. 9, when the Armed Service Affairs Office called in thousands of male students, Mr. Mendelson had only apologies.

But he also reminded students that the crush, though uncomfortable, was necessary to avoid a flurry of 1-A notices. "The registration process is not new; we've been using the short form for 2½ years. The only difference is that now, you are doing the clerical work."

Besides, next year the office will arrange more registration days and put more people on duty, he promised: "It was the first time and we learn from experience." Most males are looking forward to many more registration days to come.

## College Tutors Pupils By TV During Strike

By Michele Ingrassia

The College has invaded the "vast wasteland" of television in an attempt to prepare strike-affected public school students for the upcoming American History Regents Examination.

Profs. Donald Cody (Education) and James Watts (History) will teach a preparatory course for the duration of the teacher's strike. The show, which premiered Monday afternoon, airs daily from 12:30 to 1:30 on WNEW-TV.

The idea for the show grew out of a meeting last week of the School of Education's Institute for Urban Schools and Community Services. Discussion centered about measures to aid pupils during the strike.

Prof. Ramon Sanchez (Education) proposed a daily television lecture series. The motion was approved, and Metromedia Television agreed to cooperate. According to Dean Doyle Bortner (Education), the series' aim is to help New York City students without becoming "strike breakers."

The professors deliver the lectures in a simulated classroom which includes some students from Professor Cody's Methods class and several neighborhood students. They reason this will give viewers an actual classroom feeling rather than that of an impersonal lecture.

One of the most important aspects of the series is an invitation to students to call in their questions. There were over 300 such calls after Monday's program, Dean Bortner reported.

There are tentative plans for the expansion of the series if the strike continues. The dean said consideration was being given to preparation classes for the English and other Regents exams. The School of Education, he added, does not expect to provide "substitute classrooms," just to provide "whatever help possible."

The program will pre-empt the "East Side Comedy" on Channel 5 for the duration of the strike.

# Survival and the Single Student

By Mark Brandys

Is your own cooking giving you indigestion? Are you tired of waiting for the super to come fix your leaky faucet?

The Experimental College now offers a course in "Survival for Bachelors and Bachelorettes." The course, organized by Howard Topoff and Peter Gold, is aimed at the undergraduate who is or will soon be living away from home.

The group meets every other Monday in 350 Finley. The emphasis is on making life a bit more economical. As Gold points

out, "It takes very little to make life tolerable and very little to make it intolerable."

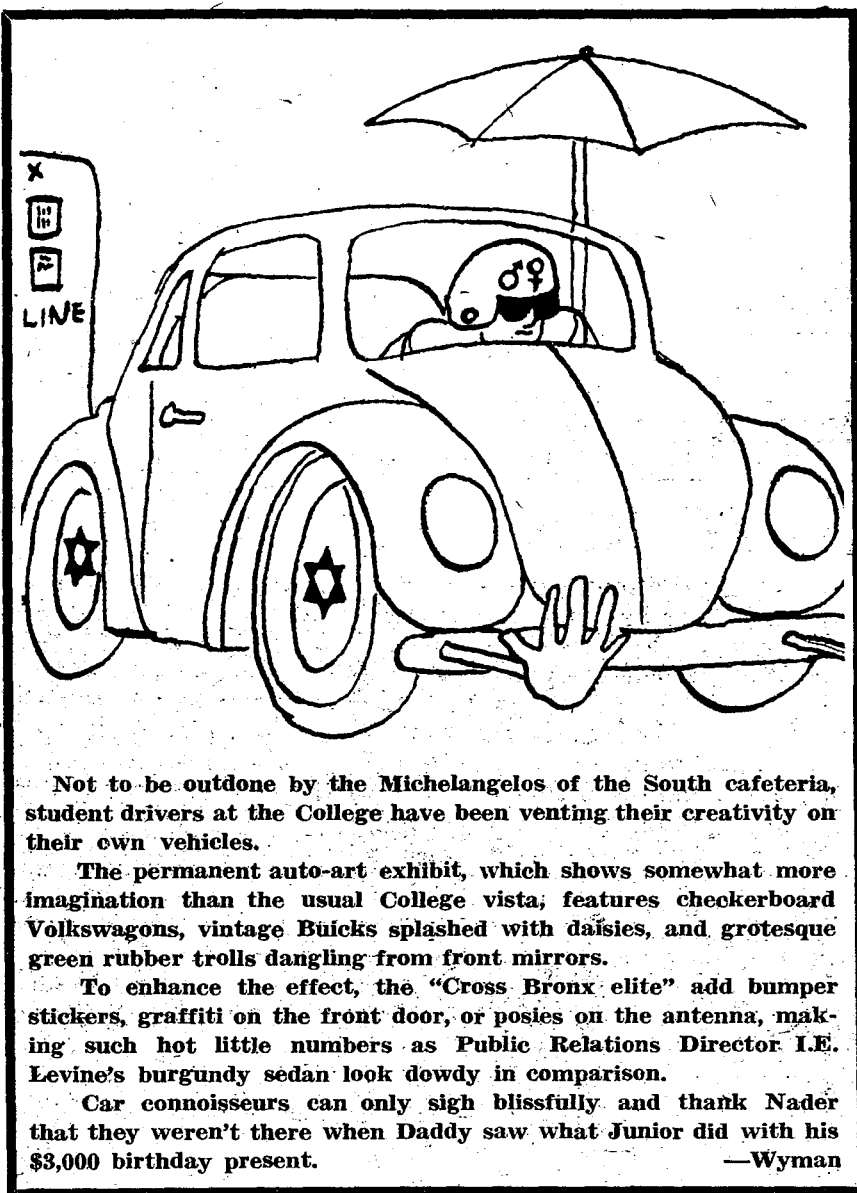
The three men and two women now participating will discuss how to make minor adjustments on a toaster, how to fix a car, and how to troubleshoot electronic appliances, such as radios and television sets. Proper use of necessary tools will also be demonstrated.

Members will also dabble in the culinary arts. A kitchen and the necessary utensils have been reserved in Finley Center and attempts will be made to prepare complete and inexpensive dinners. The work and the expenses will be shared equally by each student.

For its first meal the group has decided on a salad, a stew, garlic bread, and rice pudding. Barring complications with this debut, they hope to concoct simple French, Italian and Chinese dinners.

Various aspects of grocery shopping will be explored, including how to buy frozen foods and various cuts of meat. Another undertaking will be the comparison of brand name foods with the stores' own brands, for taste and price.

An additional project which the group plans to tackle is wine making and how to tell a good cheap one from a mediocre expensive one . . . Ah, now that's survival.



Not to be outdone by the Michelangelos of the South cafeteria, student drivers at the College have been venting their creativity on their own vehicles.

The permanent auto-art exhibit, which shows somewhat more imagination than the usual College vista, features checkerboard Volkswagens, vintage Buicks splashed with daisies, and grotesque green rubber trolls dangling from front mirrors.

To enhance the effect, the "Cross Bronx elite" add bumper stickers, graffiti on the front door, or posies on the antenna, making such hot little numbers as Public Relations Director I.E. Levine's burgundy sedan look dowdy in comparison.

Car connoisseurs can only sigh blissfully and thank Nader that they weren't there when Daddy saw what Junior did with his \$3,000 birthday present. —Wyman

# Campus Savior Peddles Salvation On Strictly Non-Prophet Basis

By Roberta Rothstein

The College may not be the first place you'd look for neo-prophets, but one ambitious young zealot has been trying to put the fear of God back into skeptical students.

For several weeks Richard McMullin, a perpetual senior at the University of Illinois, has been roaming the campus distributing New Testaments, pamphlets and books aimed specifically at the Jewish students of the College.

Mr. McMullin, who has also done the Columbia and N.Y.U. circuit, wants to awaken students, particularly Jewish ones, to Jesus Christ as the true Messiah and his teachings as the true Word.

When asked why he chose the College as his target, he cited its large Jewish population, its proximity (You know, it's just a ride on the subway.), and its open-minded students.

Mr. McMullin says he has gotten his best reaction to date from students at the College. I've talked to a lot of people; as a matter of fact, I've got some of names on my hand. Let's see, Elaine "Freckles", Bernie . . .

Mr. McMullin has been proselytizing on college campuses for over a year. He has purposely maintained his status as a senior for the last three years because he "wanted to talk to students on their own level."

His information-books and pamphlets-is supplied by the Hebrew-Christian Fellowship and the New York Bible Society. All the literature is free; a fact which seems to surprise passers-by. Mr. McMullin assures hesitant students that there's no charge, provided they promise to read the material.

Mr. McMullin practices what he preaches. "I live cheaply, well, that is I live economically. . . I've slept on park benches, in subways. Last night, I slept on the property of a church. It was very comfortable. Don't tell anyone where it is or they'll all go to sleep

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Photo by Louis J. Lumenick

IF PAUL BERMANZOHN enrolled in the Experimental College's bachelor course, he wouldn't have to resort to this.

# Beer, Broads and Brotherly Love

By Steve Markin

The beer is flowing, the music's blaring, and you're waiting. At the entrance, an upperclassman with a pin on his lapel, an ear-to-ear smile on his face, rises from his seat, welcomes you and takes your name. Before you can blink, he summons another creature of The Smile. This one amicably slaps your shoulder and the speeches begin.

Welcome to an open rush.

For the past four weeks the rushes have had more beer, more handshakes, and more speeches than a Democratic fund-raising dinner in a Republican year.

Bedazzled at first, the apprehensive rushee finds it's all pretty much routine. At all the houses you know you'll find the smile. But where and how will you find your four-year companions?

"Of course a lot of it's put on, but you have to meet the guys somehow."

"Some of the exuberance has to be real."

"Some of the guys are really great, but . . ."

"How can you know a guy in five minutes?"

"I must have met 20 brothers tonight and I don't remember one name . . ."

"Every time I meet another brother he asks my name, my high school, and my major . . . hell, I don't know my major . . ."

After two or three weeks of this you've found that you really like the guys in one or two of the houses . . . you think. Sure, a lot of the exuberance at these was false. But in the other ones it was worse, or the exuberance wasn't there at all. Before you leave you shake the last hand for the evening and through that Ultra-Brite smile you hear:

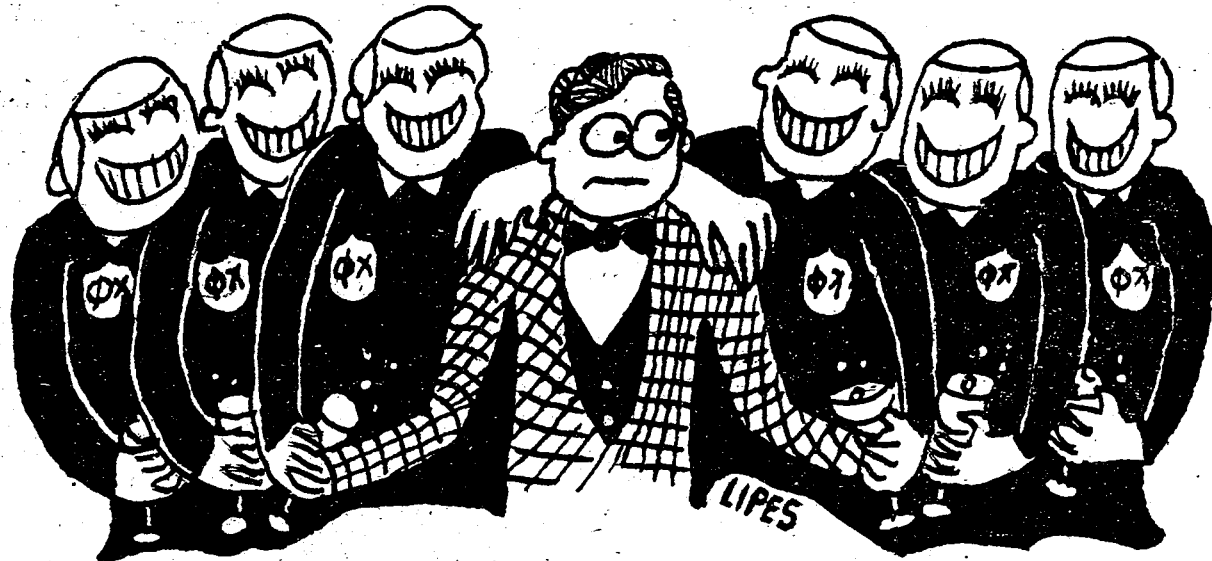
"Next week there's a closed rush. I'm sure you'll be invited."

maybe you like what you see. If they like what they see, you come back for an encore next week.

The air is thick with the talk of bids and pledging. You've met some really great people. With really sincere and helpful advice.

still another it's an inane, innocuous farce."

That Saturday morning the phone rings. You've been accepted and offered a bid. If you say yes, you're going to devote up to 15 hours a week to being



In the middle of your homework the phone rings.

"Hi . . . I'm — from — and we'll be looking forward to seeing you at the house next Friday at our first closed rush." Wow! Acceptance.

Friday comes around and the smiles are still there — minus the booze and broads.

"Glad you could make it."

You smile and adeptly (by this time) pin the name card to your lapel.

You find that most of those smiles are genuine. The discussions become longer, more serious and more personal. You're really meeting the guys, and

That night, or during the following week, comes the interview.

That wild apprehension suddenly becomes something resembling fear. Before and during the interview the snob-appeal gimmick is at its peak. "Before we consider you for a bid . . ."

You walk in the door and sit down against the opposite wall or in the center of the room. The smiles are gone, the mood is serious and you're fixing your tie. At one house the interview immediately becomes a friendly exchange of questions and opinions. At another it becomes a pompous, formal exercise. At

a lowly pledge In the hope of making some good friends and (most important) of belonging. You think you know the guys — and like them — but you've only seen them four or five times. This decision will influence your next four years. Is this what college is? asks the lower freshman. Do you have enough time to pledge? Do you really want to? Do you feel you've been shanghaied? Do you want to know more about that other house? Are these the type of guys you'll like four years from now? Has four weeks been enough for you to decide?

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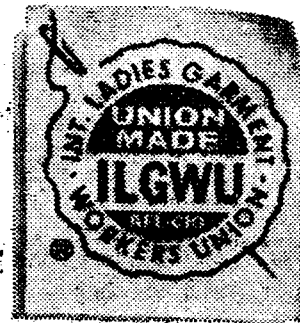
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### Grads

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Dean Zeichner said that he did not know why the expected dropoff here had not occurred.

Steven Mendelson, assistant to the director of Armed Services Affairs at the College suggested that "the boards are not as heartless as most people think."

He explained that despite directives to the contrary, local draft boards have appeared hesitant to pull graduate and third year Ph.D. students out of school in the middle of a term.

Mr. Mendelson noted that "so far the graduate student has not felt the press of the draft" but that "in six months we'll know better" the boards' views on graduate deferment.

Mr. Mendelson added that classification will not be received until November and that "no news is good news."

The Council's newsletter reported that local boards appear to have been deferring graduate students who were classified before the Selective Service Act of 1967 went into effect.

### God: Alive and Well Here?

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ination when the imperialist movement was strong and the individual was always the major concern."

However, the growth of the civil rights movement in the early ination, all racial hatred and all wars," Weber remarked.

Andrea Temple also contended that "religious institutions have fostered narrowness in people. The staunchest bigots," she said, "are often the biggest churchgoers." Miss Temple also suggested that organized religion is self-defeating in that "strict religions actually help keep people apart, instead of bringing them closer as they should."

One junior said that she didn't consider "any one religion better than another" and classified herself as an atheist. She noted that "a lot of people have doubts but it's very hard for them to give up the idea of God."

Rabbi Zuckerman, who has been at the College since 1945, pointed out that the trend toward social involvement mentioned by most of the students is a relatively recent one.

"In the '50s students were very apathetic and preoccupied with their own careers," Rabbi Zuckerman explained. "The existent-'60s had a strong influence on College students, Rabbi Zuckerman said. "There was considerable interest in changing society. Students began to believe that the university should correct society, rather than reflect it," he added.

The Rabbi noted that theological issues were more important to students during the "existentialist period." With the growth of interest in social action, however, student interest in theology declined sharply.

Most students, while agreeing that there has been a decline in traditional religious activity, denied that there has been a corresponding rise in atheism among students.

The discussions will continue and the questions will remain unsolved, but as one student pointed out: "People are growing more tolerant of other people's beliefs — or lack of them."

### Council

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democratic election." He said the poll should be abandoned "in behalf of maintaining any semblance of power for this group. We can't submit to the anarchy of public opinion polls."

Bermanzohn said he felt any poll would be "totally irrelevant," creating an "artificial division" between SG and the student body.

Davis also announced that the newly-created Community Affairs Board will meet soon. The board, which will allocate funds for community affairs projects, will consist of one representative each from the Onyx Society, the Pre-Bac Council, the Interfraternity Council, House Plan Association, Hillel, the Christian Association and two faculty members.

Council also voted to create an autonomous Elections Agency to replace Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and Gamma Sigma Sigma service sorority. The vote came after Hillel vice president Barry Helprin '69 expressed the concern that an existing organization taking over the agency might force it into a non-political position.

### Bible Man

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there too. I don't know where I'll sleep tonight but I know I'll sleep somewhere."

Mr. McMullin, when asked if anything funny had happened to him in the course of his work, remarked, "Well, I got arrested a few times." One Yom Kippur evening he was handing out copies of a letter he had sent to the New York Times, explaining his cause, in front of Temple Emanuel. "I guess some people got annoyed, because they called the police." He was arrested for disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace.

Mr. McMullin sincerely believes in the ideas of the material he hands out. "I don't represent any one group," he asserted. "My belief is that Jesus is the Messiah. You know," he mused, "I think the whole Bible seems too wonderful to be true."

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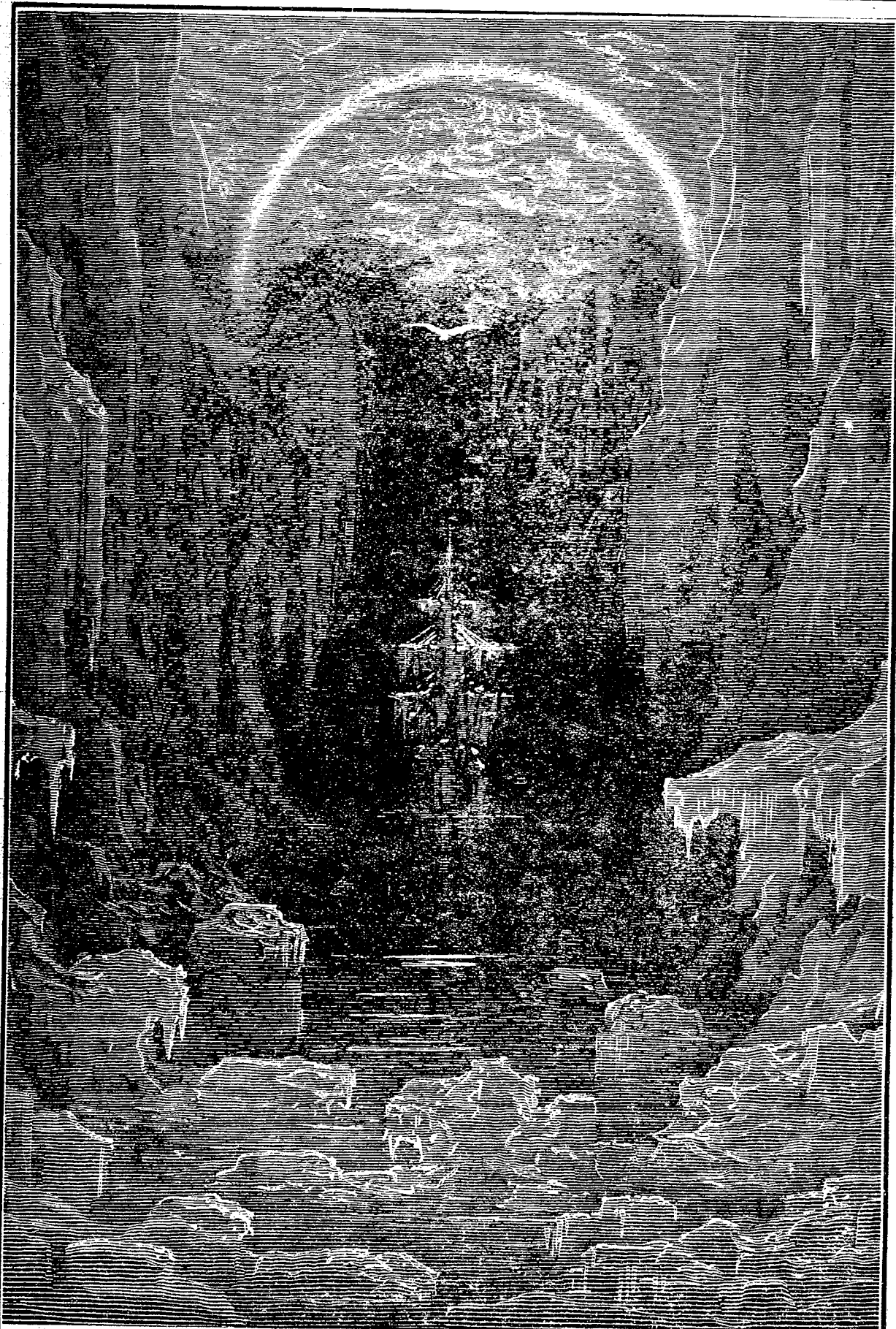
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**An Opinion:**

**Shooting to Kill**

By Alan Schnur

The Student Faculty Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (SFCIA) at a prominent University voted to remove the varsity status of the sport of Boglio yesterday by a 4-3 margin, because it is not athletic enough.

When questioned why he had voted with the majority, one member of the committee replied that "it didn't sound athletic," although he conceded he had never seen boglio played and did not know the rules. "It can't be too athletic with a name like that," he added.

The preceding story is a rather harsh, though not too unconnected analogy to the decision by the College's FSCIA to remove the varsity status of the rifle team. Out of the seven members voting on the resolution, only one person has ever seen, let alone participated, in a college rifle meet. This was Prof. James Cowan, a member of his college's pistol team who voted to keep rifle a varsity sport. The five members of the committee in favor of the resolution have either never seen a rifle meet or must remember back to their Army days to ascertain how athletic rifle competition is conducted.

It would appear that the rifle training segment of a soldier's career is mild compared to the other activities a soldier must engage in. Jerry Uretzky has also pointed out that an Army rifle is much lighter than the rifles used for competition.

And yet the committee did not even take the trouble to view a College rifle meet or go down to the range and try out how unathletic the sport is themselves. Instead they voted after a 20-minute debate to do away with a sport that has been considered on a varsity level for 46 years. Then the committee devoted 45 minutes to discussing the motion to elevate the water polo team from a club to a varsity status, without a decision.

The question of what makes a sport "athletic" is an involved and semantic question. Does one consider a sport athletic only if it requires a great deal of muscular strength without precision, or can a sport needing precise muscle control be included under this definition.

Rifle competition is considered athletic enough to be included in the Olympics. An individual can win a medal for riflery the same as he can win one in swimming or track and field. It would seem that the International Olympic Committee disagrees with the FSCIA.

A part of the rifle team's 10 hours a week plus training (the same time devoted as most other teams at the College) is spent running laps around the Lewisohn track. In September, long before the matter was brought before the committee, I met rifle team members running their laps. I have to question the opinion that the rifle team is non-athletic when the endurance that comes from running is needed to build stamina for the meets.

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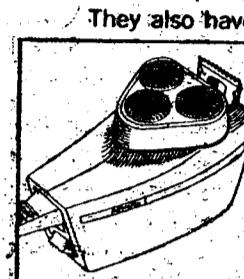
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**An Opinion:**

**Shooting to Kill**

By Alan Schnur

The Student Faculty Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (SFCIA) at a prominent University voted to remove the varsity status of the sport of Boglio yesterday by a 4-3 margin, because it is not athletic enough.

When questioned why he had voted with the majority, one member of the committee replied that "it didn't sound athletic," although he conceded he had never seen boglio played and did not know the rules. "It can't be too athletic with a name like that," he added.

The preceding story is a rather harsh, though not too unconnected analogy to the decision by the College's FSCIA to remove the varsity status of the rifle team. Out of the seven members voting on the resolution, only one person has ever seen, let alone participated, in a college rifle meet. This was Prof. James Cowan, a member of his college's pistol team who voted to keep rifle a varsity sport. The five members of the committee in favor of the resolution have either never seen a rifle meet or must remember back to their Army days to ascertain how athletic rifle competition is conducted.

It would appear that the rifle training segment of a soldier's career is mild compared to the other activities a soldier must engage in. Jerry Uretzky has also pointed out that an Army rifle is much lighter than the rifles used for competition.

And yet the committee did not even take the trouble to view a College rifle meet or go down to the range and try out how unathletic the sport is themselves. Instead they voted after a 20-minute debate to do away with a sport that has been considered on a varsity level for 46 years. Then the committee devoted 45 minutes to discussing the motion to elevate the water polo team from a club to a varsity status, without a decision.

The question of what makes a sport "athletic" is an involved and semantic question. Does one consider a sport athletic only if it requires a great deal of muscular strength without precision, or can a sport needing precise muscle control be included under this definition.

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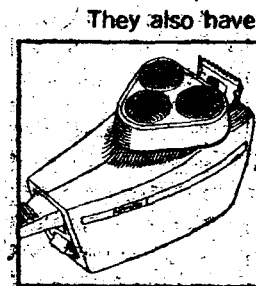
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# Booters Zip Post, Seton Hall

## • As FDU Showdown Nears •

### Alvarado Hot

By Fred Balin and  
Howard Cohn

The College's soccer team regained their superior form last weekend with a back to back demolition job of both C.W. Post and Seton Hall.

The scores — 5-0 and 4-0 — were lopsided enough and any effects of the upset from Montclair last week were nowhere to be seen. Coach Ray Klivecka substituted early and freely in both games as they proved to be just tune-ups for what will be the first big test of the season this Saturday at Farleigh Dickinson University.

F.D.U. is one of the leading soccer powers in the East and will be no pushover. City's record now stands at 6-1 with an unblemished 4-0 record in conference play.

"Cautiously optimistic" Ray Klivecka is pulling out all the stops in an attempt to take his squad to the N.C.A.A. Championships. He requested two things from the booters before they met Seton Hall Monday: a shutout and a goal from Mario Damiano.



RAY KLIVECKA

By the final whistle he had both; Louis Hooper and Jorge Orellano shared the netminding tasks in the 4-0 win and Damiano notched City's third goal.

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## Hoop Practice Starts; Domershick at Reins

By Larry Brooks

Basketballs are bouncing, bodies are bumping and sweat is flowing once again in Wingate Gym. The tenants of the arena? The 1968-69 edition of the varsity basketball team, of course.

The hoopsters opened their practice sessions on October 15 under the watchful eye of their new coach, Jerry Domershick. Formerly the College's freshman coach, Domershick has taken over for the venerable Dave Polansky, who is on a one-year sabbatical.

As a former pupil of Polansky's, the new pilot runs his practices in a way strikingly similar to that of the vacationing mentor. He stresses need for a steady, ball-control offense, teaches tough defense and works hard on the fundamentals. And in the Lavender tradition, he presses the need for hard work, dedication, determination and pride.

These last three qualities are perhaps reflected best in Captain Jeff Keizer. The 6-4½ senior had rather spectacular statistics last year, scoring 23.1 points per game. He is now within range of the all-time college



ON THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN: All-American Mike DiBono watches from afar as Queens' goalie smotherers Lavender shot. DiBono nursing an injured thigh, has been watching from the bench recently, but the Beavers are scoring anyway.

ing from an injured left arm, has participated in three shutouts and has allowed but five goals the entire season.

Three starting forwards didn't make the Seton Hall trip, but depth is a word the College can boast about. An eye-catching crop of sophomores has the veterans on the squad fighting for positions they thought they had locked up. Cirino Alvarado has been an absolute terror on the left side. He fired home three goals against the Pirates on top of the two he scored Friday. The exciting newcomer has quickly become a favorite with his all-around hustle and ability. Second-stringers Charlie Louis, Eric Cantor and Nicholas Hanges also played fine games.

The College's defense, which is beginning to be taken for granted, was again superb. Reinhard Eisenzopf, Gregory Sia, Tony Casale, Sam Ebel and "Duke" Dukzak made life easy for the two goalies as the frustrated Seton Hall offense could get off only two shots on net in

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## Rain, Iona, CCSC Combine to Halt Brave Runners

Just like the trusty postman or the all-weather drive-in, the College's cross-country team battled the elements Saturday. Unfortunately, the driving rainstorm that muddied the paths of Van Cortlandt Park wasn't the only adversary that the harriers had to face that morning. It seems that cross-country teams from Iona and Central Connecticut State College also braved the downpour. Their appearance at the triangular meet was the ultimate cause of the Beavers' taking a lowly third place in the competition.

Andy Ferrara, harrier captain, kept City from failing to place a runner among the top ten finishers. Ferrara trekked in third in a time of 28:08, well off his best efforts but quite excusable in light of the physical conditions prevailing.

Greg Calderon was the second Beaver to make it across the barely distinguishable finish line. The promising newcomer wound up twelfth in the time of 30:03, again one of his better efforts. The final score—Iona, 24; Central Connecticut State, 39; and CCNY, 67—was basically anticlimatic. Don Kalish, Joel Antman and Harry Kraus rounded out the top five Lavender finishers. Their times were 30:48, 33:27 and 34:08. Gerard Crepeau, Terry Chabrove and Jeff Wildfogel were unable to finish the five-mile course.

The freshmen fared no better at the three-mile distance, again finishing third out of three contesting schools. Carlos Cuprill led the frosh across the line in 18:53. Trailing behind him were Jerry Egelfeld in 19:14, Francis Pignatano in 20:11 and Julius Ruggiere in 22:55. Actually the freshmen's scores were regarded as invalid since an incomplete squad of only four runners showed up.

The harriers will next try their luck, hopefully on firmer terrain, Saturday when they will journey across the Hudson to face Montclair State and Jersey City State. Ferrara and company should find themselves faring better on that occasion.

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## Synchronized Swimming: It's Not Broad Jumping

By Stan Siegel

The role of women in college varsity sports has always been a perplexing situation in regard to the measurements of their success and their recognition by the student body. For one to delight in the feminine form of women's intercollegiate athletics, one must not miss an exhibition by the women's synchronized swimming team.

There remain qualms about this sports' success because of its relative unpopularity. Nevertheless, in spite of this moderate obscurity, water ballet has claim to having a dual role as an art form for the high-minded and a treat for the sports enthusiast.

Mrs. Ella Szabo, coach of the synchronized swimmers, has enjoyed success since the team was first conceived and takes pride in the enthused attitudes and resulting progress displayed by her shapely beauties. "Not one of the girls presently on the team has had the slightest exposure to the skills in the sport before entering college," explains Mrs. Szabo, "Yet we are one of the most accomplished teams in the eastern section of the country."

Mrs. Szabo has been working with synchronized swimmers at City College since 1962, when the collection of water maidens had but the status of a club. In a period of six years, the Lavender has justifiably earned the rank of an intercollegiate athletic team. During this relatively short span, the Beaver Bathing Belles have garnered the respect of colleges throughout the country. This was readily confirmed last May at Bloomington, Indiana, where the first competition sanctioned by the Division of Girls' and Women's Sports was held. Of the twelve schools, among the many colleges hosting a synchronized swimming team, invited by the DGWS to compete, City College was the only eastern school to represent that section of the country.

The difficulty in the situation, however, lies in the absence of any swimmers with even the most remote background in the sport. The reason is not a profound one. There are no high schools in the metropolitan area that feature synchronized swimming as part of their varsity sports program. Furthermore, few people are familiar with synchronized swimming and regard it as distant and uncommon experience. "It isn't like basketball," laments Mrs. Szabo, "Where girls acquire a familiarity with the sport in high school gym classes and others, and at the same time, adopt a skill for it."

Thus, Mrs. Szabo, a one-time AAU synchronized swimmer herself has but a group of young women, green in the required skills, with which to work. Like a sergeant handling a unit of new recruits, Mrs. Szabo must take her girls, train them, drill them, and coordinate them into a well synchronized team displaying the pageantry of water ballet routines. Because there is so much to learn in so little time it is necessary for a girl to be classified as an advanced swimmer in order for her to qualify for the team. It's the yearning of all coaches to find a girl who has had nursing in the sport since childhood. Southern Connecticut has one such swimmer which Mrs. Szabo labels as a "baby" find.

Yet, considering the deterrent conditions, the response of the City College girls to tryouts is always in excess of what the team can accommodate.

Contributing to the unfamiliarity of synchronized swimming and the incoherence of competition is the sport's unparalleled distribution of events and its general lack of organization.

Unlike most other sports, synchronized swimming has two seasons of competition; each one involving different routines at different levels of performance. In the spring season, the girls engage in what is called stunt competition. Members of all three levels of competition (beginner, intermediate, and advanced) must perform three stunts, two of which are optional while the third is designated by the judges. These stunts must also be performed within a specified degree of difficulty.

During the fall season, the note is on solo, duet, and trio performances—the routine competition. City's synchronized swimmers will make their debut in routine competition December 7 at Southern Connecticut.

The lack of the sport's organization is accompanied by a determined effort to coordinate its participants. Mrs. Szabo and the other college coaches in the area have been trying, in a joint effort, to initiate the conception of a metropolitan association of synchronized swimming teams. Only this year did they succeed in effecting the creation of their desired conference. The D.G.W.S., the women's counterpart to the N.C.A.A., has sanctioned the formation of the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Synchronized Swimming Conference. Mrs. Szabo is hoping that the D.G.W.S. will also sanction the December 7th meet at Southern Connecticut. Also in the metropolitan conference are Brooklyn, Hunter, Stonybrook and Southern Connecticut. These four schools, together with the College will meet on December 7.

Coaches of synchronized swimming teams today are concerned as much with the unification and organization of the sport as they are with the degree of competence of their own teams. Member coaches of the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Synchronized Swimming Conference are striving to recruit many other colleges in the New York area to become part of the Conference. Thus far, aside from the acknowledge of this newly formed conference, the D.G.W.S. has failed to recognize synchronized swimming as a major college sport, simply because of its unsuccessful venture to date. This is notably confirmed by observation of the deleted schedule of the Beaver contingent. The entire agenda consists of two Eastern league meets, one Metropolitan League championship meet, one Mid-West championship contest (to be held in Cincinnati), one exhibition and one clinic. It is hoped by the sport's adherents that the recognition of the Metropolitan Conference has been only the first in a series of initiatives.

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