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TENET Program Trains Teachers or Urban Areas

By Michele Ingrassia

TENET (Training Experience for New Elementary Teachers), a new spring and summer program specifically lesigned to train students from economically depressed areas to teach in urban areas of New York state, has been introduced at the College by the School of Education.

The program will supplement the already operating TEMPUS program (Teacher's Education Master's Program for Urban Schools), which is available to all students. Under TEMPUS, a student earns enough education credits during one summer to apply for a teacher's licencse.

The students will be divided into two groups; forty, who have carned a Bachelor degree but have had no experience in education, will take six credits during the spring and six during the summer, while the other twenty, who are already teachers, but without experience in urban schools, will take three twocredit courses during the spring. In both cases, the student completing the program will be ready to apply for a New York City teachers li-

TENET is designed to integrate the offerings of the School of Education; most of the students in the program are black or Puerto Rican.

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HARVEY, HENDEL VYING FOR OMBUDSMAN POST

By George Murrell

Prof. J. Bailey Harvey (Speech) and Prof. Samuel Hendel (Political Science) will compete this week in a faculty election for the College's first Ombudsman.

All full-time members of the faculty are eligible to vote for the Ombudsman, whose power 'will be established by the precedents set by the first person in the office," as one faculty member put it.

Campaign Pledges

The office of Ombudsman, as defined in the recently approved proposal for campus governance, ". . . is not intended to replace the normal channels of administrative process." The Ombudsman is a last resort to be turned to when the normal channels of communication between the faculty and administration break

Specifically, the Ombudsman is to investigate complaints of individual faculty members and students, and make recommendations to President Gallagher.

In an interview Thursday, Professor Hendel expressed the view that the post "would not involve policy making but rather seeing to it that policy was implemented and administered." He added that the Ombudsman would "no doubt" have influence in his capacity to make recommendations.

The administrative process in the City University developed

ter piece added on, and individuals getting lost in the shuffle," according to Professor Hendel.

He said the Ombudsman's job would be "to make sure the administration was on the job 24 hours a day" and "to make the voice of the faculty articulate and effective."

Professor Harvey said that the Ombudsman would primarily serve the interests of the individual who "because of error, ignorance or red tape was being rolled over the institutional machinery." 👾

However, he said he did not forsee the Ombudsman becoming involving "with anything in the nature of a confrontation," or with "political questions." He conceded that he would probably serve as a mediator in such disputes, when asked to.

Ideological Issue

Sharp political lines are drawn for the election, wish a far greater polarization of ideologies than in last year's Provost election. Progressive members of the faculty support Professor Hendel, who is Chairman of the Academic Freedom Committee and a member of the Board of Direc-



SAMUEL HENDEL

berties Union.

Professor Harvey, a member of the General Faculty who spoke for ROTC's retention last month, has support among more conservative faculty members.

Professor Edward Quinn (English) said that the Ombudsman should be a man with "broader sympathies and greater flexibility" than Professor Harvey. "If it became just another extension of Gallagher's power, what is it worth?", he

Others Considered



J. BAILEY HARVEY

by the progressives, including Professors Emmanuel Chill (History), Joan Gadol (History), Leg Hamalian (English) and Edward Quinn (English). There was fear, however, that splitting the vote among several candidates would let Professor Harvey win.

"Non-political"

Professor Joseph Copeland (Biology) asserted that the election was a "completely non-poli« tical event," and would be satisfied with either man in office. Professor Copeland was instrumental in circulating one of the Several other members and three petitions nominating Pro-

Disruptions' Move Air Force to Steinman

By David Seifman

Recent "disturbances" at Finley Center Placement interviews have prompted concerned College officials to advise the Air Force to reschedule their February recruitment visit to March 5 and to change the site from Finley to Steinman Hall.

The visit, sponsored by the Young Republican Club, was originally to be held n the Trophy Lounge of Finley Center. In a letter addressed to Young Republican President Steve Schlesinger on February 4 Lt. Donald J. Burns, of the Air Force Recruiting Detachment in Garden City wrote:

"The school administration at CCNY has contacted us in regard to our Air Force College visit. In light of recent disturbances at CCNY, we have decided that it would not be in the best interest of the Air Force or the school to make our visit the 18th or 19th of February.

"The Placement Office has extended an invitation to us to visit the Engineering School at CCNY on the 5th and 10th of March. Perhaps the visit at that time could be jointly sponsored by the school and your organization.



PERSON TO PERSON? Perennial activist Josh Chaikin (center) encounters Sergeant Edward Sullivan (right) at Alumni House during off-campus interview last term.

"We are sorry that disturbances have

changed the plans . . ." While Schlesinger expressed the hope that he could work with the administration to avoid confrontations with dissidents, other members of the Young Republicans appeared to be visibly angered by the shift in locales.

"We'll invite the Marines to Finley next time and not tell them (the administration)" said one member.

The ostensible purpose of inviting the Air Force to visit Finley, according to Young Republican Vice-President Bill Anderman, was to "test the open recruiting referendum." In a college-wide referendum, held in January 1968, students and faculty overwhelmingly endorsed open recruiting on campus for all companies,

"I expect trouble," said Anderman prior to being informed of the move to Steinman. "Sergeant Sullivan (of the 26th Precinct- will have police available and will provide necessary protection."

Recruitment interviews by the Department of State, meanwhile, slated for this afternoon, were canceled after only one student registered for an interview.

Controversy Grows Around Art Dept's Pre - registration'

By William Apple

The Art Department's experiment in "pre-registration" has created a furor among administration and non-art students.

Presidential assistant Prof. Robert Taylor noted that the Art Dept. did not get "administration sanction" for the experiment but "informed Mr. Papoulas (Registrar) a few days before registration" of the Department's intent. "It had not come to our intention until the end of January," Professor Taylor continued. Because of the great number of commitments made to students who had pre-registered, Mr. Papoulas "reluctantly" let the experiment proceed.

Students wishing to register for certain art electives two weeks ago found that course cards had been reserved for art majors only.

The pre-registration system allows a student to indicate in writing, weeks before actual registration, which art courses and sections he wishes to take the following semester and a list of alternates. A committee of students coordinates the requests and fills up the available sections, upper seniors getting their first choices and so on, class by class. The program was for are majors only except in a few cases where non-majors made special application. Students are then returned "receipt cards" guaranteeing seats for the coming term in the appropriate class. Course cards are set aside for these students.

According to Ralph Levinson '69.5, spokesman for the Art Society and one of its six students who worked last term with Prof. Lawrence Copeland (Chairman, Art) on the project, pre-registration answered "a crying need to help art majors get courses they needed at the junior and senior level."

Professor Copeland noted that "Art majors semester after semester after semester have been cut out of art courses by students from other departments,' and that many have to wait until their senior year to take basic courses. The rationale behind the pre-registration experiment, the Art Chairman went on was to "give satisfaction to art majors."

An announcement concerning the program's operation was made this fall to a student meeting of art majors.

Although the Registrar was assured that at the start of registration there would be several "free cards" in each art section. several complaints were received from students who wanted to take Art 140 (Photography 1) and Art 241 (20th Century Art) but found all sections closed very - early. At least one upper senior found all five photography sec-' tions closed in less than two hours after registration began, the bulk of cards having been reserved for students yet to come. · However, Mr. Papoulas estimated that there were "no more complaints than usual."

"Hopefully, next year fewer toes will be stepped on," Levinson assured. He assessed the program's success as "incredible," and estimated that 80 or 90% of art majors were satisfied with · the efficiency of pre-registration. "Most people were in and out in no time. I, myself, including (Continued on Page 4)

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Gulp!...a Bitter Taste

Amid a din of insults, curses, and threats, Student Government members, last Wednesday night, raised their hands, choked, and swallowed a thousand dollar allocation for Utambuzi, the newsletter of the Onyx Society.

The steamroller tactics of Onyx members stifled reasoned parliamentary debate, and created a dangerous precedent for lobbying before the Student Senate soon to be born.

The SG action is impressive only in terms of pace, not quality; the members of the legislative body demonstrated an efficient conditioned reflex response, when they should have shown guts.

The Utambuzi appropriation should not have been approved since the Onyx Society refuses to distribute its publication to the College at large.

The Onyx members have decided that Utambuzi should be an organ only for their club. This policy places the newsletter on the same plane as Contact and Greek Letter, which were justifiably denied any funds for next term.

Utambuzi is of interest to a segment of the student body outside of Onyx; it would deserve funding if it were made available to these potential readers.

Any student may run for a Student Senate executive position; specifically, the slate of Presidential candidate Henry Arce, which was almost entirely ineligible under the SG by-laws, can now participate in the mid-February elections.

Cafeteria Workers End Walkout After Transfer Row Is Settled

By Bob Lovinger

Union representatives and administration officials have temporarily cooled the tempers of 20 South Campus cafeteria workers who staged a three hour wildcat strike last Thursday.

The dispute involved employee Luis Feliciano, who claimed he was transferred to the North cafeteria against his wishes. Cafeteria Manager Larry Bee stated that Feliciano had requested the transfer himself. A spokesman for the workers said that Feliciano's transfer was part of a management policy of transferring "undesirables" to the North lunchroom where they are worked so hard that they are eventually forced to quit.

Local 302 of the Cafeteria

Workers' Union was contact soon after the walkout began 10 a.m. and a meeting called 12:30 at which administration ficials urged the workers to a back on the job. Bee announce that he refused to discuss a matter until the strike end The strikers resumed work 1 p.m.

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A second closed meeting wheld immediately following tween Feliciano, Bee and union representatives. Eaving the discussion that the first the glass-enclosed offit The dispute was settled, with I liciano remaining as he request in the South cafeteria.

Union officials were annoy that the strike had been call without contacting the union all. A union spokesman coplained that "They have an aparatus in this union throughich to iron out grievance of they had called us, and a found our solution satisfactor then a wildcat strike would justifiable."

The cafeteria workers are manding a minimum wage one hundred dollars a week, p for school holidays, and the rig to inspect cafeteria and un books over the long run. Dur the summer and on days wh classes are not in session North cafeteria remains on while the South cafeteria is sh down. On these days North ca pus workers are paid regular s ary while those down South not work and receive only 6 salary compensation at the, of the school year.

If the long-range demands a not met, further action is like

Registration

(Continued from Page 2) writing out cards, registered a half hour," the art ma boasted.

It is doubtful, however, the experiment will have a "ne time." Besides the fact that administration hadn't been give sufficient time to consider the plan, there was much specution that pre-registration he violated the "presidential directive" which allows students register only at the time school uled for their class.

Mr. Papoulas noted that departments have always had right to select "who goes into classes," and so he could see clearcut violation.

Professor Taylor, howev could see a violation of the rective.

Although Professor Copelar indicated that the pre-registration proposal was "only an experiment and will not be peated," a conference will be heatween the administration at the professor's department work out a more viable plan fart majors.

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Fee Hi, Fo Sum: Construction Debt is - - Ho Hum

By June Wyman

OFFICIALS at the College, the Board of Higher Education, and the City University Construction Fund have vehemently denied charges made by the CCNY Labor Committee that the University has put itself in debt for millions of dollars to several large banks in order to finance construction for the next 30 years.

The Committee made its allegations in a leaflet distributed at registration. It charged that student fees were being used to back up the debt and that the fees would increase directly with the increase in the debt.

The accusations were denied by Ronald Gaudreau, Assistant to the Chairman of the Construction Fund. Gaudreau claimed that fee increases totalling 28 dollars since 1962 at the College, had absolutely nothing to do with the construction debt and that, rather than the debt determining the fees, fees put a limit on the amount of debt that could be safely incurred.

Every Cent Returned

Gaudreau pointed out that every cent of the fees was returned after being used as security on the bonds. This was confirmed in the Construction Fund's financial statement, which show that in 1968 the Fund received about 17.5 million dollars from the City University in fees and returned exactly that amount.

He also said that banks were not the only holders of the bonds and that several educational institutions were involved. The Labor Committee is now investigating the bond owners and expects to have the specific names soon.

The College's Assistant Business Manager J. F. Keilt also denied any connection between the debt and fee raises and said that the only part of the College's fee which ever goes into the Fund, the \$22 General College fee, was raised before the Fund was even established (in 1966). Fee increases since then haave involved only the student activities and athletics parts of the fee, which are not used as security on the bonds.

Rising Salaries

Keilt attributed the enormous pre-1966 increases in the General Fee to rapidly rising salary demands by both faculty and administrators. The College's Business Manager Cornelius Ahearn had also attributed the early 1960's raises to the increase in faculty salaries throughout the City University. Professor Ahearn is ill and could not be reached for comment on his statement. The BHE Master Plan for 1968, however, confirms his interpretation of the increases: in the budget increase expected between 1967 and 1972, salary increases account for 49 per cent, while debt service accounts for only 7.8 per cent.

A spokesman for the City University's budget office also denied the Committee's charges and said that the debt on the bonds (which includes interest and repayment of the principle) is met in full by the city and the state. He also denied that faculty salaries had anything to do with fee raises, since they, too, are funded by the state. He could not, however, guarantee that in the future city and state funds would be adequate to meet the payments and indicated that in such a crisis the General College fee might have to be hiked.

Gaudreau, on the other hand, said that if this shortage occurred, the fee would never be raised. Instead, construction would be spread over a longer time period. In several instances, according to Gaudreau, noted that the construction had already been delayed to avoid hav-

ing to raise fees, especially on community college construction.

The Labor Committee's Peter Wilcox, who did the research and presented the allegations, claimed that the Construction Fund had agreed in its contract with the banks to pay "incredible interest" and to assure tax-free profits on the bonds. Gaudreau pointed out that the 5.1 per cent interest paid on the bonds was hardly "incredible" but admitted that the profits were tax-free. The tax exemption, said Wilcox, means that the bonds are worth "almost twice as much" since corporate taxes are so high.

Gaudreau also corroborated the Committee's statement that "interest payments will nearly double the principle when the debt is finally paid, saying only that this was "understandable" and that "this is just the economy we're in."

Assurances by the officials contacted that state and city funds together would always be enough for the actual debt payments was in direct contradiction to Wilcox's statement that the state budget submitted by Governor Rockefeller is constantly being decreased



BIG BANG: Assembly Speaker Travia pushed the plunger to kick off '68 construction and CUNY was blasted deeper into debt.

and that this combination of increasing debts with lower state aid would spell tuition for the City University schools eventually. Actual figures support Gaudreau and the CUNY spokesman; the state has in fact been taking over a greater part of the CUNY budget every year and is expected to eventually take over the entire system. Gaudreau and CUNY would then be correct in thinking that use of fees to pay

the debt will not be necessary. The Master Plan also states that "anticipated fee income is sufficient to permit full financing of the 615 million dollar construction program."

Keilt said that although he believed the bond debth had nothing to do with rising fees the Construction Fund had eaten up almost all of a reserve fund of surplus fees which was maintained by the College. This fund once totalled about 1.7 million dollars but was largely appropriated by the Fund in 1966. The Fund is by law entitled to take all "instructional and non-instructional fees" from CUNY as back-up for bond payments and the reserve fund was defined as belonging to this category.

Last year the reserve fund was left with only 700,000 dollars and this year, Keilt estimated, it is half that amount. The entire remainder it committed to the Library of Congress which is reclassifying all its books. Cohen Library works under this system and therefore must also be reclassified; this will require the little remaining in the reserves.

The City University Construction Fund was set up by legislation passed in 1966 when it became clear that future construction was to grandiose to be financed directly from CUNY revenues. Prior to this construction had been financed by short-term notes in small amounts, gifts, grants, and basic CUNY funds from the city and the state.

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The fees to which the Fund is temporarily entitled are all instructional and non-instructional fees. In the case of the College this means only the \$22 General College part of the undergraduate fee. Gaudreau said, however, that the athletics part was being looked into and if it was defined as a non-instructional fee by the BHE then it, too, would go to the Fund. Instructional fees are paid by graduates and non-matriculants.

Investment Bonanza

The Labor Committee printed the repayment schedule for one series of the bonds which was issued this year. They deduced from the figures, which Gaudreau said were correct, that "after about 15 years the original debt will be paid back, but CUNY will continue to pay for another 15 years. It will then be paying interest for money it no longer has in its possession or is able to use."

The Committee charged that the whole set-up actually provided an "investment bonanza for the big anbks." "Student fees," claimed the leaflet, "are being raised to back up bankers' speculation." It went on to demand that "the money wasted on speculation be redirected into real production," that construction be conducted on a pay-as-you-go basis.

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Beavers: Good Losers, But Better Winners

The College's women's basketball team had another easy victory this week, but the men's varsity wrestling team did not find the going so easy.

The Beaverettes led by Lil Montalbano's ten points routed Wagner 43-25. Lynn Bogash and Jean Ehret each added seven markers in a game in which Coach Roberta Cohen substituted frequently.

The gal cagers led by only five points at the half, 16-11, but broke the game open in the second stanza as Myra Ag and Carol Hillis also played valuable

Debaters

Student Government may be forced to cut funds earmarked for the Experimental College and Human Relations Weekend to fund the Debating Team, according to Treasurer Don Davis.

Students wishing to protest this action should contact Warren Weber at 368-7485.

The grapplers on the other hand could capture only two bouts while succumbing to Fairleigh Dickinson University by the score of 33-6. Ira Hessel and Dale Shapiro were the lone victors for the College.

Mike Murray and Mike Shone also made good showings in at. losing cause. The wrestling team's record is now 4-3; their next meet is against Lehman Saturday at 2 PM in Goethals:

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Hockey Club's Saturday: No Night On Town

By SETH GOLDSTEIN

"I had to take my date home by 10:30;" related Brad Telias, "I told her I was going to hockey practice, and she didn't believe me. She thought I was going to see another girl, so I showed her the equipment in the trunk. Then she just thought I was crazy."

Telias is a substitute defenseman on the College's hockey club, an energetic group of skating buffs who successfully instituted their own nonvarsity team at the College two years ago. It's a sad fact of life, however, that the club practices from 11:15 p.m. to 1:15 a.m. Saturday nights as that intriguing time-slot in the pre-dawn hours before the morning skating sessions begin are the only periods when indoor skating surfaces can be rented for practice. It's an economic reality that hockey just don't fill the coffers as well as public skating sessions.

This inconvenience is only one of many obstacles facing prospective hockey team members, as I found out when I decided to tag along with these hockey nuts a short time ago.

Rude Greeting At Skate Rink

The first item of business, unless you have a car is to arrange a ride to the New Hyde Park Skating Rink, the site of the evening adventures. I was to be picked up at 10 and my duffel bag tore at 9:45. Good start. My chauffeur was Lowell Bramnick, also known as the Animal, the clubs first casualty last year when a puck bounced off the ice and knocked out one of his teeth. Leo Strauss and his brother, Gary, were the other traveling companions. Leo plays for the College's team while his brother goes to Bronx Science and is being "groomed" for future play. Coming to the Throgs Neck Bridge, we played the old game of seeing who could psyche whom into paying the 25c toll. I had a good night, keeping my quarter both going and coming.

"Three dollars," was the greeting I received as I entered the rink. The club has to pay \$60 for the two hours of ice time. When more than 20 players show up the surplus goes into the treasury. The finances are usually handled by girl friends of several players who show their devotion by coming to the practices, and they have no sympathy for sportswriters with thin wallets. It was gratifying to see that at least a half-dozen new players had come out for the team this term. With most of the club graduating in June, City may not be able to field a team next season unless new blood is found.

Over the summer the rental price for the ice rose by \$10 and the dressing room was placed off limits to the club. "That's unfair. They must make about \$2,000 a year off us, and we have to get dressed in a lousy 15 by 15 bathroom," moans one team member.

Iceman Have Strong Tongues

The main chit-chat was about the upcoming game against Columbia. Some players had watched Columbia lose a close one to Queens earlier in the evening, and they couldn't decide whether the Lions were a good team or the Knights a bad one.

Once the ice is resurfaced after the skating session, approximately 20 wild young men try to





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simultaneously squeeze through the four-foot wide gate to rush out onto the ice. Of course there is always someone ready to jump the gun and skate before the ice is frozen. "Get off the ice, it's not ready yet," someone yells, but nobody ever gets off, and nothing ever happens to the ice.

The first thing to do is "loosen up." Translated, that means skate around and exercise the tongue for about 15 minutes, and every time you pass the bench holler, "Hey Steve! Throw out some pucks." But Steve Rothenberg, team manager, assistant coach, and lord high guardian of the rubber discs responds just as loud, "Shut up! Nobody gets any pucks until they give me the word." Tonight "they" refers to Tom Papachristos, the senior forward who captains the team and runs the practices whenever coach Joe Shpiz can't make it. Like this night, for example.

At 11:30 everybody huddles around Tom to hear an explanation of the coach's absence. (Technically, Shpiz is merely a faculty advisor, but how would it sound for a player to ask, "Hey Faculty Advisor, am I gonna play tonight?"), followed by a pep talk about Columbia. "They won't be easy to beat (they weren't), but we should be able to knock them off (they did)." Next comes the part of practice that players think was invented by Marquis de Sade — the skating drills, 25 minutes of work — a four-letter word.

Seth Just Doesn't Psych 'Em

First it's a fast-slow change-of-pace routine, and then we alternate between skating fast forwards and fast backwards. I suddenly recalled that I had given up my ambition to be a defenseman when I found out that they have to skate equally well in both directions. Going in reverse, I thought I was standing still. A series of stopand-go patterns brought forth cheers when two non-ballerinas lost their equilibrium and got a face full of ice. Then a new wrinkle was introduced; trying to skate as fast as possible, without lifting the blades off the ice. After working on the cross-over step (for making turns), we resumed with the fast forward-fast backwards routine. This was followed by a sprint from one goal line to the other and back again, sort of like a relay race, as we split into groups for this one. Then came the crusher. Start at the goal line, skate to the blue line and back, to the red line and back, to the second blue line and back, and finally to the goal line and back. All this at top speed. Ostensibly. Of course your top speed is only a fraction of what it was at 11:15. This drill was my chance for fame, as I skated in a lane adjacent to Leo Strauss, and it developed into a non-race to see who was the slowest skater at the practice. The soft life caught up with me, and I beat him for the title. As some of the players lay on the ice panting for breath and maybe thinking about their stunted social life, Gil Shapiro graciously asked, "You want me to put your guts back in?"

Once everybody was good and tuckered out, we were able to take target practice on the goalies. Larry Sandak guards one cage, Steve Igoe the other, and we split into two groups, one on each blue line. Then, just as the pros do it in their warm-ups, we come in one at a time all alone on the goalie. Of course most of the players will go

through an entire season without getting such an unobstructed shot, but the forwards like it. What the goalies think about it is another matter. Each time a shooter skates in, it's a big event for him; he has a chance to "score." But put yourself in the goalie's skates and ask what satisfaction he gets from making a save on the likes of Seth Goldstein. Psyched up he isn't.

Forget The Three Dollars?

Soon the practice becomes segregated, the three top lines and four defensemen at one end, and everybody else on the other side. The forward lines take turns trying to score against the defense and Igoe, while the rest of us could either watch, take shots at Sandak, or just fool around. Of course if you come armed with The Campus's Polaroid camera, you have another alternative. It is quite easy for the scrubs to resent their treatment and feel left out, but fortunately they generally realize that somewhere along the line there has to be a compromise between the original purpose of the club - to give anyone who desires it a chance to play ice hockey — and the goal of winning games. The only time when virtually everyone is happy is when the drills are over, and a scrimmage begins. You forget about the aches and pains and the \$3 and lose yourself in the game. But this time the drills were extra long and the scrimmage extra short, not commencing till 1 a.m. Fifteen minutes later the night supervisor, who is supposed to make sure we get only our money's worth and don't play through till early Mass, woke up, did some quick mental arithmetic, and decided that our practice was

Sunday Morning Blahs

I felt cheated by the curtness of the scrimmage, as I had secretly hoped to score a goal, but then again it might have been too embarrassing to the regulars. (Last year at a practice, I scored two goals in one night and was asked to take a urine test.) Since George Plimpton never threw any touchdown passes, I was not too disappointed. Besides I didn't have time to curse my fate because Lowell was leaving in 15 minutes. First I had to gather up all the snapshots that I took. Then came a logistics problem, how to stuff the camera, tape skates, shin guard, stirrups, shorts, suspenders, protective cup, wet tee-shirt and sweatshirt, gloves, helmet and mouthpiece into the duffel bag. Why is it so much easier to pack at home?

The ride back is always funny. Either laugh, or you'll fall asleep. It didn't hurt to have broken-jawed defenseman Arty Kestenbaum in the front seat ready to give a discourse on the foibles of girls, Jean Shepard and the New York Mets (not necessarily in that order). However, this time I was rather quiet and pensive, thinking about the story I had to write. How can you convey the atmosphere of a hockey practice? It's so absurd that everybody — not just Brad's date — will think we're crazy.

I got home at 2:30 Sunday morning, knowing that I'd wake up with a beautiful charley horse. Is this any way to spend a Saturday night? I haven't been able to answer that question yet.



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