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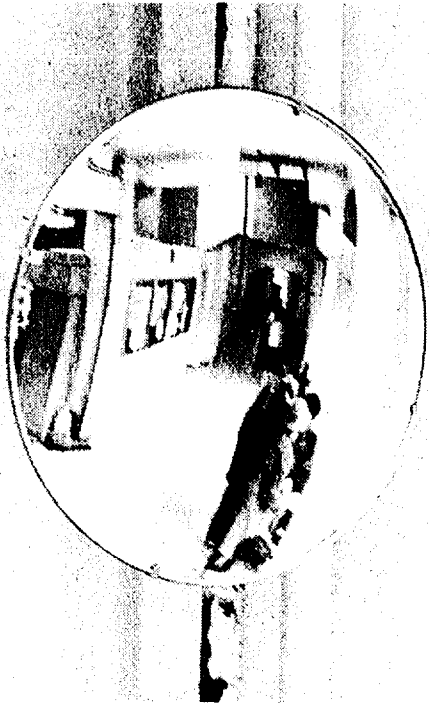
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Photos by Paul Korna
Mirrors have been installed as a security measure

Beaver shop denies link to cafeteria book thefts

Students at the College are suffering losses valued at hundreds of dollars per week from petty thievery in the various campus eating facilities, according to Larry Bartolotto (Food Service Director).

Although acknowledging that larceny is a serious problem on campus, Dean of Students Bernard Sohmer refused to accept Bartolotto's estimate of the loss. "It's absurd," he said. "We average about ten reported thefts a week."

Assuming another ten go unreported and placing the average cash value of each theft at about five dollars, Sohmer arrived at a figure of one hundred dollars per week as a maximum.

Public Relations Director I. E. Levine was in basic agreement with Sohmer. "Most thefts involve small items. The cafeteria's figures are highly exaggerated."

A particularly nagging problem for students has been the theft of textbooks left unattended at the lunch tables. The stolen books can be sold to the Finley Center

bookstore or the Beaver Students Shop on Amsterdam Avenue for quick cash.

Bartolotto, commonly known as "Mr. B.," charges, "The Beaver Students Shop is mainly responsible. Thieves bring books there and get money for them at all times of the year." The store will buy books from students who have dropped courses. "Who's dropping a course now?" he asked rhetorically. He implied that thieves, knowing they have a ready market, are being encouraged by ply their trade.

Responding to Mr. B.'s charge, Ted Martinsen, Textbook Manager of Beaver Students Shop, said flatly, "It isn't true. An extremely small number of books sold back to us are illegitimate. Almost every student who sells a book is honest, and we cannot

penalize these students by refusing to offer them this service."

Echoing Martinsen's remarks, Carmen Monaco of the Finley Center bookstore said, "I don't believe the policy of buying used books throughout the term is an inducement to steal. That's ridiculous."

The stores do take precautions to avoid buying stolen goods. Clerks are instructed to take the name and I.D. number of all students selling books, and only students at the College may sell a book. Store personnel are especially wary of strange combinations of books such as an elementary and an advanced Chemistry text being sold by the same person.

"We've bought fewer stolen books this year than last," Mar-

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Football funding deadlocked

By Maggie Kleinman

The Faculty and Student Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics will be prohibited from funding the College's football club until the committee's guidelines are met, it was disclosed Tuesday at a meeting between Student Senate President Lee Slonimsky, Prof. Julius Shevlin (Chairman, Physical and Health Education) and Dr. Aobert Beirman (Director, Intercollegiate Athletics.)

The guidelines essentially require that the club be in operation for two years before the FSCIA can fund it. It would cost approximately \$8,000 per semester to fund the club.

It was also learned that while the FSCIA cannot fund the football club, it does fund part of the ice-hockey club, gives \$3,000 per semester to all intramural clubs and has a reserve fund of \$100,000 from which \$60,000 is being allocated for athletic equipment.

Slonimsky then said that the FSCIA should make as much of an attempt as the Student Senate Finance Committee to inform the college community of its budget plans.

Although Slonimsky feels it is "fairly justifiable" that the guidelines should be met, he finds them unrealistic in the case of football.

"The football club can't get started without funds, but according to the guidelines it has to be in operation before it can get money," he said.

Another reason the funding is being blocked is because it would cost more to fund the football club than it does to fund the hockey club.

Slonimsky is planning to propose an amendment to the Governance Plan that would require approval of the FSCIA budget by both the Student and the Faculty Senates. Only the Faculty Senate's approval is required at the present time.

"Student Senate approval should be required because the FSCIA funds are entirely made up of student fees," said Slonimsky. "If we can't vote, Shevlin will have the funding of the club beaten by the Faculty Senate."

The football referendum will be voted on with the Governance proposals in a campus-wide election to be held the week of December 1.



SLONIMSKY

"The State Dormitory Authority is supposed to fund the equipment," said Slonimsky.

In addition, the FSCIA has allocated \$1,200 from its regular budget for a cheerleader trainer.

"The trainer was needed because it is dangerous for the cheerleaders to go to basketball games alone," explained Behrman. "I'm assuming the trainer is a man," Slonimsk commented.

Open Admissions students: Dropout rate twice norm

By Anthony Durniak

The dropout rate of Open Admissions freshmen was twice as high as that of regular freshmen according to figures released by the City University Wednesday.

The statistics, the first issued since the Open Admissions Program began in Fall '70, showed that 35.8 per cent of the 15,196 Open Admissions freshmen dropped out during the first year as compared to 19.9 per cent of the 14,613 regular freshmen confirming previously published estimates.

The discrepancy between the attrition rates of regular and Open Admissions freshmen is shown to be greater at the senior colleges than at the community colleges.

At the senior colleges the attrition rate for the 6,749 Open Admissions freshmen was 29.6 per cent while only 13.6 per cent of the 10,362 regular freshmen dropped out.

On the other hand, 40.1 per cent of the 8,447 Open Admissions freshmen dropped out in the community colleges as compared with 34.4 per cent of the 4,251 regular freshmen.

Dr. Robert J. Kibbee, City University Chancellor, and other University officials released the report during their testimony before the Joint Legislative Committee on Higher Education.

An Open Admissions freshman was defined in the report as one admitted to a senior college with a high school average below 80 or one admitted with an average below 75 to the community colleges.

SEEK (Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge) students were not included in the figures, however, those who transferred from one branch of the university to another, or out of the system altogether, were.

The study was not as "comprehensive and complete as it could have been had the university the depth of resources required for the thorough evaluation Open Admissions warrants," stressed Dr. Kibbee.

Officials also stressed that Open Admissions had not resulted in a serious decline in the number of

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CUNY Chancellor Kibbee (above) and Deputy Chancellor Hynan testifying before the Joint Legislative Committee on Higher Education.



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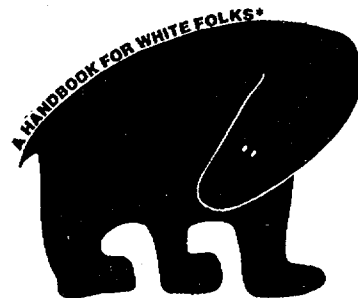
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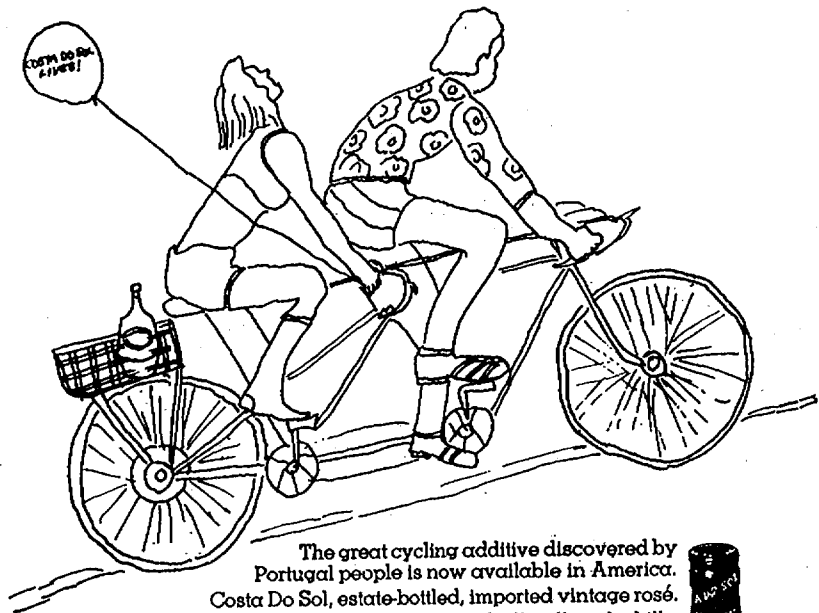
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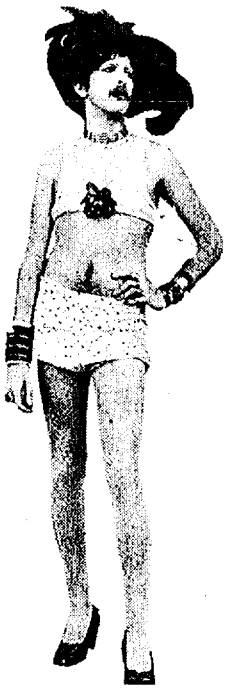
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Curious George and the Cockettes



'SCRUMBLY'

Off-Broadway has long served as a source of ideas for Broadway. This week, *Pearls Over Shanghai*, a distinctly new idea, opened at the Anderson Theater, on Second Ave. and Fourth St. The stars of this musical are The Cockettes, a group patterned after the famed Rockettes but consisting in part of female impersonators.

Their version of an old story is fresh and represents a new approach to stories of this genre. As the impersonators came on, in dresses three sizes too small, cries of "Bravo!" and wolf whistles were the audience's reaction.

The plot line is not strongly delineated, as the music and dancing seem to be the director's main concern. The plot, as is, deals with three girls from the United States, who upon arriving in Shanghai, are kidnapped to serve in a whore-house run by a religious sect in the area.

Betty Boop cartoons, shown before the play, had a stronger plotline than the play. The cries of "sexist pig" during the cartoons and play, sometimes showed more originality than the musical itself.

The technical aspects of this play were obviously ignored during the rehearsals. While the scenery and lighting are color-

ful and pleasing, there are some mistakes.

Female impersonators should not wear overly tight dresses, because the facts become painfully obvious.

An, eight month pregnant woman should not be running around half nude. Aesthetic distance should not be broken in this sort of production, as some fellows in the audience can't seem to keep their hands off the actors as they pass by.

This production shows the major failing of female impersonators. They are not as graceful as their female counterparts. The ballet performed by one of the Cockettes, seemed clumsy when compared to past performances of the dances.

Despite all the short comings, the play is entertaining and the music is very good. It has the promise of an extremely unusual evening. —George

Fellows to aid city

By Avram Mednick

Mayor Lindsay has opened the fourth annual nationwide competition for New York City's Urban Fellowship Program which offers twenty selected students an opportunity to play an active role in City government and to study its management for one academic year.

The twenty will come to New York City to fill responsible positions such as: Assistant to the Press Secretary of the Mayor; Budget Bureau Program Planner; Addiction Services Teacher Trainer; Assistant to the President of the Board of Education; Assistant to the Police Commissioner and Assistant in the Office of the Mayor.

The Fellows can select their own positions from a broad range of assignments. They will receive \$500 from the College in addition to a \$4,000 stipend from the City for the year.

Aside from the job, a major gain according to past Fellows is academic experience. This includes speaker-seminar series where prominent City officials, community representatives and experts in urban affairs meet informally with students each week.

The Urban Task Force has

called the Student Senate Office urging it to make applications available to interested students from all academic disciplines.

"They seem to be giving more emphasis to the Urban Fellowship than in previous years," Lee Slonimsky (President, Student Senate) said Tuesday.

Endorsement by the College and applications, transcripts, personal statements and recommendations are required for selection and must be received by January 31, 1972. Endorsement by the College indicates that a certain amount of credit will be given to a Fellow toward his degree.

Applicants will be notified as to how they stand after March 31, when the Selection Committee completes its review.

Of forty finalists, twenty will be designated as Fellows by April 30, 1972.

The Campus Gourmet



In case you didn't catch his name last week (we did not print it) the Campus' resident gourmet is none other than that esteemed associate editor, Bruce Haber. When not sampling culinary delights he engages in amorous encounters around the office with another esteemed editor.

Fraud in special senate election?

Severe irregularities surrounded the Student Senate special elections for the social sciences division that started last Friday. Sources reported that eligible students were being barred from voting, that students were allowed to vote without identifying themselves, and that pollwatchers were taking an active part in gathering votes.

Jeff Frankel, a Psychology major, told the Campus he was not allowed to vote because the poll watchers were not aware that Psych majors were social science students. Frankel said that the head poll watcher had admitted to turning away Psych Majors.

Steven Herman (Senator, Student Senate) charged that there was no system for "checking who had voted. You could have voted a hundred times."

Herman also complained that he had been "led to believe" that the election was going to be extended through Wednesday. According to him the voting only ran through Tuesday.

Walter Castle, former candidate for student president and candidate for the Student Senate this week commented yesterday that "some people

were actually dragged to the polls by the poll watchers."

An unidentified source witnessed black poll watchers asking black students if they would like to cast ballots, regardless of their majors.

The student government will issue a response to the allegations of irregularity. Their response, however was not available at press time. This list of student senate winners was released yesterday afternoon:

Felix Flores (CBC), Paul Hoffman (CBC), Neil Kuttner (SAC), Elsie Okada (CBC), Carlos Ramos (CBS) Sandra Small (CBC).

The first social sciences election was invalidated in October, because several names were omitted from the ballot.

CUNY dropout rate twice regular larceny link...

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"high-achieving" applicants to the university and they maintained that the actual number of qualified applicants finally entering, has remained constant.

The core of the officials' presentation before the legislature was a plea for more funds for increased facilities and programs.

Close to half of last year's freshmen needed some sort of remedial work. Although they were pleased with the progress made by the freshmen, University officials expressed serious doubts about the future success of the program because of massive overcrowding.

A study of the physical space available on the campuses showed that the City University senior colleges had 58 per cent less space than the State University.

"It has been quite clear to all observers that the City University is operating in a physical slum condition," stated Dr. Seymour C. Hyman, (Deputy Chancellor, CUNY.)

"The comparisons dealt with the actual operating space of the universities, not theoretical standards, which would show us to be in an even worse condition," Hyman continued.

Officials disclosed that this year's freshman class contained 29.1 per cent blacks and Puerto Ricans as compared to 19.7 per cent in 1969.

It was reiterated however that those who have benefited most from the program are whites, pre-

dominately of Irish and Italian extraction, and described as "the sons and daughters of the hard-hats" and of "the working poor."

The entering class this year was more than twice as big as the 19,000 freshmen class of 1969, and had lower high school averages than their predecessors.

At the senior colleges 58 per cent of the entering freshmen had high school averages of 80% or better as compared to 61 per cent in 1970.

At the community colleges the situation was similar with 13.6 per cent having averages of 80 per cent or above as compared to 14.6 per cent in 1970.

Officials maintained, however, that Open Admissions had not adversely affected the academic status of the University.

"Open Admissions is not an easy path to a college degree nor a means of diluting educational programs," stated Dr. Kibbee.

"The information assembled has begun to indicate that upon successfully completing the remedial programs, students will do as well in advanced courses as general admissions students," added Dr. Timothy S. Healy (Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, CUNY).

"The collection of the data from the first year will be inconclusive until we obtain the grade-point averages from the second year," he continued. "Only then can we assess the effectiveness of the remedial work as a preparation for standard courses."

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tinsen said. "We've identified people who repeatedly try to sell us these books and we refuse to deal with them."

"I hate the notion that in any way we are fostering crime. Our business is to provide the service of buying used textbooks from students. We do make an effort to do it honorably."

Bartolotto claims the administration could exert pressure on the bookstores to change their policy and not buy books during the term. Dean Herbert DeBerry (Student Personnel Services) disagrees, saying, "We can't dictate policy to a private business such as Beaver, and such a rule would only inconvenience students who want to trade in their books. Thieves could always go to Columbia or Barnes and Noble or some other bookstore to sell the stolen ones."

Martinsen agrees and adds, "The used book trade is an important component of our business. We buy literally hundreds of books per week."

Monaco said the Finley Center bookstore rarely receives such a

book. What stolen books do come in are generally stolen directly from the store itself.

To circumvent the rule that I.D.'s are required to sell books, thieves, mainly from outside the College, have developed a new twist. They approach unsuspecting students and ask them to sell the books, claiming to have left their I.D. cards at home.

If the innocent student carries out the sale he goes on record as having sold stolen books and is held responsible by the administration.

"Students must watch their books," Martinsen said. "They must be absolutely paranoid about their possessions. We make an effort to avoid buying back stolen books, but students must help us succeed in closing off the traffic altogether. Students cannot relax their vigilance, and above all they must avoid becoming unwitting accomplices."

A sign already hanging in the Finley Center Snack Bar reads: "WARNING — Watch Your Books. New Books Are Stolen For Quick Cash."

It's good advice.



Harriers capture CUNY crown

By Mike Oreskes

The College's cross country team, in a brilliant display of team running, successfully defended its City University crown Saturday at Van Cortland Park.

Coming off a good showing in the CTC meet last week, the team was ready for a top performance in the CUNY championships. A few minutes before the beginning of the five mile race coach Francisco Castro gathered his team around him and told the runners to give it all they could.

Castro was the center of controversy several weeks ago when he threw nine runners off the team for failing to appear for a meet. There was no mention of that incident as the runners began warming up for the CUNY's. Everyone's attention was focused on the race. Richie D'Lima,

the College's second finisher, commented that the CUNY's "used to be a joke but this is the first year we were threatened." The College has not lost the CUNY meet in eleven years.

The threat was in the form of Queen College, whose star harrier Larry Newman took the individual title with a time of 26:36.

Newman's teammates were however, simply no match for the running of Castro's harriers. The College placed five men among the top ten finishers.

Captain Dave King sliced three seconds off his best time with a 27:17, good enough for fourth

place. D'Lima, Ming Louie, Joe Rhodes and Dan Tejada were the other top finishers for the College.

Coach Castro became a major topic of conversation after the meet. Last week it was not difficult to find members of the team who would voice criticism of the coach.

After this week's meet, however, the feeling was shared by virtually the entire team that the expulsion of the nine runners had pulled the team together and created a new feeling toward Castro. "We've got people who respect him now," one runner commented.



Photos by Ira Schwarz
Dave King (left) and Randy Simonette help carry the Harriers to their eleventh straight CUNY title

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Castro cited Rifle team starts strong taking first four meets

Cross country coach Francisco Castro was elected to the Puerto Rican Hall of Fame last week.

Castro represented Puerto Rico at the 1948 Olympic Games and was a five time winner of the long and triple jumps at the Central American and Caribbean Games. He also won the 1949 Metropolitan AAU triple jump title.

After retiring from competition, Castro served as technical advisor on athletics for the Puerto Rican government and coached the 1958 Puerto Rican team at the Central American Games before coming to the College.

— Oreskes

Election set

If you want to support club football and ice hockey at City College you must vote yes on a referendum that you will be receiving in the mail soon.

The referendum will ask if you support a 50 cent raise in the general fee in order to aid club sports at City College.

The referendum appears as a question with the Governance Plan, which you will be receiving in the mail between the last week of November and the first week of December.

Please be sure to complete these ballots and deposit them at Finley 152, Shepard 100, or Cohen Library.

By Ronald Block

The Beaver rifle team is presently 4-0 and have set their sights on a conference championship. In their latest encounter, the shooters completely outclassed Pratt and Brooklyn Poly in a tri-meet held Friday in Lewisohn. The scores were 1083-922-894 respectively.

Anyone familiar with the art of rifery would acknowledge that these scores indicate a one sided contest. In any given match eight men shoot for each school in three different positions — prone, kneeling and standing. They take ten shots at each position and are awarded a maximum of ten points per shot. Thus the maximum score allotted to any one shooter is 300.

The top four rifers' tally adds up to the team score. To defeat the opposition by such a colossal margin, Friday, was no mean feat.

In two previous matches, held at Lewisohn, the Lavender bested St. Peters, 1045-1043 and N.Y. S.M.C., 1072-1017 on October 29th and November 5th respectively.

Coached by Jerry Uretzky, the shooters are coming off a season that placed them 15-1 in Metropolitan League play. Despite this superlative record the Beavers had to settle for a second place finish in the league revealing the "caliber" of talent the shooters met up against.

The aspirations of surpassing

last season's record will be hindered by the loss of the Beavers top three marksmen from last season. Jon Singer, Joe Galler and Frank Progl all of whom were first team all-stars will be sorely missed.

Coach Uretzky does, however, have a very capable squad of returnees led by Mandy Otero whose composite score of 270.7 last season also placed him on the first all-star team.

After four matches this season, Duke Siotkas leads the team in marksmanship with an average of 271 followed by Otero at 268, Dave Getoff at 264 and Tom Se-bik 262.

Siotkas' score of 278 against N.Y.S.M.C. is the team high mark for the season. Harry Kashtan, Jerry Kaye and Bob Kirzl also figure prominently in the team's future plans.

Looking ahead in the schedule, Uretzky revealed "I believe Army, Stevens, NCE and St. John's to be the toughest teams we face this season," and he added, "St. John's should be the team to beat."