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Chancellor Robert Kibbee, left, and Alfred Gardino, Chairman of the Board of Higher Education.

BHE accepts Kibbee plan, payless furlough proposal

By Dale Brichta

The Board of Higher Education, which has been deliberating over various proposals to restructure the University for the past nine months, is finally prepared to accept Chancellor Robert Kibbee's controversial retrenchment proposal, even though various members of the Board, according to Vivia Quinones, consider it "the laughing stock of the country." Earlier this week, at a regularly scheduled public meeting, the Board approved the implementation of a one-week furlough for all faculty and administrators of the University during the Easter recess, Apr. 12 through Apr. 18. Originally, that week was considered as a paid vacation week.

The Board, which was under pressure from state officials to complete a final package by this past Wednesday, is still undecided over certain "key points" in Kibbee's proposals, including the consolidation of Richmond College with Staten Island Community College, and the conversion of Queens' York College to a two-year institution.

If Kibbee's restructuring plan is enacted, "the University will become resegregated," charged BHE Vice Chairman Franklin Williams and Board members Quinones and Sandra Lopez de Bird, in a special press conference held after Monday night's regular Board meeting.

Williams: 'I'll Vote For Tuition'

"If Open Admissions should be curtailed by the Board, I will move for the implementation of tuition as an alternative," said Williams.

In a statement proposing their own plan, the three-member minority faction of the Board,

Williams, Quinones and de Bird, criticized the Kibbee Plan for attempting to initiate eighth grade reading and math levels as minimum requirements for entrance to the University.

Calling for the Board to maintain its commitment to three basic principles, quality education, Open Admissions and free tuition, the proposal seeks to consolidate the 19 diverse bodies of the University under one main office, with "various campuses of the one institution responding to the special needs of a changing urban population."

"The Board has taken a stand on the maintenance of quality education, free tuition and Open Admissions, in that order," said Bird. "In the context of this, we have chosen to maintain certain criteria within our system," she continued, citing the maintenance of Open Admissions as their primary objective.

"If you are capable of doing

reading on only an eighth grade level you can't possibly get through college," snapped Quinones, adding that if such restrictions were implemented, the student population, currently sixty per cent white would "soar" to 87 per cent. "The University must not be made to pay for the poor preparation given to minority students in the city's high schools," she said.

Kibbee's proposal also calls for a minimum eighty per cent high school average for admission to any of the four-year senior colleges, and a seventy per cent

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Faculty patrols of Finley aim to curb students' drug use

By David Wysoki

The first College-wide effort to control the use of drugs on campus since the College experienced serious heroin problems in 1971 was initiated this week by Ann Rees, Vice Provost for Student Affairs.

Calling for the aid of the Faculty Senate, the Department of Student Personnel Services, and various ethnic groups on campus, Rees announced plans to coordinate a "clean up" drive, which would include the use of faculty team patrols in Finley Student Center to "eliminate" the use of pot and to "educate" students of the fact that this is not the "appropriate place for it [drug use]."

"I am taking the full responsibility for this action," Rees said at a meeting this week with various segments of the College community concerned with the drug problem. She added that the "full penalties" as outlined in the College Policy Concerning Drug Use, issued in response to the 1971 problems, will be more "stringently enforced."

Those guidelines call for the (Continued on Page 9)

USS unhappy with Jones' 'dictatorial leadership'

By David Wysoki

A split among the executive members of the University Student Senate reached a final showdown this past Sunday, as a group of senators "disgusted and irate" over "the dictatorial leadership" presently controlling the Senate, called for a vote of censure against USS Chairman Maynard Jones.

The motion for censure however, never came to a final vote, as supporters of Jones, mainly senior college representatives, called for an adjournment, sidestepping the matter.

Jones, a former President of the College's Evening Session Student Senate, has "alienated" the majority of the senators, specifically those from the community colleges, charged Mark Friedman, the representative from Baruch College. Friedman added that Jones "refused to deal with the small group of rioters" at the Albany demonstration and failed to provide "any security or leadership" at that rally.

Other senators called Jones a "tyrant" and complained of Jones' decision to "decide upon all official duties of the Senate by himself, without previous consultation with the governing body."

Jones recently compiled the University Student Senate's Budget Request For the City University for this upcoming fiscal year, and distributed it to members of the Board of Higher Education and State Legislature, without any approval of the University Senate, said Friedman.

"There is a fundamental difference between Jones and previous Senate chairmen," said Mark McDonough, the College representative to the Senate. "He is unwilling to consider suggestions, and runs the senate with an iron hand," McDonough said.

Since taking office this past January, the new Senate leaders have taken a more moderate line in their actions affecting students. All massive demonstrations, other than the one held in Albany last

week, have been called by individual branches of the University and have not been sanctioned by the University Student Senate. Jones did not return several calls to the USS office seeking his comment.

Schorr: Constitution protects intelligence report disclosures

By Richard Schoenholtz

"When we put this panel together on 'The Ethics of Newsgathering' two months ago, we never dreamed that Daniel Schorr would be acting it out for us," noted Les Brown, the New York Times television correspondent.

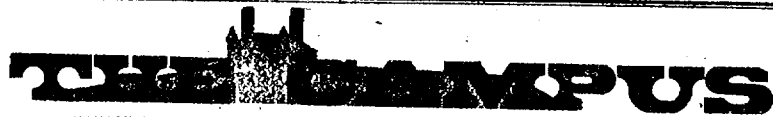
Brown, moderating the fourth in a series of five symposia on "The Humanistic Responsibilities and Opportunities of Television," was referring to the controversy currently swirling around Schorr for having leaked a covert House Intelligence Committee report on CIA excesses to the Village Voice. The CBS television news correspondent has since been sus-

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Daniel Schorr, left, speaking Wednesday night at a journalism symposium.



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It's been a long time coming

After nine months of labor, the Board of Higher Education's proposal for the restructuring of the University over the next three years has finally been born. Undoubtedly, the delivery was painful and occurred a bit later than anyone ever expected.

However, we hope that recent alterations in the plan can be ironed out with the greatest dispatch and be implemented with caution, care, and utmost speed.

While the beaming father of the plan, University Chancellor Robert Kibbee, still has to contend with state and city officials

over who will pay for what, the Board should also remember that the time for admitting the new freshman class is rapidly approaching. Any delay in admitting this group of students would only be considered intolerable and unjust, leaving those individual students, with the respective branches of the University without any adequate facts to plan for the future.

Knowing the speed and alacrity with which the Board enacts decisions, a delay in the admissions procedure would come as no surprise.

Some long overdue action

Watching the inhabitants of Finley Student Center for the last year, it's become clear to us that the Administration of the College, no matter what they may say about wanting to "clean up" the drug use on campus, are simply unwilling or unable to act.

Day after day, we've walked along the first, second, and third floors (it hasn't gotten up to the fourth yet) and been overcome at the extent of the drug use. The air is often literally hazy with smoke; reports come to us from administrators and student leaders in this building about sighting

students "shooting up."

We're extremely interested in the Administration's latest effort to enforce its five-year old drug policy, and hope they are more successful this time around. We can foresee that one day, not so long from now, reports of overdoses and muggings will become as common as reports of new retrenchment plans. Will students have to die from drugs, or be victimized by those who use them, before the folks up North begin to view the Finley scene with something less than amused tolerance?

Letter to the Editor:

To the Editor:

In an editorial, last week, the Campus condemned the recent militant Albany demonstration as "senseless violence." The editorial suggested that students politely sit down and reason with the politicians.

What could be more senseless than trying to reason with those criminals? They have already shown what their intentions are. Hundreds of thousands of us have turned out for demonstrations, but each week their cutback schemes just get worse. Open Admissions has been abolished, the city will cut off all money to senior colleges in one year, and now they plan to close down several small colleges. The same Emergency Financial Control Board that wants to throw us out of school, also wants to close hospitals, fire stations, and abolish other necessary public services.

These guys are murderers! How can we reason with them? When we are polite it doesn't bother them a bit. Last semester the State Education Commissioner said, "We expect a lot of demonstrations and we are fully prepared for them. As long as they're peaceful we have nothing to worry about."

Well, Albany has given them

something to worry about! For the first time this year, thousands of students broke the handcuffs of peacefulness that the Student Senate misleaders have put on our struggle. We should not expect one demonstration — no matter how massive and militant — to stop the cuts. But the Albany demonstration was a tremendous step in building our movement. In the two days fol-

lowing, students at six different upstate SUNY campuses seized administration buildings, and at CUNY, hundreds of new students have joined the fight. Students are saying, "We need our education and we'll do what we have to, to defend it!" Bring the spirit of Albany back to the campuses! Organize to fight!

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Sincerely,
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Campus Comment
For a State Take-over

By Barry Lefsky

City University is presently in the midst of its largest financial crisis ever, a crisis so massive it threatens to prove fatal to the University as a whole.

Already, CUNY has lost about 20 per cent of its annual budget, causing it to make sweeping changes in its functioning and policies, and to begin major cutbacks in all its divisions. Open Admissions is already being phased out, and free tuition promises to be the next casualty.

Now, with the city's own financial crisis crippling its services, it has chosen to phase out funding CUNY's senior colleges over a two-year period. In 1976-77, it will cut funding by \$34 million which, combined with state funding reductions as per the matching formula, will bring CUNY's budget down about \$100 million from this year's levels — to \$400 million, down from \$600 million in 1974-75.

In the 1977-78 budget year, the city will eliminate its funding of those colleges entirely, and—if the state formula remains unchanged—this would mean the end of state funding as well, leaving a budget of perhaps \$80 to \$60 million, the latter figure assuming the imposition of tuition.

While the University undoubtedly has some fat in its budget, and could trim its expenses considerably through streamlining its administrative procedures and by ending duplication of programs among colleges, it is inconceivable that such a massive cut could be absorbed without closing most of its colleges, and bringing about a major drop in the worth of the CUNY diploma.

At this point, the city cannot afford to support CUNY, yet neither can it afford to let it die, leaving the middle class no more reason to stay within the city. It remains the task of New York State, then, to take over full funding for the university, and to keep its quality education at the level that has long been considered the best at any public university in the nation.

Barry Lefsky is a former co-editor of Zeppelin magazine.

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Sarfaty: 'Paw was never intended to make money'

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By Dale Brichta



Students sitting in the Monkey's Paw Wednesday. Photo by GAD/Gregory Durnlek

"Nowhere did we ever say we had to make money; I'm trying to break even," said Edmond Sarfaty (Dean, Finley Student Center), commenting on the money-losing performance of the Monkey's Paw, the coffee house in the basement of Finley.

Sarfaty said "we're probably making enough to pay for the food. Whether we're making enough to pay for the salaries of the two men who maintain the place, is another thing."

Figures released by Sarfaty revealed that the Paw lost "between \$1500-\$1800" for the year.

"I consider that negligible," Sarfaty said, explaining that it costs "almost \$1500 to put a supervisor in a lounge, which is what I consider the Paw."

"It is a place where students can go to get away from the noise and the pot smoke of the other lounges," Sarfaty went on. "In effect, it's another lounge."

First opened a year ago, the Paw has a quaint, homey atmosphere, decorated out of a scene from "Casablanca." Pillars have been converted into palm trees, and metal fans adorn the ceilings. The only thing that is missing to authenticize the scene are people.

"Most businesses give themselves two years to get established," said Sarfaty. "There's no over-

head for us; we're looking for volume."

Students interviewed on campus yesterday showed much greater awareness of the Paw than they had in a campus survey taken last Spring, which showed that few students had even heard of the Paw and only a minority had been in it.

"I go there sometimes," said a student, "but the prices are really high, and I'd rather get my ice cream in the snack bar, where it's cheaper." These sentiments were expressed by many of the students polled who also felt that the variety of the menu "could be improved."

"We are adding to the menu," said Sarfaty. "I've already added yogurt and bagels, and I am ordering fresh fruit." Plans for the future include a pizza machine, a soda fountain for ice cream sodas, packaged cheese and crackers, and English muffins.

Asbestos still hazard in Curry; students, faculty are concerned

By Pamela Mahabeer and Edmond Prins

Despite Administration claims that the asbestos-covered ceilings in Steinman and Curry Halls present no immediate danger to the welfare of students in those buildings, considerable amounts of asbestos-treated tile are falling from the ceiling in Curry Garage, an investigation by The Campus this week has shown.

Dust from the ceiling blankets the floor of various rooms in Curry, which houses the School of Architecture, as a result of maintenance work being done on the lighting systems and the scraping of asbestos-covered ceilings by loose partitions spread throughout the building.

According to Prof. Gordon Gebert (Architecture), workmen have been told to sweep up the dust because "it is dangerous."

"I am aware of the danger in this building and it concerns me greatly, because I spend a great deal of time here. I agree with proposals for a hung ceiling, but when you consider 60-thousand square foot area to be covered, the cost would be enormous. With the financial problems of this city, I doubt whether any attention will be paid to us," Gebert said.

"Another and perhaps the greatest problem of all is that working on the ceiling would mean closing the School [of Architecture]. Our concern is having a decent level of education," said Gebert. His concern is shared by many architecture students.

"I was not aware of this problem before. Now it bothers me and I wish they would do something about it," said Al Mathias, an Architecture student. Another said, "it's difficult to conceive of the danger when it is not immediate, but prevention is better than cure."

Among the solutions that have been suggested is that of a hung ceiling and a latex spray over the exposed insulation. These solutions are both expensive and time consuming, and would disrupt the School's operations.

In response to a question concerning rumors of asbestos in other College buildings, Dean Eugene Avallone (Campus Planning and Development) responded, "would you get off that shtick already and get on to something else?"



Asbestos still evident in Curry. Photo by Edmond Prins

Security may face 25% cut by Fall

By David Wysoki

A 25 per cent reduction in the College's security force is "very likely" to be made by this Fall, according to Ronald Spalter, assistant to Vice President for Administrative Affairs, John Canavan.

College officials have recently completed a report, requested by the Board of Higher Education's Vice Chancellor for Budget and Planning Anthony Knerr, detailing the impact of such a reduction in the security contract. Said Spalter, "it's very easy to figure out what would happen."

"Simply, we would lose more equipment, more people would get hurt, we wouldn't be able to respond to an emergency, police would have to be called on-campus more frequently, and we wouldn't be able to prevent rapes."

"Aside from that," Spalter said, "we would do fine."

Security Task Force Submits Report

The Security Task Force, a committee formed last year by President Marshak after three simultaneous rapes occurred on campus, has recently given to the president a 76-page report calling for the establishment of the College's own security force.

According to the report, a consensus of the members of the Task Force believe that such a move would lead to a "more effective" security operation at the College and recommend that it be given serious consideration "regardless of cost."

However, it is "unlikely" that such a recommendation will be implemented, according to Spalter.

Spalter, who has been involved in calculating the "affordability" of certain recommendations, added that "sixteen of the Task Force proposals have already been or are in the process of being implemented."

Other recommendations of the committee included changing the College's emergency phone number to one resembling the citywide number [extension 6911], the establishment of security committees in all departments which would report to a standing College-wide security committee, installation of burglar alarm systems

in certain "high risk" buildings and offices, and a "crash training program" to recruit students as safety and information aides.

Students May Do 'Non-Essential' Work

The use of students in the non-essential security positions, such as staffing information and phone lines, would hopefully free guards currently doing such work and reduce the effect of the fifty guard positions which have been lost as a result of budget cutbacks since last July. At that time, the Penn Protective Agency took charge of the College's security operation.

Spalter said the committee recommendations are "well taken," especially the belief that security must be handled on an "on-going" basis. "It [the security problem] is still very much with us," he added, referring to four recent muggings on or around the College grounds.

Director of Security Albert Dandridge said, however, that "there has been a significant reduction" in the number of on-campus attacks, especially during the evening hours, due to the increased mobility of the guard force. Guards now patrol the immediate College area in three-wheel vehicles at night.

Too Many 'Bad People Out There'

Dandridge also said that he "really doesn't want to make public" the exact number of security guards on duty at any given time because he "wouldn't want all the bad people out there to know how small our force really is."

According to Spalter, there are now 78 guards employed by Penn Services at the College, a reduction of 51 guards from a year ago.



Ronald Spalter

BHE accepts Kibbee plan

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 average for entrance to the two-year community schools. Under Open Admissions, any graduate of a city high school is guaranteed a place within the University.

The Board's principal exceptions to Kibbee's plan concern the closing of Richmond College and the reduction in status of York College from a four-year senior college to a two-year junior college, which the Chancellor ad-

vocates. Although no official vote was taken, the Board has verbally agreed to merge Richmond with Staten Island Community College, and to maintain York as a senior college.

There was no clear consensus from the Board as to the fate of John Jay College for Criminal Justice. The two main proposals are to close it down completely, or to maintain it as a smaller institution with a specialization in criminal justice.

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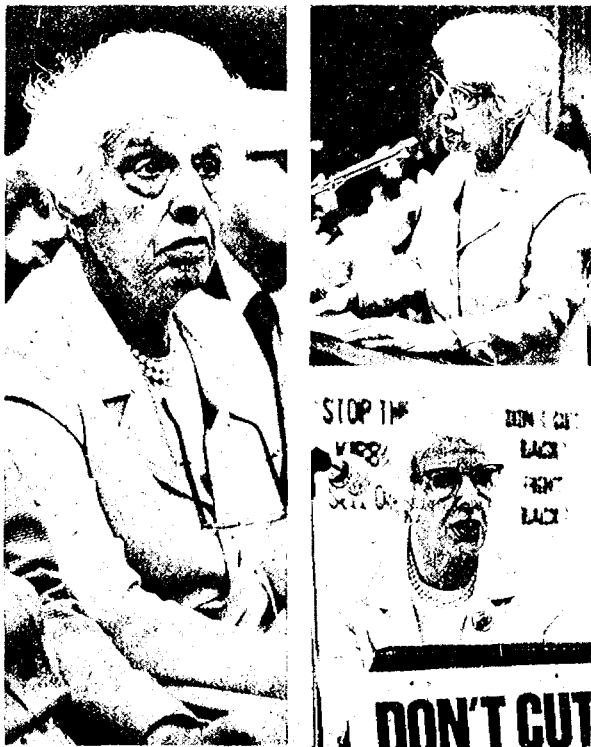
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Belle Zeller, who headed Professional Staff Congress for three decades, at recent meetings speaking against proposed furloughs.

Zeller recalls three decades as head of University union

By Pamela Mahabeer

"After 32 years as president, I have no objections to letting a highly qualified, militant younger person take my place," Belle Zeller said, speaking of her upcoming retirement as president of the Professional Staff Congress, City University's faculty union.

Denying that there was inside pressure from members of the PSC for her resignation, Zeller said, "I had plenty of time lobbying as president, and I believe we should pay more attention to political clout with regard to Washington, not just Albany and City Hall. Devoting more of my energy to legislative lobbying would help the city and the University."

Reflecting on more than 25 years as head of the politically active union, Zeller cited the battle fought for expanding the University and its faculty as her greatest victory. "I am happy that I was able to participate in the expansion of City University, particularly with raising standards by helping to provide economic emolument to attract talented people."

Zeller found her niche in life quite naturally. Born and raised in New York in a family of nine, she learned early what a voice was for. "If I wanted it, I learned to yell."

As a student at Columbia University, she majored in political science, but it was only after writing a dissertation on "Pressure Politics" that her political career began.

Family discussions "helped," but it was Zeller's "academic interest" that led her to seek the nomination for Chairwoman of the Legislative Conference, the four-college predecessor to the PSC. She was elected in 1944.

"It was an unusual role for a woman," Zeller reflected, "especially since unions which bargained

for faculty rights were not yet accepted, and were often misunderstood."

Zeller taught political science at Brooklyn College until her retirement in early 1970, continuing her activity in the PSC even after retiring. "I still found time to enjoy my hobbies," Zeller said, "mostly traveling, walking and swimming. I do enjoy traveling and have done it extensively. Now I hope I will have more time for that."

'I have no objections to a militant'

In a statement at last Monday night's Board of Higher Education meeting, Zeller said the Board was formulating "punishment" for the faculty and students of the University, and condemned the furlough as a "clumsy and cheap political ploy."

Her thoughts, always voiced in strong and pointed language, just won't be stilled.

Clubs' emphasis is now ethnic, not political

By Dale Brichta

In the late sixties, Simon and Garfunkel sang the prophetic words, "Where have you gone Joe DiMaggio? A nation turns its lonely eyes to you." Well, Joltin' Joe is not the only saviour to have disappeared from the American scene these days. At least we can tune in our television sets and see his handsome profile advertising banks and coffee-making machines.

But the "words of the prophets . . ." have gone. A mere five years ago, this College was called everything from the "Red army base" to "the hobbed of the SDS," Students for a Democratic Society. The SDS was a radical political group which was blamed for everything from plots to kill President Lyndon Johnson to burning down the Aronow Auditorium in Finley Student Center during the fight for Open Admissions in 1969.

A check of the Student Senate allocations for the Spring semester, 1971, reveals that there were ten political action groups chartered, and ten ethnic organiza-

tions among the 104 registered student organizations.

This year's Senate budget, perhaps typical of the age we are living in, shows merely five political charters, and a whopping 24 ethnically-oriented clubs, from 85 chartered organizations.

"We are trying to help students academically," said Louis Cordero, a member of Boricuas Unidos, who added, "we make students aware of Puerto Rican history and culture."

Butch Gonzalez, also of Boricuas Unidos, hypothesized that "in 1973 there was a whole political thing, but after a while, the students got into their own thing." It was then, he claimed, that the club had a "realization, that we were isolating ourselves from the students," and changed its emphasis.

Another rise in consciousness levels away from the political movement has been the birth of the Women's Center. "The center is here to provide referral and education services for women," said Deborah Phelps, a member of the Center. "There has been a lot of discussion as

to whether we should be political or not, but it hasn't been resolved." Another member, Pam Spearman said, "some women don't want to be political and you force them out."

One of the political groups left on campus, the Emergency Committee, with forty members, has its own ideas as to why the activists had gone back underground.

"In 1971 Americans were faced with the crisis of war and the draft," said Committee member James Cornwell. "Now there's another crisis" for people to get angry about, he said.

The University and College budget cuts, the nearest thing to a genuine crisis for today's students, has brought together a mixture of the old and the new. The Emergency Committee, Black Studies Student Collective, Homeros Greek Club and the Student Collective have consummated a marriage resulting in "the Committee," an organization to "fight the budget cuts." It was not explained whether academic or political means would be employed to establish the group's objectives.

YMCA: people helping others

By Lisa Rubin

It's a place where 275 mothers, students and children of all ages go to have a good time and to help one another. It sounds pretty much like an advertisement for Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus, but it's actually the activities of the College's YMCA Mini-Academy Program.

"If you don't do your homework and your mother can't help because she doesn't speak English, here they know what to do, and help people who want to learn," said Josephine Rodriguez, a fourth-grader and a member of the Y.

People there do know what to do, primarily because there are 150 College students on either work-study, the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act or academic credit programs. These student-counselors' main function is to impart some of their learning to people who are receptive.

"I have a sixth-grader in my class who doesn't know how to read," said Daisy Torres, a sociology major. "How did he get to the sixth grade and not know how to read?"

The Y, a public service organization, is not a school in the literal sense of the word. People who frequent it are interested in relaxing and enjoying themselves, but they work hard to pick up some knowledge in the process.

The program was begun in 1974 as an outgrowth of black and Puerto Rican demands that the College "relate more directly to the burgeoning minority population" surrounding the College, according to a statement released by the program.

With its sights on improving basic academic skills for community residents and achieving "in-

tegration of learning experience for all levels of participants," the Y covers a lot more territory than one might expect.

Started under a \$50-thousand grant from the Riverside Church, the Greater Fund of New York and other YMCAs in the city, the program also received fifteen per cent of its initial budget from the College Schiff Fund, which can be used at the discretion of the Vice Provost for Student Affairs.

The Y currently occupies the fourth floor of the Psychological Center at 134th St. and Broadway but its administrative offices on the first floor of the building will soon "be looking for a new home," according to William Burnes, Executive Director of the program.

"Avallone [Eugene Avallone, Dean of Campus Planning Development] and I have been talking about space rentals since '74," said Burnes, who said that "his [Avallone's] attitude is that children should not be on campus until they are College material." Avallone yesterday denied saying this.



Photo by Carlos Botta
PRESIDENT SINGING THE BLUES: Vivian Rodriguez, Student Senate President, singing at yesterday's auditions for the FPA Talent Show to be held in April.



Lacrosse team scrimmaging against St. John's Wednesday. Photo by GAD/Gregory Durniak

Lacrosse, little-known, has 'curious' and optimistic team

By Michelle Williams

The South Campus Athletic Field, host to almost every sport known to a playing field and then some, will soon hear the clackety-clack of wicker sticks, as the lacrosse team tries out its legs for the upcoming season.

Invented by the Indians, lacrosse is the oldest sport in North America, but it has been slow in reaching a popular rating among sporting events in this country. It rates right up there along with peanut rolling, frog jumping and the biathlon. Well, not quite, but it sure has been a long time in catching fire.

Even the players on the College's team have not been particularly enlightened toward lacrosse's greater virtues. "Most of our opponents played lacrosse for three or four years in high school while our guys played basketball and baseball," said Coach Vincent Pandoliano, a former all-star on the New York City Lacrosse squad.

A College alumnus, Pandoliano is in his first year as the coach of a team whose previous year's record was 3-8, under Coach George Baron.

Impressed by the enthusiasm of his team, Pandoliano is fearful that the lack of publicity may "lead to moments of frustration" for his players. Unlike some sports, which attract players who have hopes of a professional career, most of Pandoliano's charges came out for the team because "it looked like fun and there was also a sense of curiosity that had to be satisfied," according to the coach.

This year's crew has quite a few advantages over their brethren from last year. Randall's Island Stadium, that perpetual problem confronting every team

at the College, was a burden to the lacrosse squad as well. Lack of organization and proper equipment were other contributing factors to the inexperienced group's poor showing.

But all is not rotten in the state of New York. Seven returning players lead the squad in experience; co-captains Kevin Ryan and Juan Soto are the leading offensive scorers, with Roger Carroll and Kenny Garvin protecting goalie John Sanchez at the opposite end of the field.

Pacing the midfield line will be veterans Jason Savas and Brad Oser, and newcomers Paul Herman and George Finelli on attack.

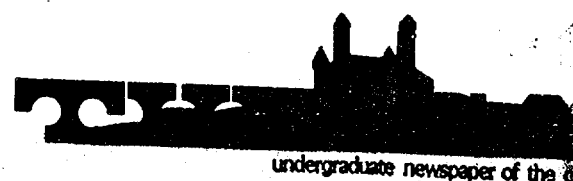
Strong contributions are also expected from Jamie Sanchez, Tom Schultz, Tom Sakaris, Horace Brown, Charlie Eisenberg, Steve Oberstein alternating at goal, and Felipe Alvarez, who moonlights as a member of the junior varsity squad as well.

Sanchez, a freshman in his first year on the team expressed his desire for "aggressive games." Finelli, slightly less sadistic than his linemate, talked of "more stickhandling, more passing and

more running."

Savas, the veteran, summed up the feelings of his teammate when he said, "most of us are new, so we've got to do it on hustle."

The team will be playing in the Knickerbocker Lacrosse Division, which includes Fairleigh Dickinson University, Montclair (New Jersey), State College and the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Their first home match will be against Queens College next Wed., at 3:30 p.m.



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Baseball: there's

By Michelle Williams and Stephen J. Jessell

Although the season hasn't even started yet, the Beaver batsmen are in a better position now than they were one year ago. Their record, no wins and no losses, is a far sight better than the 1-17 disaster posted by Coach Barry Poris' squad last season.

"The prospects look good," Poris remarked while studying his potential diamond stars as they ran through their warm-up routines. "Talentwise, there is competition at every position."

Talent. That is not all that has been lacking on this team. There was no offense, no defense, bench . . . the list goes on. There were even times when the Beavers must have taken their names a little too literally, and gnawed off the handles of their bats. Either that, or they left them at home.

Poris isn't looking for superstars, just bodies to fill in his dugout. This season, the good fairy must have heard, because there are plenty of bodies.

Players. At last count, there were 26, a full squad by anyone's standards, and they have assembled under one roof; of the total, 18 are actually lowerclassmen. Can the Beavers be building a dynasty? If Poris' pre-season prediction that "we can win at least ten of our twenty games" is taken for face-value, then it just might be a sign of things to come.

Hopes Pinned on Pitchers

Pitching hopes are pinned on Pat Betton and Jim Marengo, the Beaver's answer to Bob Apodaca and Mike Marshall. Betton, a junior, pitched 25 innings last year, and kept his earned run average just over 2.00. Marengo, a transfer student from New York Community College with hard-throwing ability, can only be an asset to the team.

Squatting behind the plate will be Bruce Tepper, who has "a major league throwing arm" according to his manager. Mike Peacock will alternate the catching assignments with Tepper.

Squarely interned in the infield starting at first, is the lone southpaw on the team, 205-pound Juan Calo. To his right is Juan Sanchez, who will take the pivot from sophomore Rich Sempritt. Freshman Ismael Cruz will handle the heat at third.

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Women finding acceptance

By Paula Liambas

What's 5'9", attractive and can be found running around the South Campus Athletic Field at various hours of the day? Wrong! It's Mary Hart, a sophomore art major. So what's so special about that? Well, Mary runs with the men and although there are other women doing the same thing, she is the only one eligible to compete on the Indoor and Outdoor Track Teams.

"The women's track only runs for one season and I wanted to keep running. I run with the men's indoor more or less to keep in shape, but the outdoor is my real interest," explained Mary.

Mary has been interested in track for three years. "I ran as a sort of escapist thing at first but now I run 'cause I like it," she said. Although she's running with the men, Mary does not feel she's in competition with the members of her team. "I used to run on a girls team but there was more competition. Now, I'm less pressured although I'm running with the guys. In the cross-coun-

try, I had my best time because I wasn't pressured."

What sort of treatment does she get? "They [the men] were really great. They helped me out a lot," said Mary enthusiastically, adding that the men had accepted her "totally."



Photo by GAD/Gregory Durniak
Mary Hart
'I run 'cause I like it'

The men say they don't begrudge it when she beats one of them. "We treat her as one of the guys," said teammate Alfonso Martin. "She goes through the same pain as we do."

Competition-wise, Mary does her best racewalking, although this isn't her favorite event. "I prefer long distance running to the cross-country," she said.

Mary's season on the men's team, however, was not up to Coach Dave Schmelzer's expectations. "She was injured, she was working, she wasn't in shape. She didn't win the OUNYs where I thought she would," he said.

Even though she can compete with men, Mary still doesn't think that women can perform equally against men. "The girls aren't on the same level with the guys. In some events, I beat the guys, racewalking for example but in the cross-country I beat a few guys."

By Jerald Saltzman

The score was tied at two in the critical second game of the playoffs; City against Ramapo, a brawler's delight. Across the

Calendar of Events

Month/Day	Day	Time	Sport	Opponent	Place
27	Sat.	12:00	Baseball (V)	Hofstra	Away
27	Sat.	12:00	Outdoor Track (V)	York/Stonybrook	Away
29	Mon.	4:00	Women's Tennis	Wagner/Medgar Evers	Wagner
30	Tue.	3:00	Baseball (V)	St. John's	Away
30	Tue.	3:30	Lacrosse	Queens	Home
1	Thu.	4:00	Women's Tennis	York	Home
2	Sat.	11:00	Baseball (V)	Stonybrook	Away
3	Sat.	1:00	Tennis (V)	Lehman	Home
3	Sat.	11:00	Outdoor Track	Montclair State	Home
5	Mon.	2:00	Tennis (V)	Queens, York	Queens
5	Mon.	4:00	Women's Tennis	Queens	Home
5	Mon.	1:00	Golf	Hofstra	Away
6	Tue.	3:30	Baseball (V)	NYU, Lehman	Riverdale
7	Wed.	3:30	Lacrosse	Army	Home
7	Wed.	4:00	Women's Tennis	Maritime	Home
8	Thu.	3:00	Tennis (V)	Iona	Home
8	Thu.	2:00	Golf	Hofstra	Away
9	Fri.	3:00	Baseball (V)	Sacred Heart	Home
10	Sat.	11:00	Tennis (V)	Adelphi	Away
10	Sat.	2:00	Lacrosse	Iona	Home
10	Sat.	12:00	Outdoor Track	Montclair State	Home
10	Sat.	7:00	Baseball (V)	Monmouth Relays	Away
11	Sun.	1:00	Baseball (V)	York	Away
12	Mon.	3:00	Tennis (V)	Post	Home
13	Tue.	3:00	Baseball (V)	St. John's	Home
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...the outskirts of the diamond will be Louie Crime, and Alejandro Tapia. This trio will have to be remain instrumental in the forward drive.

The Agony of Defeat

...look Beavers suffered a touch of "last year's when they played a scrimmage against Lehman they lost, 6-4.

...familiar song a saddened Peacock said, "There's out up." Optimism was more common among the ...essed by freshman pitcher Richie D'Aloia. "I ent for the team," he said. "We've been working 'm sure we'll get a positive result."

...rules have been set and the strategy worked of time. "We're going to fight for our runs," ...s players. So much for offense.

...not always the name of the game, but it cor- ne need only look back on the New York Mets, ...nd '73 to remember how far a team can go on ...se. This is not to say that the Beavers lack ...ut their best assets to date are their gloves, ...orn.

...s do have power, make no mistake about it. ...Crime and the brothers Mojica. [Amador being ...all do very nice things with a bat. Last year's ...ating average of .169 should take off like a line ...on, with the added confidence of the players

Own Field Boosts Morale

...at the team finally has its own field should also ...Last season, morale was not boosted by the bus ...om that quarry amidst mountains, Randalls Is. ...Even unfinished Yankee Stadium would have pro- ...relief for the weary Beavers, but instead they ...all the way over to the sod-torn, dilapidated

...home of Pele, soccer's finest. For \$4-million, the Beavers wouldn't mind playing there either, but no one offered them ten cents, let alone \$4-million, and the stadium only added to their already too-numerous-to-mention troubles.

Practice sessions at the South Campus Athletic Field have shown the team to be well-organized and efficient. Intra-squad games have tended to put the players on a healthy competitive level, and morale has risen noticeably. Astute student observers have been heard to say, "hey, we do have a baseball team." It was unclear whether or not they were asked to sign up for the team.

So, as the major league baseball teams begin their ascension to their homeparks from the warm climates down South, the Beavers trek North as well, to conquer whatever worlds are left for them. With twenty out of their 26 players decked out in new, double-knit lavender pin-striped uniforms, the season will at least be a fashion success, regardless of that far-off final season record.

The point's the thing as tennis team sets to serve up a smashing season

By Philip Carvalho

Marvin Dent, who calls himself "a student of the game, rather than an instructor," was chosen to be the new men's tennis coach two weeks ago, and is already faced with many problems.

There are no home tennis courts for his team; they were ripped up last Spring to make way for the new Leonard Davis Center for the Performing Arts and should have been rebuilt on the plaza level of the Science and Physical Education Building. But, as with so many other things at the College this year, lack of money prevented it.



Photo by Carlos Botta
Rick Semprit slides back as Bruce Tepper, a catcher for the Beavers, tries his hand at first base during practice.

So, Dent's team has to travel to poorly kept park courts. He has also the job of impressing his philosophy and style upon his new team. As John Easterling, a returning member of the team, said, "when a new coach comes in, you would like him to have the same philosophy as the old coach, but you know he has to be his own man."

Dent, who has never had a coach's job before, was a tournament player hired from a group of 60 applicants.

Women's Team Faces Bronx Community

"We aren't going to play this team [Bronx Community College] anymore," said women's tennis coach Barbara Klein last Monday, and that was just what could be printed.

During a scrimmage match against BCC, unsporting conduct was repeatedly displayed by the first and second singles players. City's number one player, Malla Grant, had to deal with her opponent jumping up and down and kicking the fence every time she missed a shot. Donna Fields, bothered by her opponent's constant questioning of calls, threatened to use her racket on the BCC player's head.

So upset were Grant and Fields, that despite their superior skills, they just fell apart and lost their games. "Stroke-wise we're a sound team, but we tend to be psyched out easily," said Josephine Talamo.

The two doubles teams had no problems with their opponents and won their games, but the second doubles team found their opponents relatively unskilled. "The games usually had a hard time getting started, as Bronx Community had problems, returning our serves," explained Joanne Schweit, speaking of herself and her partner, Judy Broosky. The number two player Fields, later said, "I feel both doubles teams are dynamic and they are never going to lose."

and friends on men's teams

...hockey rink, on the Beaver bench, ...sat a woman in a lavender parka ...and hat, shouting vivaciously, ..."Let's go City." Play was stopped ...when a CNY skater fell to the ...ice and the door to the bench ...opened, allowing the lavender fan ...on to the ice carrying a black



Photo by GAD/Gregory Dvornik
Christy Herrick
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...case the size of an egg crate. This time, the shaken player skated off without assistance, but Christy Herrick, completing her second season as the student trainer for the men's hockey team, had accomplished her task.

For Christy being the student trainer is "my job. I consider myself a professional," said the senior.

A physical education major, she has been on the women's volleyball and men's swimming teams before becoming interested in student training. She was introduced to the hockey team by her then boyfriend and now husband Jimmy Siatsis, a defenseman on the squad.

As student trainer in a sport which has the "bloodiest bruises," Christy is limited in what she can do for the players. "I'm responsible for taping the guys before a game and I can do some types of stitching. For serious injuries, I can make recommendations to the Coach (Jim Bombard), but he has the final say."

Adjusting to the men is inevitable. "At the beginning of each season we have an indoctrination session," Christy said. "Everyone

is nervous at the beginning but the players gain trust in me. I'm there to do a job. If they don't like me because I'm a woman, that's something they'll have to work out for themselves; that's not my problem."

The players on the team admit Christy does a good job. "We tend to overlook her femaleness," said Mario Nudelfunden, adding, "I like her more than a man."

For the players, making a comparison between a male and female trainer is impossible, because until Christy joined, the team had no traveling trainer, but instead hired a doctor for each home game. The Beavers had to rely on the other team's medical care for away games. Volunteer Christy is the first to admit that "I save this school a lot of money."

Christy's involvement with men's sports is something which she terms "very fundamental. The only reason I was on the swimming team is because there was no women's team. I don't believe women can compete with men in sports but they should be allowed to have their own sports and compete with each other."



Photo by Carlos Botta
The Beaver tennis team members, with Coach Marvin Dent in the CCNY shirt, includes John Easterling, Howard Lichstrahl, Tim Midwinter, Roy Martin, Jim DiPiazza, and Mark Muslal.

Four CCNY profs run for union positions

By Myra Basner

The upcoming elections for executive positions of the Professional Staff Congress, the faculty union of City University, has attracted four members of the College faculty. One of them will be running on the Unity Caucus slate, the more radical splinter organization of the PSC, and three others on the incumbent, Union Caucus slate.

The outcome of the elections, which will be completed by Apr. 7, are regarded by both factions of the union as a "vote of confidence or rejection" of the present PSC leadership, headed by Belle Zeller.

The four College professors running for positions include Prof. Stanley Friedlander (Economics) who is running for the University officer-at-large post on the Unity Caucus slate; Prof. Irwin Yellowitz (History), Vice President for senior colleges; Prof. Alvin Bachman (Physics), officer-at-large; and Peter Jonas (Assoc. Registrar), Exec. Council for Finances.

The split within the ranks of the PSC have been widening over the past nine months as members of the Unity Caucus, headed by Prof. Israel Kugler (Brooklyn College) called for a more militant line of action on behalf of the PSC, including support for a "mass takeover of the entire University."

The incumbent Union Caucus, which will now be headed by Prof. Irwin Polishook (Lehman College) after the retirement of Zeller, "have been limping along," according to Kugler, "and are not demonstrating an alliance of students, alumni, and minority groups."

"They are passive and unable to anticipate events," Kugler said, and charged that present PSC leaders "did nothing" when the Kibbee Plan was presented.

Polishook denied Kugler's charges that the Union has been a "do-nothing" organization and

added that "Kugler's group is committed to so-called militant, hysterical, reactions and bad judgment."

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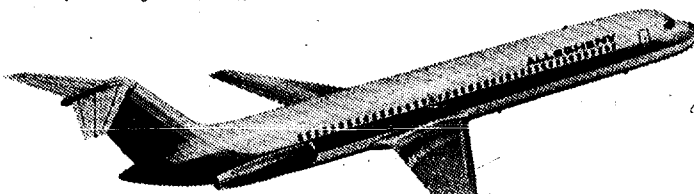
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Faculty patrols in Finley hope to eliminate drugs

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suspension of any student found selling marijuana or hashish on campus and the remanding to the police of all those found with "sizable quantities" of marijuana or hashish or "any" quantity of hard drugs, such as heroin and cocaine.

Previous attempts during this past year to bring the problem under control have met with little success, according to Marjorie Henderson, Director of Black Programming, because "the problem was always treated as a Finley Center problem."

Drugs Are 'Community Problem'

"It goes way beyond that; it is a College problem and a community problem, everyone's community," Henderson said.

"This is the first concerted effort to control drug use," said Prof. Irwin Brownstein, (Department of Student Personnel Services).

If Rees' plan succeeds, daily patrols of the corridors and lounges in Finley Center will be maintained, and all individuals found breaking College regulations will be brought to the attention of her office.

Similar attempts last year to "clean up the lounges" with the

aid of the College security force met with great resistance after guards decided that "too little" was being done by the College to follow up on their action.

"Finley Center is becoming an extension of 126 Street," William Colon, Director of the College Drug Center said this week, referring to one of the major drug trafficking streets of the city.

'Hard' Drugs Never Totally Gone

"The use of hard drugs on campus is never entirely gone. It's something that goes on and off," Colon added.

"Sure there's people using heroin around here," said Jeff Klokis, former Student Senate Treasurer, adding that "there are people shooting up frequently in the second floor bathroom of Finley Center."

Other areas within Finley Center are also known to be occasionally frequented by people using heroin, according to Edmond Sarfaty, Director of Finley Center.

"We've chased people out of stairwells and remote entrances to the building late at night," Sarfaty said, "who left syringes with fresh blood on them lying on the ground. That kind of activity simply gets hard to ignore."

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40 student organizations facing reduced funding on late requests

By Michael Arena

The more than forty student organizations which failed to submit budget requests to the Student Senate by its Feb. 15 deadline will "be penalized for lateness," if they apply for allocations for the Spring term, according to treasurer Ron Akbar.

Among the 63 clubs who applied for allocations on time and were granted them were the College's four undergraduate student publications, who received the largest amounts. The Campus received \$7,500, an increase of \$500 from last term; Observation Post and The Paper received \$7-thousand and \$6-thousand, respectively [both unchanged from last term]; and The Source, \$4-thousand, a drop of \$1,000.

Policy on disruption is 'reiterated' by Marshak

In an apparent reaction to last month's controversy over offers of amnesty for veterans who took over the Administration Building last Dec. 22, President Marshak issued a "reiteration" of the College's guidelines on student protests and take-overs yesterday.

In order to prevent "further confusion," Marshak said, he was re-releasing the April, 1974 statement of the Policy Advisory Council, which states that "group take-over of the College's buildings" or disruption of the "normal educational" operation of the College will result in individual suspension, expulsion, or arrest.

Marshak's letter, which was addressed to "members of the administrative staff," rather than the usual "College community," promised that "immediate steps" would be taken against future demonstrators, both student and faculty.

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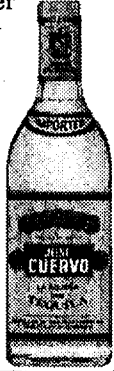
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Commenting on his paper's allocation, Joe Lauria, news editor of Observation Post, said: "we could have made an issue about the fact that we printed more pages than Campus, but the general feeling was that it wasn't worth it."

A member of the editorial collective of the Paper who wished to remain unnamed said he would favor a "more equal distribution of funds among newspapers."

WOCR, the College's radio station, received \$2,156, an increase of \$300 from last term's allocation.

Other large fund appropriations were: \$3,700 to the Student Ombudswoman's office for the running of the Student Senate elections; \$2,026 to the College's new Legal Aid Center; and \$1,200 for the Senate's office staff.

Ethnic and religious clubs received over \$3,600 in funds. Latin organizations were allocated a total of \$1,610. Black organizations were next with \$745. Chinese and Asian clubs were given \$745 and Jewish groups were appropriated \$605.

The largest allocation to a single ethnic or religious organization was \$525, received by Boricuas Unidos. The Dominican Student Association's \$400 was the second largest allocation among the ethnic clubs.

Brothers and Sisters in Science, denied funds last semester due to a charter ineligibility, received \$165 this term.

The Women's Center and Gay People at City College both received the highest increases of any student club, \$175 each. The Women's Center was allocated a total of \$375 and Gay People at City College received \$275.

Most clubs were allocated funds for student-faculty teas, office supplies, speakers and films.

The SEEK [Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge] student government, the elected body of the College's SEEK students, received \$875, a decrease of \$40 from last term's allocation.



Ron Akbar

Schorr defends role at symposium

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 pended (with pay) from CBS, and his actions have sparked a heated debate within the media on the ethics of leaks and their subsequent public disclosure.

Though the subject of Schorr's dilemma overshadowed the symposium, held Wednesday night at the Graduate Center, the panelists' discussion covered a broad range of subjects, some straying from the topic. In addition to Brown and Schorr, Lee Hannah, Vice President of NBC News, Lionel Barrow, Dean of Com-

munications at Howard University and Martin Mayer, author and critic, were in attendance.

"The coupling of ethics and journalism troubles me at all times," Mayer intimated in his opening remarks. Touching on "the phenomenon of press leaks" by way of euphemistically referring to Schorr's "extremely interesting problem," Mayer said that a press leak is "nothing more than a press release that happens to be unauthorized. It gives people in government extraordinary power over the press," he noted,

"creating a master-servant relationship."

Schorr has had plenty of time to mull over the question of ethics, since "suspension, like hanging, is very good for concentrating the mind," Schorr explained that "my ethics have been to be as neutral as possible, and you work on the humanistic principle that if the greatest good is imparted to the greatest number of people it will improve ethical behavior."

Hannah observed that the dilemma for newsmen is personified by Schorr's quandary—at what point does the adversary relationship between government and press go beyond that. This led Brown to question whether Schorr's actions were those of an advocate, rather than a journalist, determining on his own what ought to be made public.

"I'm glad you asked me that," Schorr responded, as he delved into his briefcase to pull out a sheaf of papers supporting his case. "There's been a frightful misunderstanding about the First Amendment and how it's supposed to work," he said, backing up his argument with references to court decisions and the Constitution.

Schorr regretted that public opinion now "rolling across the country" appears to be calling for the reimposition of a lid on secrets. He drew a round of applause from the capacity audience



Photo by GAD/Gregory Durniak
 Panelists (left to right) Daniel Schorr, Lee Hannah, Les Brown (moderator), Lionel Barrow and Martin Mayer ponder the ethics of newsgathering at Wednesday night's symposium.

when he argued that, "the Constitution puts the press in a different role, not to follow popular will but to provide information, desired or undesired, popular or unpopular, or how else will a change in public opinion take place. Isn't that what the Constitution wanted me to do?"

Hannah backed up Schorr, commenting that "Dan reported it [the C.I.A. story] in a legitimate way, and we [at NBC] would have been proud to carry the story." He did admit that he "loves to see CBS stew in its own juices."

With the floor open to questions, President Marshak wondered to

what extent the television industry attempts to monitor infractions of ethics. Schorr responded that there was "no way to enforce standards without limiting the freedom of the press." The final control, he said, was "the marketplace."

On the content of television news, Barrow and Brown believed that competition between the networks tended to sharpen television news coverage. Schorr disagreed, adding that only the ratings and public tastes determine content. Bringing the symposium to an end, Schorr remarked that the public "gets what it wants, and what it wants is abysmally poor."

Newsman recalls his Campus days

By Richard Schoenholtz

As a 1939 graduate of the College, CBS news correspondent Daniel Schorr has fond memories of his alma mater, but prefers not to dwell on them.

In a pre-symposium interview, Schorr said that he thinks he is today "a product of what I was back then. I am a product of a highly competitive society and a highly competitive college." He added that, "I think that has remained with me through all my life in the sense that nobody hands you anything on a silver platter. It wasn't handed to me in City College and I've been sort of fighting for it ever since."

Schorr was Features Editor for The Campus in the late 1930s. "He lived and breathed journalism as a kid," noted Prof. Irving Rosenthal (English), a colleague of Schorr's. Of his stay on The Campus, Schorr remembers one thing "awfully well." After assigning a reporter to cover campus clubs, the reporter later



Photo by GAD/Gregory Durniak
 Daniel Schorr

returned saying that "there isn't any news." The reporter explained that he had gone around to all the club secretaries and chairmen and asked, "Do you have any news today?"

"I remember blowing up and saying 'You'll never get any news if you go around asking if you have any news today,'" Schorr recalled. "I got furious at his lazy way of going about getting news. That's about all I remember," he noted.

Fields film wins by a nose

"W. C. Fields and Me," Arthur Hiller's latest film, has plenty of pathos, humor, tragedy and the raspy one-liners of the bulb-nosed comedian. Although the film is a rather pedestrian one in terms of subject matter and characters, it pulls itself out of mediocrity with some brilliant supporting performances.

Billy Barty plays the midget who fills the void in Fields' life between vaudeville and films with an eloquence that keeps the viewer from thinking "Oh no, not another funny midget." Jack Cassidy turns the dreadfully written part of John Barrymore into one that triumphs over its inherent clichés.

Soaring above them is Rod Steiger, who injects vitality and feeling into his W. C. Fields impersonation. He does that unique voice in a manner that builds rather than detracts from the role,

modifying it beautifully in moments of reverie or stress.

The drawbacks here are a lack of direction and some poorly developed characters, namely Vale-

rie Perrine as Fields' mistress (the "Me" of the title) and Bernadette Peters as the "Dumb Blonde" Fields falls in love with

Violence hits family in 'The River Niger'

When Joseph Walker's "The River Niger" opened on Broadway several seasons ago, it garnered a flood of critical acclaim and won a Tony award for best play.

In transferring his work to the screen, Walker has retained the play's tense, gritty realism, and its profane yet humorous lines that balance the somber overtones with levity.

Los Angeles' Watts section, a crumbling ghetto rife with murderous gangs, oversexed hoods and drug addicts, is "River Niger's" setting. Against this background, a black family struggles to survive.

Johnny Williams (James Earl Jones) is a hearty lion of a man who enjoys sitting around the neighborhood bar philosophizing with his friends to escape the drudgery of his everyday problems. Williams' cancer-ridden wife, Mattie (Cicely Tyson), is locked into a housewife's humdrum life. Her one pleasure is to serve her man, even if it means putting up with his egotism and chauvinism.

Williams, a middle-aged itinerant painter, shares his innermost thoughts with his closest friend, Dr. Dudley Stanton (Lou Gossett), who also happens to be treating



Photo courtesy of England/Strich
 The Williams family (James Earl Jones, Cicely Tyson and Glynn Turman) share a happy reunion that will soon be shattered by gang violence in 'The River Niger.'

Mattie. Williams presents him with a poem he had written in a rare burst of creativity entitled "The River Niger," a work that uses the river as a metaphor for the fundamental African spirit flowing through all blacks. His pride in the poem is second only to that for his only child, who he has not seen for some months.

The family anxiously awaits the return of their son (Glynn Turman), who is coming home after a stint in the U.S. Air Force. Also awaiting his return are the gang members the son knew before he entered the service, and who plan a special "party" for him and his girl friend. As the film develops, the Williams' family life becomes unstable under the gang's threats of violence, culminating in an ending that is both shocking and touching.

Director Krishna Shah draws telling portrayals from a cast top-heavy in talent. Tyson's Mattie matches her work in "Jane Pittman" and Jones' and Turman's performances fairly glow. With the high-strung action throughout, "The River Niger" explodes on the screen as one of the most creative black films since "Sounder."

—Pedro Gonzalez



Photo Courtesy of Universal
 Rod Steiger excels in 'W. C. Fields and Me.'

early in the film (and who later dumps him). The score by Henry Mancini is one of the most dreadful since "Serpico." And though the film takes place in California of the thirties and early forties, the sets convey no sense of the period, leaving one with the impression that all of this is happening in the present.

—Roger Jacobs