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Architecture students wear surgical masks to protest asbestos conditions at Curry Hall. Dean Bernard Spring wants architecture school moved to another building.

# New group to evaluate asbestos hazard here

By Emily Wolf and Susan DiMaria

Bowing to pressure from students and faculty of the School of Architecture, President Marshak this Tuesday established a 13-member advisory group to evaluate the potential health hazard posed by the more than 300,000 square feet of asbestos ceilings on campus.

The action followed Monday's student demonstration in Curry Hall, where 150 Architecture students donned surgical masks to protest asbestos conditions in their building and the Dean of Architecture asked that the School be moved immediately to a new location on the main campus.

The Asbestos Safety Advisors to the President,

who will issue their report before the start of the spring term, is to be composed of students and faculty members from each of the four College buildings affected by asbestos, three faculty experts on occupational safety, and William Farrell, director of campus planning and development, and Morton Kaplon, vice president for administrative affairs.

Marshak also announced that new tests on asbestos conditions at the College would be conducted next week by Industrial Hygienics, Inc. at a cost to the College of \$1,925.

"There's a whole new attitude now about asbestos," said Bernard Spring, dean of Architecture. "If there's any suspicion at all of a cancer-causing agent, something dramatic should be done to remove the potential danger."

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## Crime statistics:

# Increase seen in 8 categories

By Emily Wolf

On campus crime increased in eight of twelve categories during the first six months of 1978 compared to the same period last year, according to statistics released by the College this week.

Although increases were reported in such serious crimes as grand larceny, burglary, arson and rape, comparable crime data from the 26th police precinct shows that the College's crime rate is less than that of the surrounding community's.

The statistics were released Tuesday by Morton Kaplon, vice president for administrative affairs, who withheld the crime information last month, saying it could be used to "badmouth" the College. Kaplon's refusal met with student protest and he then called a meeting of the College's Security Committee, which voted that he release the crime statistics.

For the first six months of 1978, petit larceny was down 23 from 120 reported for the same period last year, the sharpest drop shown in the statistics. The only other drop was in bomb threats; there was one such threat reported for the first six months of 1977 and none for the same period this year.

For the two six month periods, grand larceny jumped from 30 to 35; burglary from 2 to 10; criminal trespass from 7 to 11; arson from 0 to 2; criminal mischief from 16 to 24; rape from 0 to 1; and harassment from 0 to 1.

Petit larceny involves the theft of property valued at less than \$250.00 while grand larceny involves property valued at more than \$250.00, police said. Criminal mischief involves damage to property in an amount exceeding \$250.00.

In all, there were 301 reported crimes on campus during the year 1977, according to the statistics. There were 190 cases of petit larceny; 53, grand larceny; 8, burglary; 11, criminal trespass; 4, robbery; 0, arson; 2, assault misdemeanor; 30, criminal mischief; 1, rape; 1, attempted rape; 0, harassment; and 1, bomb threat.

Kaplon indicated that the

College's crime figures were similar to those of other colleges within the City University but declined to name them or release their statistics anonymously. "The College gained access to the data only after promising they would not be disclosed," said Kaplon.

However, crime statistics from colleges in the University were easily obtained this week by The Campus despite the College's statements that such statistics were tightly controlled.

Kaplon also said that Columbia University refused to furnish its crime statistics to the College under any circumstances, but those figures were also obtained by The Campus. According to

Kaplon, Chief of Security Albert Dandridge was ordered to get the statistics from the other colleges. The chief security officers at Columbia, Queens, York and Hunter Colleges all stated that Dandridge had not requested their crime statistics. Dandridge could not be reached for comment.

According to Director of Security Gilbert Miller, there were 643 crimes reported at Columbia in 1977, more than twice the number reported for the College. Columbia reported the following: 225, petit larceny; 55, grand larceny; 96, burglary; 103, criminal trespass; 5, robbery; 3, arson; 3, assault misdemeanor; 46,

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ALL IN A DAY'S WORK: Firemen move in on a fire that raged through three abandoned buildings on West 131st Street and Convent Avenue, just across the Street from Mott Hall Tuesday afternoon. The "all hands" alarm got additional responses from the Bronx and as far south as the Jones Street Station in the East Village. No casualties or injuries were reported, but the fire was the third within three hours in the vicinity of the College.

# 2 robbery incidents hit College this week

By Susan DiMaria

Late Tuesday afternoon, as the College's Policy Advisory Council was listening to a report on the high quality of campus security, two young men walked into the Shepard Cafeteria, allegedly produced a handgun, and proceeded to rob assistant cafeteria manager Mark Morris of \$585 in snack bar receipts.

Morris, who was also allegedly punched by the robbers, declined to comment on the incident. His attackers fled before they could be caught, but according to Det. Tom Foley (Community Relations, 26th Precinct) they were about 15 and 20 years in age, with the younger man carrying the gun. Both were approximately six feet in height and dark skinned. Police have no suspects.

In another incident Monday night, two women students who were walking down Convent Avenue near the entrance to the Davis Center construction site were approached by two young black males who demanded their pocketbooks. However, a police radio car drove by before the incident could progress further and the young men were arrested and charged with attempted robbery.

"I never had time to think," said one of the women. "I looked up and the police car was just there. But while the two guys were getting handcuffed I realized my knees were shaking. I guess I was more scared than I thought."

"I saw them coming up behind us," said the other woman, "and all I could think of was getting over the gate at 133rd street where there's

sometimes a security guard."

Meanwhile, students on campus do not feel the security force is doing an adequate job, an informal Campus survey revealed.

Paula Nixon, a junior majoring in elementary education, says she feels campus security is "lacking in every respect. I feel afraid, especially at night, because the buildings are too accessible to the public," said Nixon.

"Statistics should not allow the administration to be so lax with our safety," commented Paulette Brown, a senior history major. "We should feel secure going to and from our classes at any hour as long as school is legally open."

Said Herbert Harris, a senior sociology major, "In Finley they used to have a lady guard sitting at the door of the lounge, and she'd ask for your I.D. if you went in. That's ridiculous. They should be at entrances of the campus asking for I.D.'s if they're going to ask for them at all."

According to a police officer who did not wish to be named, security on campus is "a joke. They're there for show," the officer said. "They're always calling us up to arrest people for burglary when it was only criminal trespass because it makes them look better, you know, makes the numbers come out nicer for them. Lots of times they don't call until long after something's happened, keeping people around twenty, thirty minutes asking them stupid questions. By the time we get it, it's old."

"Campus security?" said another officer. "I didn't know you had any."

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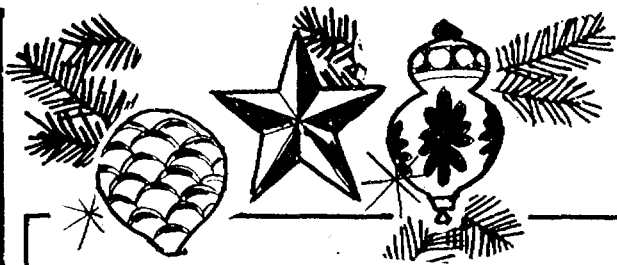
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## Correction

An advertisement for the Amsterdam Deli, 1610 Amsterdam Avenue, which appeared in our November 17 issue incorrectly referred to the deli as the "Amsterdam Kosher Deli." The deli is not a kosher establishment and The Campus regrets the error.

## The clear danger of asbestos

"There's a whole new attitude now about asbestos," said Bernard Spring, dean of architecture, this week. "If there's any suspicion at all of a cancer-causing agent, something dramatic should be done to remove the potential danger."

We agree. The hazards of asbestos have long been known; its carcinogenicity is of no question. The college's argument that the concentrations of asbestos in the Curry air and the air of other buildings is below the Occupational Health and Safety Administration's danger levels is no argument at all, since the OSHA standard is geared toward the relatively less dangerous disease of asbestosis, and is in no way a cancer standard. The OSHA standards themselves, in fact, have long been the subject of debate, with some saying they are meant to favor industry's right to profits over the rights of asbestos workers to good health. There is, moreover, no such thing as a standard for domestic exposure to asbestos of the sort experienced now by these students.

We believe the School of Architecture is entirely within its rights to demand relocation to an asbestos-free environment, and we find the administration's attitude in this matter nothing less than appalling. No one, and certainly not a college administration, has the right to tell the students, faculty and staff of any College building what is an acceptable risk to their health, and when their lives must necessarily be balanced against the College's budget.

Whatever the cost to the College, the School must be moved immediately, and the asbestos conditions in other parts of the College must also be rectified as soon as possible. No imaginable standard of human decency would warrant keeping people in a building that is unsafe, and there is no

reason which could justify it.

The cost of removing the asbestos from the ceilings, or renovating on campus space for occupation by the School, can not be as much of a hardship for the College as the administration would have us believe. It has found money for other projects, many of which seem much less vital than the removing of a deadly substance from the walls of College buildings. Perhaps the most memorable is the building of the parking lot near Mott Hall in the fall of 1977, which required the paving over of a rather nice lawn for the sake of a few dozen parking spaces, and at a cost of tens of thousands of dollars.

The College's argument that there is no space on campus for the school may be the truth, but surely it could be moved to other rented quarters if need be. The worry of architecture students that a move to another temporary building might turn out to be permanent is, perhaps, a reasonable one: temporary accommodations do tend to become permanent at the College. But perhaps they would be wise to consider whether they would rather have their own building on campus or be out of a dangerous building off campus.

Yet the argument for moving the school, in the end, becomes rather simple, and the reason for the administration's foot-dragging seems evident. It is, after all, not very difficult to tell another person to risk their health, far simpler than making complex plans to move an entire school. Whether or not it is right for the administration to take such chances with the health of others is a question it will have to confront quite soon. We cannot help but think, though, that administrative action would be far swifter if the College offices were located in Curry Hall.

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## How to lose friends and irritate people

JO ANN WINSON

What's the most irritating thing you've seen another student do lately? Did someone borrow your entire term's lecture notes and then disappear, never to be heard from again? Did some dingbat borrow the one library book you needed to base your term paper on and keep it out all term? Did the fool ahead of you at the copy machine take an hour to photocopy an entire encyclopedia? Did some clown spend the whole term goofing off, then ace the course while you, goofing equally or even worse—working really hard, bombed out?

It's safe to say that Dale Carnegie's *How To Win Friends and Influence People* is not breaking sales records on campus. As students struggle for a diploma—and some also struggle for an education—they do many thoughtless, irritating and idiotic things to each other. I will now thoughtlessly irritate you with this idiotic survey that could be called *How To Lose Friends and Irritate People*. It is meant to show that you meet many types of people in college—and many you'd prefer not to.

For instance, when you're sitting in a

lecture hall, someone asks you what the prof just said. While you explain, you invariably miss the next thing the prof says. In front of you in lecture hall sit two people who spend the hour loudly babbling. If you complain, they turn around and glare at you or tell you where to go, then resume babbling. Even worse is one person in front of you loudly babbling! (This can happen after an exam has been returned.) A common place for people sitting next to you to loudly babble is, of course, the library. And sometimes, after you complain, they self-consciously whisper for a half minute, then return to full volume.

Then there are the bozos who laugh at someone else's stupid question or ridiculously wrong answer in class. They forget that their own questions and answers, the few times they've had any, have been just as ridiculous, if not exactly the same. How about the character who asks a question about some boring or minor point during class and then the prof spends the whole period answering it while everyone else squirms?

And take the joker who desperately asks you to explain something to him right

before an exam. If you ask him to explain something to you before the next exam, he'll brush you off. And how about the one who always brags about her perfect grades, when you know she has a file of every old exam ever given at the College starting from the Year One?

Then there's the total stranger who materializes at your elbow at the end of the term and asks to borrow your entire notebook. Let's not forget, although we wish we could, the class apple polisher, all smiles to his profs, all fangs to his peers, who charms the profs into A's, and gets sick to his stomach if he pulls a low grade on the smallest quiz.

There's the cheater who copies his way through the course. Even worse than the cheater, who gets an A for doing someone else's work, is the goldbrick who gets an A for doing no work. This is the hustler with an angle for everything, who gets 16 credits of Independent Studies three terms in a row drawing a paycheck, while it's illegal to get that many Independent Studies credits in the first place.

Bad manners can be irritating. The height of the hateful is probably someone who lets the Science Building elevator door

close in your face while you're running to catch it to get to your class on time. You can't always tell who did it, and if in the future you want to be a decent individual and hold the door for others, you rush holding the elevator for the scab who slammed the door on you.

The Unmitigated Gall Award should go to the zanies who toss empty soda cans and cookie wrappers into the aisles during class. No one ever seems to sweep it away, and it doesn't seem to bother these types that they're sitting in a sea of trash.

Even friends can be irritating. A real winner is the friend who insists on talking to you on the street or over the phone, no matter how often you say you have to go study.

And then after an exam you and another student are complaining about how tough it was—and you get a C, and he gets an A.

Yes, what goes on while you are taking a class can be just as educational as the lectures. And it might do as much to prepare you for what waits ahead, The Real World. After all, all these irritating people will eventually be out in it with you.



Arnold Diaz of Channel 4 news interviews President of Architecture Students' Union Edmond Prins, while masked students go through their routines under Curry Hall's asbestos-covered ceilings.

Photos by W. Kwang

# Students protest asbestos conditions

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arrange an immediate move to an asbestos-free building," Spring added. "It would be a great disruption to our academic programs, but in the balance worth doing anyhow. Disrupting the academic program is a terrible thing, but exposure to cancer is obviously much worse."

However, College officials said such a move would be "next to impossible." "It couldn't be done without an enormous amount of changing," said Kaplon. "As I see it now, it would be next to impossible."

Asbestos, also a fireproofing material, was installed in Curry as an acoustical shield, though it has been concluded in the last few years that asbestos has no acoustical quieting qualities. It was also used in Steinman Hall, (the School of Engineering), Cohen Library, and the Psychological Center on 135th Street.

"The asbestos in Steinman is so bad that if you don't drink your coffee fast enough you can see the asbestos

floating in it," said Helga Johnson, a secretary who works in Steinman, which has 150,000 square feet of asbestos ceilings. "The ceiling is so soft you can shoot a rubber band up there and it will stick. I've been working there for ten years, and I'm quite sure my lungs are fireproofed by now."

In 1975, when the last tests were conducted on the College's asbestos, it was estimated that replacement of the ceilings would have cost at least \$1.5-million. "Now, of course, the figure would be higher," said Kaplon.

"We see no need for new tests," said Edmond Prins, president of the Architectural Student Union. "The Secretary of HEW said himself that any exposure to asbestos is hazardous, so why bother with tests?"

"The College has a responsibility to its students and faculty," said Bob Atrikka, a senior majoring in architecture. "We shouldn't be subjected to dangerous conditions like the ones that so clearly exist here. I have friends who stay on the third floor, where there is no

asbestos."

According to Spring, the alternatives to moving the School are not acceptable. "There are four things the College can do for us," Spring said. "They can move us to another building off campus, they can move us to a building on campus, they can coat the ceilings, or they can have the asbestos removed. No one can promise that coating would not loosen more asbestos than would be loosened over a ten year period by natural causes. Removing the asbestos would require six months of running vacuum filter machines, and we have no way of knowing that can be done floor by floor."

Added Spring, "I'm afraid that if the College puts more money into Curry, which is leased building, we'll never get out of here and into a building on campus."

The Asbestos Safety Advisors to the President will meet with the firm conducting the new tests, although College officials would not say whether the group's recommendations would be binding on the College.

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# Beaverettes gift: a home job by refs

By Kim Johnson

In ideal basketball competition, the only opposing force is the opposition. In Saturday's game against St. Peter's, the lady hoopsters had some unexpected opposition—the refs. The game, closely called by the referees, was played to the tune of the officials' whistles. The starting five for City, getting the short end of the stick, were nailed 20 times for personal fouls. St. Peter's ended with 8.

Coach Cecil King, also a licensed official, was very unhappy with the officiating. His reward was a technical foul. "The refs. pulled a home game on us," explained King. "That's when they show favoritism to the home team."

The Beaverettes had to play catch-up all night. They

trailed 23-8 with 9:06 remaining in the first half to the Division I Peacocks. The ladies tried to fight back. At times literally, as the contest got more physical, their comeback drives were constantly impeded by personal fouls called against them.

Coach King felt his team was getting an unfair share of the fouls. Early in the game he told the refs "that they will have to tighten up the game before someone gets hurt." Taken aback by this comment, rookie ref Edward Meier stopped the game and told King to sit down. King refused, saying, "as long as I'm on the bench area I can stand and coach my team. It's in the regulation book." At this point Meier signaled a technical foul on the coach to the scorers. "The man refused to stay in his bench area. This showed unsportsman-like conduct," explained Meier.

The Beaverettes went on to lose the half 48-18. During intermission, "I'm a Victim," blared out over the loudspeakers. Irony?

The second half resumed with the hoopsters trying to rally again. This time things clicked as they scored 12 straight points. The attack was led by Joanne Myers and Mareeta Joe. But with 10:53 left and the score 53-33, Myers was tagged with her 5th foul and was ejected from the game. Moments later Joe received her fourth.

Critically handicapped by fouls, the Beaverettes began sliding downhill. Peacocks Sherry Laury and Paula Kirkley teamed up to dominate the boards and start fast Breaks as City's defense crumpled. With 1:35 left in the game City was hopelessly out of the running, 85-39.

Putting this loss behind them, the ladies are now looking towards the future. "So far we have played a lot of scholarship teams with height and we've held our own. For the future, we will hit the teams hard, fast and regular," said 4th year varsity player Natalie Kirton.

The team's scorecard now shows 3 wins and 4 losses. Their next game is against Brooklyn College January 3rd.

## —SPORTS SLANT—

### Lacrosse: which way is up?

KENNARD GARVIN

Almost four weeks ago, Jay Molenor resigned as coach of the lacrosse team. That makes him the third coach in five years to depart from the ranks of the Wicker Warriors.

Molenor had a good reason, though. He got a better job offer.

Lacrosse at City College has been going downhill ever since 16 year veteran George Baron was let go in 1975. Who's George Baron? Well, the next time you're in Mahoney Hall, check the "Wall of Fame." Baron's name is the first one on that wall.

In his last season, Baron coached the Beavers to a 3 win-8 loss record. That's right, 3 and 8, and that was the last respectable team City College has had. That year the Beavers beat their now-tough arch-rivals Queens College 17-7, and defeated York College something like 16-5. They also upset Dowling College 8-6, while losing to tough schools like Montclair State 6-5, and Steven's Tech. 8-7. That was 1975.

Today, City can't beat Queens, and probably will catch hell against York.

Have the other schools improved that much, or have City College teams gotten worse?

Obviously, there's been a decline over the years, but who's to blame? The players, or the coaches?

City College, as far back as I can remember, which is 1974, has never had experienced players. That is, they all start in the lacrosse cradle and learn how to

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walk, run, and play the game. But one thing the player of the past did have from the start was the clinched element called heart, and pride in one's school and team. But even these elements never fully matured overnight.

Jay Molenor wasn't a bad coach, but he wasn't a miracle worker, either. It takes two semesters to develop a lacrosse player, a fall semester to get into shape and acquire skills, and a spring semester to put the knowledge and training together.

Molenor was given one semester. In fact, in his first year, 1977, he was given three weeks. Now Molenor is gone, and another fall semester is gone. Athletic Director Richard Zerneck tells me there's an ad in the New York Times advertising the lacrosse coaching job. But who's the leading candidate? Sources close to the director tell me it's the former York coach, Barry Lucas.

Now if York, under Lucas, couldn't beat City, how will City, under Lucas, match against Dowling, Montclair, or Steven's

Tech? Forget it.

What City needs is a full time coach, i.e. like basketball, who is not used to City's losing ways or formally associated with the College.

That way he, whoever he is, can take advantage of City's new found talent like Victor Franco, Derrick Wade, and Alan Brichta, who have that pride and school spirit.

If not, this talent just might not stick around for another season.



Former Wicker Warriors on the move

### Figures say Crime up On Campus

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criminal mischief; 1, rape; 0, attempted rape; 115, harrasment; and 1, bomb threat.

York College, also located in a high crime area, reported 46 campus crimes for the first half of 1978, compared to the College's 186 crimes. York has a student enrollment approximately half that of the College's.

At Queens College, 150 crimes were reported for the first half of 1978. Queens reported 24 more cases of petit larceny than did the College, while the College had 22 more grand larcenies, 8 more criminal trespasses, 10 more burglaries and 14 more criminal mischiefs than did Queens.

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