

New asbestos tests ordered by the College

By Susan DiMaria

The College is undertaking a new study of the danger posed by the more than 300,000 square feet of asbestos ceilings in College buildings following the release last week of a 1975 CUNY study which termed the situation here "a health hazard."

The study, which was made public by the New York Public Interest Research Group, found asbestos problems at seven of the University's 20 campuses, including Queens, Richmond and Medgar Evers Colleges and Queensborough, LaGuardia and Hostos Community Colleges, as well as the BHE's own headquarters on East 80th Street.

It recommended that those campuses with problems should either remove the asbestos ceilings or spray paint them to seal in the fibers and prevent peeling and flaking. Campuses which had asbestos ceilings but had no problems in 1975 should have air samples taken, according to the report, to "make sure that no health hazard exists." However, no new sampling has been done at the colleges since 1975.

"We're going to be testing on a crash basis," said Morton F. Kaplon, vice president for administrative affairs. "The first priority is going to be Curry buildings..."

"It looks unsafe there," Kaplon added. "The ceiling is large and grainy. You can see the stuff flaking off. It's the nature of the way they use their space. They're always putting things up and taking them down, and it disturbs the ceiling."

The asbestos problem at the College became known in 1974 when the first tests were made in Steinman, Curry, Cohen and the Psych Center at 135th Street. Dr. A. H. Rohl of Mt. Sinai Medical Center, who made tests is currently in Turkey and may not be available to conduct the College's new tests.

The College buildings with asbestos hazards are: Cohen Library, 100,000 square feet, Steinman Hall, 150,000 square feet; Curry (School of Architecture), 36,000 square feet and the Psych Center, 14,000 square feet. Students in the School of Architecture, where asbestos ceilings are peeling, had protested conditions in their building by signing a petition to have the asbestos removed, which was brought to the attention of NYPIRG, which made public the study.

Asbestos, a fireproofing material, was used extensively during the construction of buildings all over the city until 1972, when its use was outlawed. (Continued on Page 6)



Photo by David S. Eng
 Students go through daily class schedules in Curry while peeling asbestos hangs over their heads.



Photo by W. Kwang

DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS: Daniel Runko (right) and Peter Diana jump over slush and snow the morning after our first "snowstorm." The first flakes came down Monday morning and continued until mid-afternoon. The white was soon melted by warm weather, but the snow is sure to be back soon.

Snackbar to open in '79

By Michael Arena

The Finley Student snack bar will reopen next semester, replacing the South Campus Cafeteria as the only major eating facility on South Campus.

Closed nearly a year ago by Saga Dining Halls, the snack bar will reopen under College management on Feb. 1 and serve breakfast and a variety of fast foods, under an agreement reached Wednesday by the Food Services Committee. In addition, the Monkey's Paw Cafe, located in the basement of Finley, will expand its menu Monday to offer cold cuts and cheese sandwiches.

The future of the College food service was thrown into chaos last

month when Saga announced that they would be leaving the College in Feb., a semester before the \$1-million contract was to have expired. The announcement followed a two day student boycott in which Saga admitted that they had lost hundreds of dollars. But Saga claimed that they were losing money before the boycott because they were required to keep the South Cafeteria open.

During the last two weeks business manager Richard Morley had drawn up an interim contract for next semester and a second contract extending over a year and a half with a two year renewal option beginning in September. In an apparent move to make the

contracts more attractive financially, the Committee also agreed to a provision that would shut down the South Campus Cafeteria indefinitely and requested bids from private contractors solely on the North Campus Cafeteria.

It makes it easier for the vendor to bid on just the North Cafeteria," said Morley. "In economic terms, South Campus Cafeteria has been a losing operation for years and years and years. If we include it, we're really taking away from the vendor any chance of profits."

Morley also said that the new contracts call for a "slight increase of 5% in prices over the next four years."

Senior colleges:

Mayor calls for State funding

By Michael Arena

Mayor Edward Koch yesterday urged state legislators to provide complete state funding for the City University's senior colleges and said that the institution should remain separate from the State University to preserve CUNY's "unique role and mission in providing higher education opportunities for people residing in or near the city."

Speaking before the State Assembly's Standing Committee on Higher Education, which met at the University Graduate Center, Koch also called for funding for CUNY community colleges comparable to that of SUNY two year institutions. He called for a majority of the Board of Higher Education's members to be appointed by the Governor but requested that most of the members be residents of the city.

Koch's requests closely followed the recommendation of his consultant on higher education, Harold Howe II, whose preliminary reports on the future of CUNY were released several weeks ago. State legislation for the Board of Higher Education, the trustees of the City University, will expire next year.

"State should now assume the responsibility of full funding of post-secondary education beyond the associate degree in New York City—a responsibility that the legislature acknowledged in

1976," said Koch. "The City now faces a projected budget gap of the city thus makes it all the more over \$1 billion in fiscal year 1982 necessary that the city be relieved and must seek ways to close that of the costs of the senior college."

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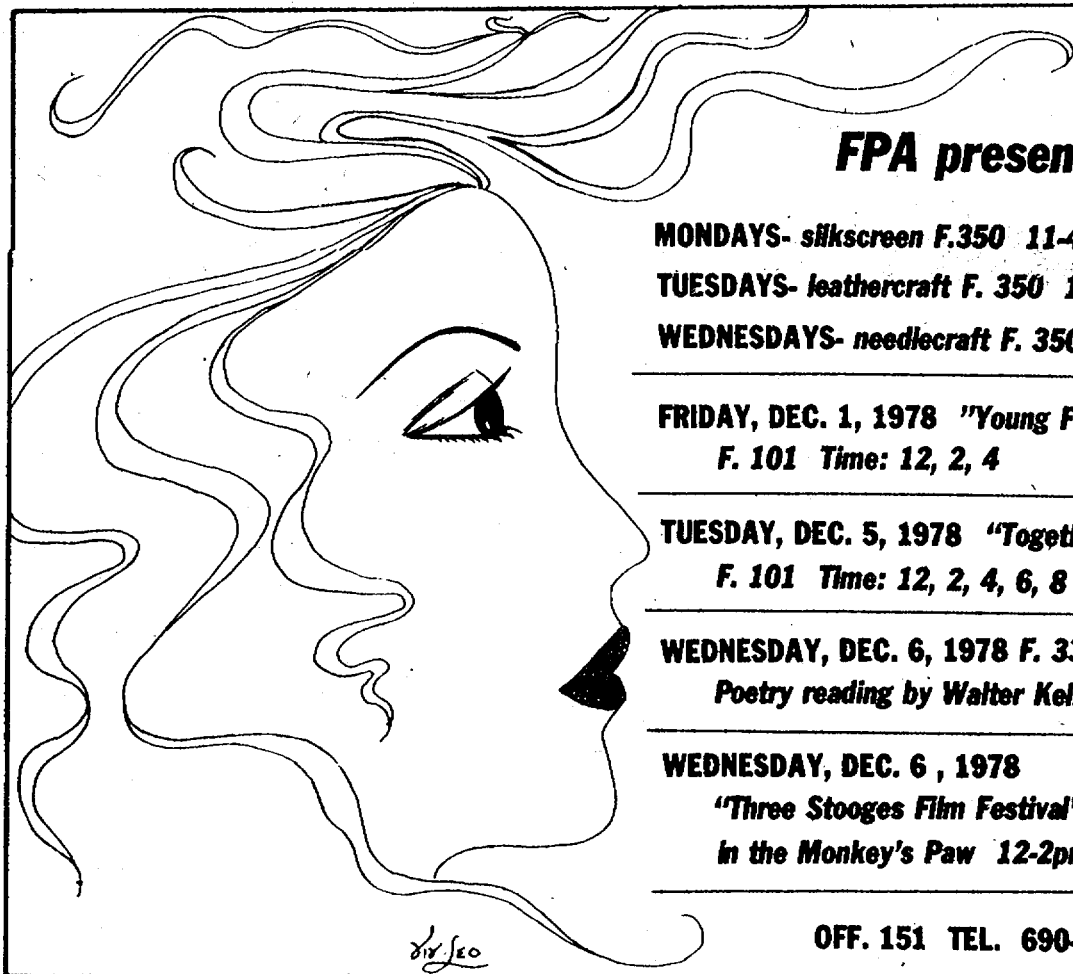
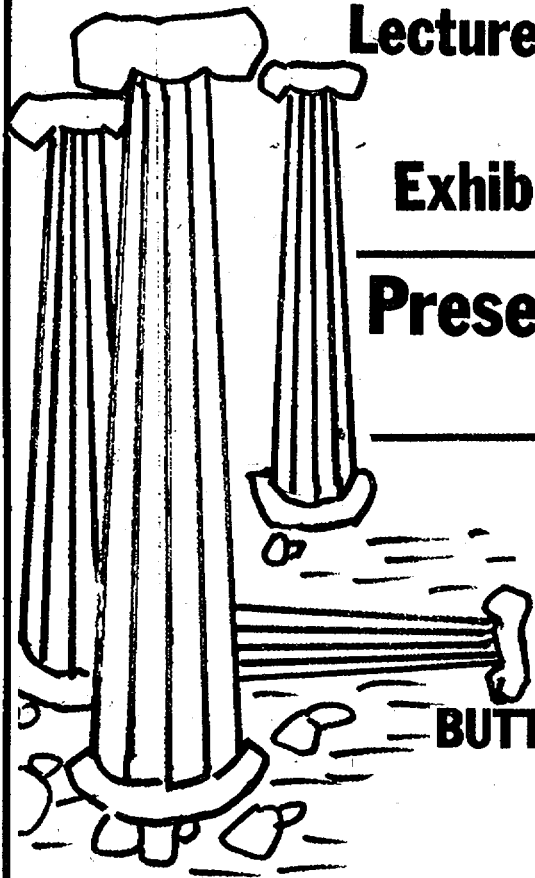
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Skills tests results: no mass dismissals

482 of the 1661 students registered as first time matriculated freshmen at the College this semester passed all three areas of the University-wide Skills Assessment program, according to figures released this week.

Officials speculated that fears of the Program's precipitating mass dismissals from the College were unfounded, based on the report issued by the Office of Institutional Research.

"The data indicates that the tests were not as difficult as many students and others at the College had feared," said Michael Ribaldo, who wrote the report. "It reinforces what we had been saying all along - the term 'Two Year Test' was a misnomer."

The test, which had been the subject of much controversy, was administered for the first time last spring on the University's fall freshman class. Scores from the test determine the student's placement in courses in the

University as well as whether or not he will have to retake the test. Students who have not passed the test by the time they have completed 61 credits will not be permitted to register as a matriculated student within the University.

SEEK Students

According to the summary report of skills assessment results, 38 per cent of the 1661 students did not meet the minimum standard set by the University in reading, 55 percent failed to meet

the minimum writing standard and 46 per cent failed to meet the standard in mathematics. However, if data for SEEK students is eliminated, the report's figures indicate that nearly three quarters of those tested passed the reading and mathematics sections and 55 per cent passed the writing section. Nearly half of the SEEK students failed in all three sections, with only seven per cent passing in all three areas.

"We don't expect SEEK students to do well because their

high school averages are so related to performance on this test," said Ribaldo.

The Skills Assessment Program had been the target of many protests from students who claimed it was meant only to shrink the size of the University. It was referred to as the "Enrollment Reduction Test" by student leaders who were opposed to it, who also said that there was no justification for the test in the light of the College's policy of Open Admissions.

Student Activity Fee

50¢ increase is on the way

By Nick Katehis

The Student activity fee will be increased by 50 cents next semester to support the operations and activities of the University Student Senate, the third such increase for College students in the last three years.

The activity fee was previously increased \$2 to support the College's chapter of the New York Public Interest Research Group and another \$2 to support the Media Board, which funds the day session student newspapers and the College's radio station.

"For the equivalent of a token a semester CUNY's students will have a powerful voice to fight for their interests in the halls of government and in the halls of college administrative buildings," said USS President Edward Roberts.

The fee increase was approved last summer by two thirds of the university's student governments and was then adopted by the Board of Higher Education.

According to USS Spokesman Ken Carrington, the half dollar would help "a central CUNY

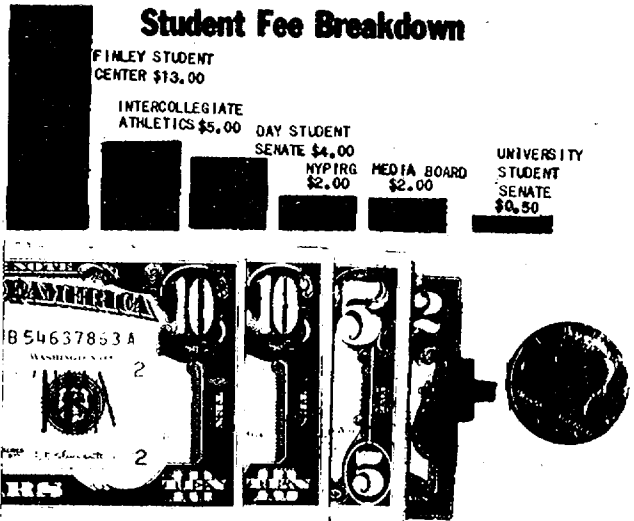
organization that would work for all the students of the CUNY system. The USS has previously helped many students. For instance, the fee to drop a course has been eliminated and it was due to the lobbying of USS," said Carrington.

The increase in the fee was forced after Governor Carey refused to continue funding the USS through the executive budget, where it had previously received its money. The money will be used for activities for the colleges, including the monthly publication of the CUNY Voice, support for student rallies and protests and the establishment of an ongoing lobbying effort in Albany and Washington, D.C.

Roberts said that the leadership of the Senate took the opportunity to allow students to fund the organization directly when Carey cut off its funding in the hopes that it would strengthen the connection between USS and the students.

"Because of the direct funding base," said Roberts, "USS's vitality is tied to our student constituents. If we fail to represent the students, the students will know it."

Student Fee Breakdown



Money courtesy of W. Kwang

Day care center to stay open; new sources of funding sought

By James Nash

The Child Development Center, which had been facing shutdown in December, will remain open through the spring, 1979 semester by virtue of an \$8,000 grant from non-tax levy money.

In addition, President Marshak has established a committee to explore funding alternatives that will insure the continued existence of the Center, which is the on campus day care service for the children of students. Marshak has also made a commitment to guarantee the salaried position of Director of the Center for three years according to Gerry Price, current head of the program.

The center was recently threatened with closure when the administration announced that support would no longer be available from the Schiff Fund, a major contribution to the Center's budget.

"The thing that is decisive is that there is a committee dealing with the continued existence of the Center and that Marshak is guaranteeing the director's salary for three years," said Price, who termed Marshak's actions "an indication of a commitment."

Sources of funding are now being explored by the Committee, which will review them when it meets in mid-December. Possibilities include the renting of the facility on weekends for use by elementary schools seeking enrichment of their programs and the establishment of an annual fundraising event within the Davis Center for the Performing Arts.

Vice Provost for Student Affairs Ann Rees, the chairperson of the committee, said it was still too early to comment on the proposals, but added, "quite a few people are working diligently" to examine sources of funding.



Photo by David S. Eng

Children of College students in Child Development Center.

Observation Post editor Meade forced to resign

By Susan DiMaria

Ronnie Phillips replaced Nancy Meade as editor-in-chief of Observation Post this week after it was revealed that Meade is not a student at the College this semester.

A resolution passed last spring by the College's Policy Advisory Council prohibits non students from holding positions of authority in any student club, which includes the Managing Boards of the College's student newspapers.

Phillips, a photo editor of the paper, will take over effective immediately.

The Day Student Senate froze the funds in OP's account with the College's business office last week, prohibiting the payment of the newspaper's bills, when it discovered Meade's non-student

status. Meade then telephoned Vice Provost for Student Affairs Ann Rees to protest the Senate's action, claiming that they no longer have authority to freeze OP funds since the paper's allocations are now made by the College's Media Board. During the conversation Meade admitted that she is not registered at the College this term.

At a meeting of the Media Board last Tuesday, Meade explained her decision to not register for courses, saying "I wanted to put the paper out and concentrate on building a staff that would be able to do it next semester...I didn't see any point in paying a lot of money for courses I wouldn't be able to go to anyway."

It was also revealed this week that others on OP's Managing Board are not officially registered at the College this semester. Arts

Editor Paul Dabala, while officially a College student, is on permit to study at Baruch College and Military Affairs Editor Bob Rosen, a former OP editor-in-chief, has not attended the College since 1977, when he received his Master's degree here. He originally graduated from the College with his B.A. in 1974. Editor Jeff Brumbeau is also not registered at the College this term.

"The matter is not resolved," said Rees. We still have some talking to do about the others."

Meade, who is in her second year here, said she intended to register for spring term classes, and expected to resume her position as editor-in-chief by February. Phillips, who will have the title until then, joined the paper in September.

The PAC resolution was

approved last spring after it was discovered that one student newspaper, City PM, was being run by non-students and that the Managing Boards of each of the newspapers contained at least one person who was not registered for classes at the College and had not paid the student activity fee.

The Board also approved a resolution stipulating that newspapers receiving funds from the Media Board must publish a minimum of six issues, at least eight pages each, in order to maintain their eligibility for those funds.

"I don't see what's so unreasonable about making the newspapers come out six times a semester," said Emily Wolf, editor-in-chief of The Campus. "The papers are supposed to be serving the student body. I really don't see how they can claim to do that when they only come out

once in a while."

Meade objected to the proposal, charging that a vote by the Board to subject the papers to these standards would be "a vote to kill OP." "We don't all have the resources of The Campus," Meade said. "I don't anticipate any giant upsurge of student interest in OP in the next six months, either."

"I'd rather print two great issues than six or eight lousy ones," said Phillips. "It's a matter of quality, not quantity."

Meade also objected to the fact that OP would now be forced to seek advertising to make up the difference between the printing costs for six issues, estimated at about \$4560, and the Board's allocation for that semester. "You are forcing us to go out and look for ads...We're a radical, alternative newspaper," Meade said. We operate differently than the straight press."



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Student fees for student papers

"We aren't coming out more often because I don't feel like going to the printers every week," said Nancy Meade, the former editor in chief of OP, explaining why her newspaper has appeared only twice this semester.

While Meade's staff troubles are, of course, partly inherited from OP's notably poor stewardship during the 1977-78 year, her failure to build a staff this semester must rest wholly on her own head. Her solution to her staff troubles, using non students in editorial positions, is not the best way for her to approach the problem, however.

Meade's own non-student status is somewhat ironic, considering her lack of publication this semester. "I want to put the paper out and concentrate on building a staff that would be able to do it next semester," Meade said when explaining why she had not registered for classes this term. We find this particularly ironic for a number of reasons.

First, Meade has hardly concentrated on OP. She has printed sixteen pages of newspaper this semester in eleven weeks of classes. Even if she was working totally alone, a page and a half per week is hardly prolific.

But beyond that is the fact that she is not a student. What gives her the right to put out

the newspaper? If there is no student interest in OP, perhaps it would be better to see the paper die than to see it limp along every semester. Money from student fees should not be used to support a paper run by non students.

The piece de resistance is Meade's appointment of OP photographer Ronnie Phillips as the new editor-in-chief. Phillips has been on the staff of the newspaper for three months. He hardly seems qualified for his new title, a fact that seemed to be appreciated by Meade herself, who dictated to him what his vote should be during the Media Board decisions on Tuesday. Her appointment of Phillips smacks of the worst kind of puppet rule, and we condemn it. Meade's admission of her intent to resume the title next February bespeaks her true intent in appointing Phillips.

We do congratulate Dean Ann Rees on her speedy resolution of the situation this week. We urge her to act with swiftness on the question of the rest of Meade's managing board which, Phillips excluded, is to a man not registered at the College. We do not feel it is too much to ask, even of a "radical, alternative" newspaper, for newspapers funded by student fees to be run by students, and not ex-students and their friends.

Opinions Wanted

The Campus is seeking submissions for this page from members of the College Community. Readers are welcome to submit either a Campus Comment or a letter to the editor on any subject that pertains to the College. It is suggested that letters be limited to 200 words to increase their likelihood of being printed. Campus Comments should be either 350 or 800 words in length. All letters should be signed, although names will be withheld upon request. Campus Comments will not be used unless signed, and the writer's telephone number should be included. All submissions should be addressed to Editor-in-Chief, The Campus, Finley 338. The deadline is the Monday prior to each issue. No submitted material can be returned.



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LETTERS

Sports subterfuge

To the Editor:

This letter is to correct the "Correction," published in *The Campus* on November 3, 1978. This one paragraph slur, nothing more than hearsay, is just another step taken by the editor-in-chief of this paper to cover up her own ignorance in this matter.

I say now, as I have been saying repeatedly: I did not request anybody to praise the sports page and to discredit previous sports editors, and I did not collaborate with anybody to write such a letter. I have the highest respect for these past editors, and I only hoped that with enough hard work my pages could one day equal their accomplishments.

I also cannot take blame for the appearance of such a letter in *The Campus* (issue 6). Since it appeared on the editorial page, not the sports page, the decision to print it, and the task of reading it and verifying its authenticity, was not mine but the editor-in-chief's. I strongly disagree with the contents of this letter and I would not have included it in *The Campus* (at least not without heavy editing, since it is filled with mistakes) had the decision been mine.

Your "Correction" also leaves one to think that it was the unanimous decision of the Managing Board (excluding myself) to remove me. The truth is, it was the decision of one person, Emily Wolf, who explained her actions to me by saying, "This is my paper, I can do any damn thing I please."

John Toth
Student

Editor's reply: As was stated in the "Correction" referred to, a letter praising the sports page was written by a student at the request of and in collaboration with Mr. Toth, then Sports Editor. Three Campus editors were witness to the letter's author admitting that Mr. Toth asked him to write the letter. The student was led to believe that, in exchange for writing the letter, Mr. Toth could "use his weight" on the Managing Board to have the student's Campus Comment printed in a later issue. Mr. Toth was removed by vote of the Managing Board after this subterfuge was discovered by the editor-in-chief.

'Wiz' review reviewed

To the Editor:

I hope you print this letter because I would like for all those who read Steve Nussbaum's criticism of the movie, *The Wiz* to read this.

When I read the article the first time I had not seen the movie yet, but knowing how much time and money was spent on it, and having loved Diana Ross and Michael ever since I can remember, I was angry. Now that I have seen the movie, I am furious! It is quite obvious to me that Mr. Nussbaum was either sleeping through the entire film or his brain is wilted. It is not my fault, that perhaps, because of his ethnoid background he could not deal with a movie that had an all-black cast surrounded by a beautiful urban fantasy which I have yet to see anybody with the name Nussbaum produce half as well. They couldn't, and I think he's jealous.

He further proves his ignorance by stating, "... if you hadn't seen the Wizard of Oz you probably wouldn't have the slightest idea what's going on." That is bull. The Wizard of Oz was written to convey the message that we should believe in ourselves and that we don't have to go searching for an identity... we can find what we are looking for in our hearts. It was not written so that Mr. Nussbaum could memorize the story line.

Sure it's a fast paced movie—this is a different version of it. If he missed anything I think it was because it was too much for him. And if all he had to say about the stars was that Jackson is ambisexual, Ross is skinny, and that Lena Horne was mistaken for being white by a little child, then he needs to take a trip down the Yellow Brick Road to get some brains. He even called Lena Horne's solo tired. How dare he? Her solo was beautiful and the applause that filled the theatre when she sang proved it.

I would advise anyone who hasn't seen *The Wiz* to check it out—it's beautiful. I'm almost sure it will be a candidate for an Academy Award and besides, if Rex Reed liked it, it has to be good.

Susan A. Gordon
Student

Mr. Nussbaum's Reply: If you liked Jackson and Ross ever since you can remember, this could not be very long, judging by the level of thought evidenced in your letter. There is reason for you to insult me personally. If "The Wiz" had been as good as you claim it to be, then my ethnic background would not have prevented me from enjoying it. Further proof of your thoughtlessness is your belief that calling Michael Jackson ambisexual was a slur. Please Ms. Gordon, before you use a word, look it up in a dictionary, so you know what it means. If you do not know how to use one, I am available to you. Lastly, let me point out that your closing statement reveals your true level of intelligence. Need I say more?

Admirer in the night

To The Editor:

On behalf of the Senate and the College's evening students, I am taking this opportunity to thank you and The Campus staff for your careful, responsible coverage of events that are of particular interest to us. Recent issues of the paper have provided a valuable news service to all evening students.

Your successful efforts are indeed appreciated.

Laurie R. Abramson
Treasurer,
Evening Student Senate

Financial aid: the greenback jungle

SUSAN DIMARIA

My mother never wanted me to go away to college—at least she didn't want it when I was back in high school. By the time I reached my junior year, I think she would have gladly shipped me off to boarding school in Australia (as she often threatened), but when the time for making applications was there she was very reticent about sending me anywhere but CUNY.

A VIEW FROM THE HEIGHTS

"City College is free," she used to say. "If you want to go to graduate school, go to City and work in the afternoons and save your money for graduate school."

There was another reason, of course. She didn't want to be bothered with endless processing of financial aid forms. After all, they were sending me to school, not them; it didn't seem right that my parents should have to spend their twilight years crouched over calculations with a cold pot of coffee and a lot of sharp pencils, going over their W-2 forms from 1942.

Some of the questions on those forms are a bit ridiculous. I have one from a graduate school that asks me to estimate my laundry expenses for the 1979-80 academic year. What sort of insanity possesses people to put their fellow persons through the agony of counting their socks and multiplying the average cost of washing them by 52?

Financial aid is a good thing. Financial aid forms, and financial aid offices, rarely are. Financial aid itself enables a lot of people, like me, who would otherwise be washing dishes or typing letters to go to college. (That's so I can learn Middle English and read Chaucer on my lunch hour when I'm typing letters after graduation.) Financial aid is what the State of New York gives you so it can have something to take away after the election is over.

Although programs are created for basically selfish motives, they are nonetheless good and worthy things.

But financial aid offices are often run so incompetently that they thoroughly obscure the lofty motives of their creators. The one here at the College is not a particularly splendid example of incompetence, but this is mainly because it rarely excels at anything other than being annoying. Worst of all, though, many of their deadlines are ridiculously early. Some financial aid forms must be picked up in April of the academic year preceding the one in which is expected, which, while it may alleviate problems caused in administration, does not allow many

students to take advantage of the programs.

Chief among these is the federal government's National Direct Student Loan programs. I went to the financial aid office in September for an application, having just discovered that funds I had expected from another source were not coming through and that I need more aid. The girl behind the desk told me that I was too late. "The deadline was in August," she told me.

August. It was just as well, because the necessary processing of the loan application would have taken another two months anyway. Where are students to go for emergency money? They can go to the emergency loan fund, handled through the Office of the Vice Provost for Student Affairs, but that is an often unpleasant experience and one to be avoided. For long term, large sum loans, the only other source is the state program, which guarantees loans made to students.

The application for this loan is rather Byzantine. By the time I had finished filling it out (I didn't major in economics) I had exhausted both my patience and my mother's supply of friends. You see, one of the problems with this loan is that your references must be "responsible, employed individuals", which lets out most of my friends. My mother's friends, on the other hand, are all employed and someone even responsible. The trouble with this sort of approach is that it means your references will be people who, most likely, barely know you. My references for the loan, by and large, were people who knew me as the one who answered the doorbell when they came to complain about a leaky faucet (my parents are real estate tycoons on the east side of Manhattan) or to pick up a package. They had no idea of my potential as a scholar (theoretically, this ought to be the first thing considered in financial aid cases, but it is instead the last thing if considered at all) or my views of world politics or anything else.

The one exception to this was my mother-in-law, who attended CCNY herself and presumably understands this sort of bureaucracy all too well from her own experience. She knew me better than anyone on the list — and they threw her off when I brought my application in for screening. I don't remember why. I do remember thinking that I wouldn't want a loan from these people if this was the kind of criteria they were using for eligibility — they also disqualified my older sister, who is quite responsible, quite employed and knows me quite well. I did without the money. I'll have to borrow enough for graduate school that maybe they did me a favor by not lending me anything. We'll see. They're turning the electricity off on Monday.

Then, there is the federal program, BEOG. In spite of the fact they printed my social security number wrong last year and I had to ship the form back to Iowa for reprocessing, I can't say enough good things about them.

The government funds the program according to the number of eligible applicants (you can do that sort of thing if you cancel a bomber or two), which means that you don't have legislatures sitting around every year trying to figure out which group of students to cut out of the pie this year. But I'll get to TAP in a minute.

The problem with BEOG is one of College administration. Checks which are applied for in September are not handed out until November, and I, who handed in my slip in September, have had to wait until Thanksgiving for my money. There is something wrong with that. I think sometimes that financial aid programs are intentionally administered incompetently so that students will be forced to discontinue their educations. Cuts down on the amount of aid they have to give, you know. Or else they just want us to suffer.

Suffering is, I think, the aim of the entire Tuition Assistance Program. You suffer filling out the application. There is something about the people who make up these applications that ought to put them behind bars where they can't hurt anyone else anymore. The aim of that form, and many others, is to make you worry a whole year in advance about the little mundane things that nag you all day long anyway. Laundry is a wonderful example.

But if the applying isn't tough for you now, it will be. An awful lot of CUNY upperclassmen (as they used to be called) live in their own apartments, without their parents. But you can't apply on the basis of your own income, which is usually much lower than that of your parents, without meeting a series of eligibility requirements that are reminiscent of the Intolerable Acts. You have to be at least 22 years old. You must not have any idea of where your parents are. (Of course, the form is worded much more complicated with regards to that, but that is what it boils down to.) Your parents must be deceased. If you don't meet those requirements, then the State does not regard you as independent, regardless of what your real circumstances may be.

If you think you're independent, and the state doesn't, you're in trouble. Your parents may well share your perception and not want to provide their financial information for your aid. After I was married last summer I saw no sense in reporting my parents income, since I wasn't living with them and hadn't in some time. My husband and I are and were penniless, whereas my parents were somewhat better off. The financial aid office told me it didn't matter.

"But I'm married," I said. "My situation and theirs don't have anything in common."

"It doesn't matter," said the counselor. "That was written that way for a purpose."

—PUNDT—

Exams that really flunk the test

JO ANN WINSON

Whoever said, "Nothing is certain but death and taxes," forgot to mention the third certainty: exams. Exams test your course knowledge, as well as your stamina at all-night cramming, your ability to guess at right answers and your eloquence in persuading your prof that exams don't test your course knowledge. Still, no one has ever come up with a convincing reason why exams are really necessary.

Professors are smug about their exams. One recently boasted to a packed lecture hall, "Don't you know that any professor can write an exam to produce the grade distribution he wants?"

In another class the prof began to write the date and time of the first exam on the board. Meaning 12 p.m., he wrote 12 a.m. Someone pointed out that that was midnight. Instead of admitting the goof, the prof snapped, "Don't worry, when that exam comes around it's gonna be midnight for a lot of you." And this was the first day of class!

Another prof offered a "multiple choice" of exam types for the mid-term. He suggested an essay exam. Recoiling in horror, the class requested a multiple choice exam. "Okay," shrugged the prof, "but don't think you're getting a bargain.

I've found that multiple choice means multiple confusion."

There is something I have always wondered: could professors pass their own exams? Such fascinating speculations aside, here is a list of aspects of exams that don't make the grade. The trouble is, whether they do or not, they determine whether you do or not.

Before the Exam

Prof who won't answer a panic question the minute before the exam.

Prof who tell you in advance that they only allow a certain percentage of A's, B's, etc. (One such prof told us he considers B an "honor grade.")

Exams scheduled the day before a holiday or a weekend. There is always the chance, no matter how slim, that the desperate would have studied over those holidays or weekends.

Prof who delay passing out the exams, instead of giving you that vital extra split-second.

Several finals in one day.

During the Exam

The proctor who can't answer your question about a question on the exam.

The prof glancing over your shoulder as you sweat out an answer. Other students

glancing over your shoulder as they sweat out answers.

Chemistry and physics exams requiring problems worked out to numerical answers, although the whole point of the problem was how to set it up. (Prof with this policy fail to notice that taking the test are an experimental group and a control group—those students who have calculators and those who do not.)

Two separate exams for alternate rows or different course sections—and your group gets the harder exam. (This is usually true for both groups at the same time.)

Prof who pry the exam out of your hands with a wedge to collect it while you are desperately trying to hold on to it.

After the Exam

Prof who won't give you as much additional time at the end of the exam as you missed at the beginning because the bus, subway train or car broke down on the way to the exam or you were coming from the top floor of a building at the opposite end of campus.

Prof who won't give you a make-up if you were out ill, and who insist you "won't be penalized for a missed exam"—when you need another grade to boost your average.

Prof who insist on giving you a make-up after you pretended to be out

ill—because you know that the grade would wreck your average.

Prof who refuse to give you a make-up when you arrived the period after the exam because you forgot it was Daylight Savings Time.

Prof who won't give you points on an essay for perfectly good material that happened to be off the topic.

Prof who wait forever before grading the exams.

Hearing the prof will drop everyone's lowest grade, but in your case, it makes no difference.

Prof who said they might grade on a curve, but didn't.

Names posted with grades.

Hearing that in an experiment one prof scored an essay exam A, while a second prof scored the same exam C.

Afterthought

At least your grade isn't only based on exams. It also depends on your term papers, journals, oral reports, classroom participation, attendance and apple polishing. And if you really try, you can bomb out on all these other things too.

You might one day pluck up your courage and curiosity to ask your prof how he did on his undergraduate exams. It is guaranteed he will tell you that he got all A's.

Services Corp. to meet soon; legality is upheld by BHE

By Meryl Grossman

Delayed for almost three months, the Student Services Corporation is set to meet early next month, after the Board of Higher Education examined and approved the Corporation's by-laws last week.

Ann Rees, vice provost for student affairs, received final okay from BHE lawyers, who had questioned the legality of the original by-laws submitted in October. BHE officials had maintained that the Corporation had to re-align the number of day, evening and graduate students on its governing Board of directors in order to conform with standard University by-laws.

"The student representation had to be in proportion to how much each group (day, evening and graduate) pays in tuition," Rees said. Accordingly, the largest group at the College, the day students had to have representation on the Board which reflected their enrollment. Approximately 86 per cent of all students are enrolled in the day session, 13 per cent in the evening and one per cent are in the graduate program.

Under the by-laws agreed upon by the BHE lawyers and the College, five day students, two evening and one graduate student will serve on the

Board. Originally, the Corporation's by-laws called for student representation of three day, two evening, two graduate and one student organization president, to be chosen by the Day Student Senate.

Michael Solomon, lawyer representing the University's legal affairs office, said the BHE first pushed for a Board consisting of seven day students and one evening, with no representation of graduate students. Solomon said the election of a student organization president did not conform with BHE by-laws and had to be excluded.

"We couldn't accept the original proposal of the BHE lawyer, we had to compromise," said Rees. "The final arrangement was accepted by President Marshak, SCOPAC and that's what we will operate with."

Student representation on the Board will consist of the presidents of the day, evening and graduate senates with four more students chosen by the Day student Senate and one more by the evening senate. Rees said she expects to get the names of the representatives within a week from both senates.

Problems have plagued the Corporation since September, when vacant student seats prevented the Board from convening. The Board had only five students elected, just one short of the necessary quorum of students needed to make policy.

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Asbestos problem at 7 schools

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"Another problem is that the standards that do exist for asbestos exposure are occupational standards, not domestic ones.

"The most harmful aspect of asbestos exposure," added Blakeney, "is that the latency period is so long. Students here are about 20 to 25 years old, so it might hit them when they're 60. There's no way to predict it."



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"My father doesn't force me to do anything. He'll just say, 'Dee, if that's what you think is best,' but deep inside I knew he wanted me to run."

So she did, with their encouragement, and now she's glad she did.

Dolores is now in her fourth year here. She's a physical education major who enjoys all

types of music, especially rock, and foods, despite her 5'6", 100 lbs. size. She's a combination of quick temper, craziness, and politeness rolled into one with hobbies ranging from singing to an invisible audience to writing poetry:

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During the race, which she led most of the way, she actually stopped and walked for about 15 seconds. A woman from Queens passed her and held the lead to the straightaway, but Dee-Dee couldn't stand the sight of it, she was too determined for that.

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Lions claw Beavers; tradition scratched

By Charles Bueso

In an aggressive, fast-paced game at Columbia University, City College's basketball team lost their first game of the 1978-79 season to the Columbia Lions. The Beavers were out scored 84 to 64, hitting 24 or 64 from the floor, compared to Columbia's 30 to 59.

The first 14 minutes found City moving well on offense and controlling the boards at both ends of the court. They ran the ball and kept the Lions attack off balance and were ahead 23-18 with 6:01 left in the first half. 59 seconds later a shot by Dave Wesgenburg gave Columbia a total of 24 points and the lead, one that the Beavers never got back. Keeping the score close, the Beavers trailed 33-28 at half time.

Second Half

During the second half the Lions took control of the game, using the same tactics that City had employed in the first half. They hustled, harassed and ran right pass City defenders, forcing several turnovers and scoring on fast breaks, making it difficult for a Beaver comeback. With less than 5 minutes left to the games' end, Columbia led 70-45.

City played well; many of their shots just rolled off the rim. They never gave up. What hampered their attack was the deterioration of the game plan. "In the first quarter the players showed an enthusiasm," said Coach Floyd Layne. "The major problem in the second half was a lack of communication between players while on the court. Their performance speaks for itself," he added.

Man Of The Night

The big man of the night was Dudley Biggs who led City with 16 points and 6 assists. City out rebounded the Lions 45-42 with Biggs grabbing the game high of 12. There were also good performances from Clinton Holman and James Jeffries, who had 12 and 10 points respectively. Another plus was the steady point producers coming off the bench, which is something to look forward to in the future. According to Layne, the team is looking forward to future games and are now planning ahead for the upcoming match this Sunday at 5:00 p.m. against Lehman College. Good Luck!

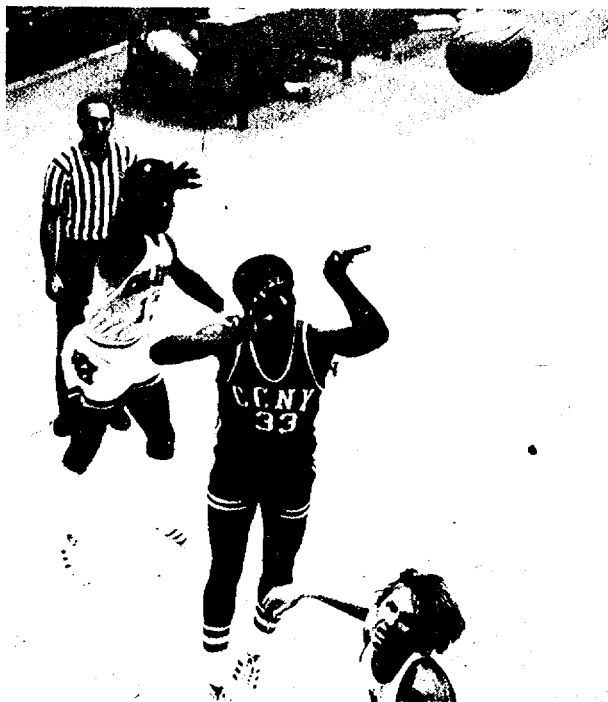


Photo by W. Kwang
James Jeffries shows intense concentration as he shoots over and under two Columbia defenders.

By Kim Johnson

Some things never change. Like Thanksgiving on the third Thursday in November. Like Christmas being on the twenty-fifth of December. Like the City College basketball team opening their season against Columbia University.

Well, Thanksgiving is still on the third Thursday, and Christmas is still on the 25th, but the tradition of the Beavers playing the Lions took a slap in the face this week. Monday night's game marked the end of the 70 year old rivalry.

Al Paul, athletic director for Columbia, has dropped City from its schedule after Athletic Director Richard Zerneck rejected Columbia's proposal for City to play at Columbia every year, instead of the traditional home and home arrangement.

"We play a total of twenty-six games, fifteen of which are away. We want to play City, but more importantly, we need home games," said Paul.

Late this Spring, Zerneck received a letter from Paul indicating that Columbia would like City to play in their gym. "The request was inappropriate and unfair," said Zerneck.

Lady hoopsters demolish Barnard in season opener

By Kim Johnson

If Monday night's performance is any indication of what's to come, then City College may have another power team. The women's basketball team won their season opener against Barnard College, 46-33.

At the start of the contest it looked as if Barnard's height advantage would win them the game. But the Beaverettes quickly boxed out the tall Barnard girls, stopping any from penetrating to the basket. This tactic plus strong zone defense killed most of the opposition's offense.

As for City's offensive attack they capitalized on Barnard's mistakes, like leaving Miriam Carrasquillo free. Carrasquillo scored eight unanswered points. Barnard, forced to use only outside shots, fell behind 24-18 at half time.

But in the third quarter the tides turned. Barnard caught up and took a slight lead. The

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Beaverettes, however, never gave up and quickly rallied.

Center Denise Hawkins, grabbing a much needed rebound, sent the ball flying to guard Viola Ortiz, a freshman player. The pass sent Ortiz speeding down court. The fact that two defensive players were closing in did not shake her. In fact, she shook them by taking both to the hoop on a lay-up drive and scoring two points. The Beaverettes continued to upset the opposition's defense with fine offensive plays.

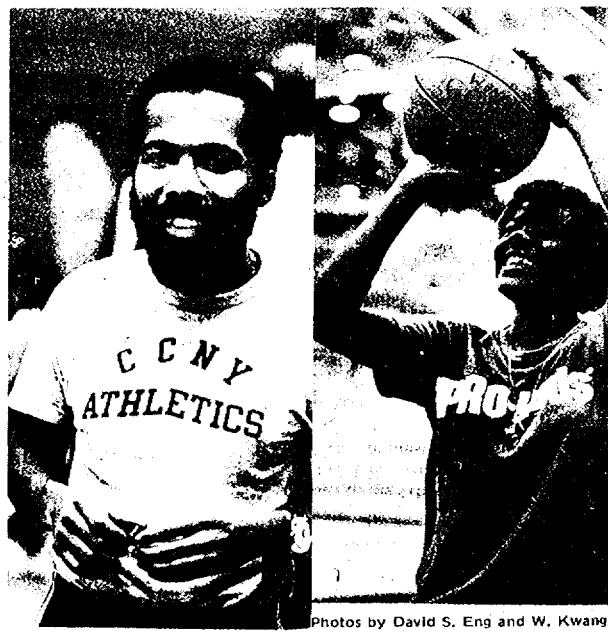
The fourth quarter was City's. Barnard was totally shut out. The biggest problem was that Barnard couldn't get the ball past the mid-court line, thanks to a devastating press put on the forwards by City guards Maretta

Joe, Herbertia Drumgold and Viola Ortiz. Forced turnovers and jump balls kept coming, leaving Barnard with zero points.

Adding to City's scoreboard were high scorer Joanne Myers with 15 points and Natalie Kirton with 13 points.

"I am very happy and pleased with their performance today," said Coach Cecil King. "We played a good game. It's not perfect yet but we will improve," added player Natalie Kirton.

As for Barnard Coach Pat Samuels (former Beaverette) and her team, it's back to the drawing board. For the Beaverettes, there's tonight's game against Baruch at 6:00 PM. May the force be with them again.



Coach Cecil King

Joanne Myers

Photos by David S. Eng and W. Kwang

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Winning: "a matter of life and death"

KENNARD GARVIN



Photo by W. Kwang

Dolores Bullivant

Dolores Bullivant can't stand to lose. In fact, she can't stand to trail someone in a track race. It makes her feel irritable. To Dolores, "winning is almost a matter of life and death."

Why? "She's a very determined person," comments her teammate from the Women's Track team. "Whatever she says she's going to do, she goes out and does it."

On November 7th, Dolores Bullivant told teammate Paula Horry she was going to win the C.U.N.Y. cross-country race, a grueling 3 1/2 mile race up and down the foothills of Van Cortlandt Park.

Dolores did it too, and in a

time of 20:51, a new record for the outdoor course.

For Dee-Dee, as her friends call her, not only was it her first cross-country victory, but her first cross-country race as well.

"She has a lot of natural ability," says Jemma St. Lawrence, now in her 3rd year with the team. "She hasn't been running long, but she's quick. She has endurance, and she can run anything. That's rare."

Indeed. In her brief tenure as a runner, Dee-Dee has never placed worse than third in any event. She competes in the 440, the 880, the 100 yard dash, the long jump, and now cross-country.

"I want to try the high jump

next. I've always wanted to try the high jump," she nearly whispers through a smile.

Dolores started running track in the 11th grade, and enjoyed moderate success as a 220 runner. But in her senior year, she quit the team. She felt they didn't have faith in her ability. When she came to City, she thought about joining the track team, but chose not to.

"I wanted to compete, but I can't stand the feeling of adrenaline flowing through my body before a race. It makes my palms all sweaty, then I became nervous, and irritable, and I don't want anyone around me."

So she didn't run. But she made a mistake so many students,

especially freshmen make. She confused college with high school. She began hanging out more and studying less. Her first term she received one grade, an "R". Her second term she was put on probation by SEEK. But she soon realized what was happening to her and buckled down so that by her third term she was off probation and eligible for track.

Again she thought about running, and the trophy she never won in high school, because of the budget cut.

Her friends wanted her to run. Her fiance wanted her to run, but most important her father wanted her to run.

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