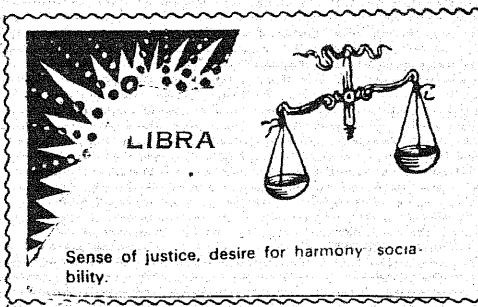


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## Goma Visit Ends This Week

Dr. Lameck K. H. Goma, Vice-Chancellor and chief officer of the University of Zambia and personal adviser on educational matters to the president of Zambia, will wind-up his ten-day visit to Staten Island Community College this Friday.

Dr. Goma's first trip to the United States was designed to give him a first-hand look at the institution's work in experimental programs and education for the disadvantaged. After his September 29 arrival in New York City, he did some sightseeing and met with officials of the Afro-American Institute before traveling to the SICC campus where he is presented to the faculty and staff at a meeting in the auditorium.

His very full ten-day schedule included observation tours of the experimental facilities, discussions with the program directors, a tour of other CUNY facilities, and a week-end trip to President Birenbaum's home in Wellfleet.

The Vice-Chancellor's visit came about as part of a growing alliance between Staten Island Community College and the University of Zambia, begun last winter when SICC President William M. Birenbaum accepted an

invitation from Dr. Goma to travel to the African university and advise the faculties there about problems they were encountering in the transition of Zambian students from the nation's secondary school into the university's freshman programs.

Since Dr. Birenbaum's visit to Zambia, the college has prepared extensive diagnostic testing materials for use at the university in Lukasa, three of Dr. Goma's top faculty people have visited SICC for consultations; and four Staten Island faculty members have gone to Zambia for a six month program of technical consultation and teaching at the African university.

Zambia's lone university, modeled along British lines, serves a population of four million in the African nation, which has been an independent republic since 1963. During recent years, the country has been revamping its educational system to meet more directly the technological and contemporary needs of the developing nation. In the process, the Zambian educators developed a keen interest in the American community college model and in Dr. Birenbaum's innovative educational activities, which led to the invitation to visit the university there.



Addressing the SICC instructional staff last week, Dr. Goma indicated the goal of Zambia's university is ridding itself of the "virulent disease" known as colonialism. Goma spent this last week taking a first-hand look at many of SICC's experimental programs with newly promoted SICC associate dean of experimental programs, Henry Harris. His recent address to the faculty also called for high praise to the first four exchange faculty to Zambia (Profs. Ablon, Benumof; Charlotte McPherson and Myra Hauben).

## SICC-Richmond Merge Proposed

On September 11, 1973, the SICC Student Government passed a proposal, 14-0-3, calling for an investigation for a possible merger of student governments with Richmond, to be entitled, Staten Island-CUNY Student Government.

Whereas: The student senate of SICC endorses the concept of an active, working partnership between the student bodies of Richmond College and SICC.

Whereas: The Senate recognizes the best way to develop a closer, working community between students is through a united student government capable of coordinated activity on both campuses.

Be it resolved: The Student Senate will create a committee to immediately contact and enter into negotiations with the student government of Richmond College to seek mutually agreeable terms to create a united student government to be entitled Staten Island - CUNY Student Government.

The Student Senate formed a three-man committee consisting of Joe Mendez, author of the proposal, Chris Johansen and Ken Peterson to look into the situation.

In discussion, Dino Lagravinese, Senator from Business, challenged the proposal. Lagravinese agreed with the concept, but opposed the timing:

"I don't think SICC has a strong enough government of its own," he argued. He believes that the SICC government must develop strength in order to be effective in a possible merger with Richmond. "Unless this college can be in a position of strength, we are the underdog."

Chris Johansen, a committee member, also had some apprehension over the timing. "But we benefit from opening up communication. Richmond is not known for a good student government and they are hardly able to achieve a 30 percent student vote". Johansen also claims the administration at Richmond isn't overly receptive to the students, and to SICC in general. He sees the "need for cohesion".

At present, Richmond is in the process of electing a student government. "We want to see what happens", says Johansen.

In order to notify Richmond students Joe Mendez wrote an open letter to Richmond students in an issue of the Richmond Times. (Oct. 1). Benefits Mendez foresees in such a merger are increased; communication and interaction between the two campuses based on free, or nearly free, transportation between the colleges. Funds could be provided by the combined fees of both colleges, and combined student government chartered bi-campus organizations. Such an organization could act as a normal student government presiding and administering to the two campuses.

In his Richmond Times article, Mendez states, "The division between the students of Staten Island's two public colleges is an unnatural one. Students who wish to earn a degree at a public college on Staten Island attend SICC for two years and transfer to Richmond college for the last two years of study. The difference between Richmond College and SICC lies in their faculty and bureaucracy. The student is one constant shared by both colleges. The economic and social background of our students is essentially the same. In many cases, the people you meet at the halls of SICC are the ones you meet here at Richmond. This natural continuum can be employed to the benefit of all CUNY students attending college in this borough. Realizing the great potential which lies in our two communities, we urge Richmond College students and SICC students to join together in a single student com-

## PSC Protests Tenure Quota

Hundreds of faculty members will demonstrate at Board of Higher Education headquarters today (Tuesday, October 9, 6:00 P.M.) in protest against an attempt to impose tenure quotas at City University, according to a union release.

The attempt is being made by CUNY Chancellor Robert J. Kibbee to set a ceiling of two-third on the proportion of eligible faculty to be granted tenure in every department and college of the University.

The unprecedented quota proposal was submitted by Chancellor Kibbee to the September 24 meeting of the Board, which called the special meeting tomorrow to consider the question.

Belle Zeller, President of the Professors Staff Congress, the faculty union, told the Board Sept. 24 that quotas would violate the merit system, the union contract, the Board's own by-laws, State laws, and the State constitution.

In her statement to the BHE, Dr. Zeller cited the rigorous observation and evaluation process through which a staff member must pass during each of five years of probation before he is eligible for tenure.

Dr. Zeller denied the Chancellor's claim that tenure quotas were necessary to give the University "flexibility" to drop course and revise curricula.

"We already have all the 'flexibility' we need to assure that all our staff members are working — and working hard," she told the Board.

In an advisory to college department chairmen and personnel committees October 1, PSC cautioned the faculty against submitting to extra-legal pressures to restrict the conferring of tenure.

The memo stated that "individual merit as judged by appropriate peer committees is the sole criterion upon which a tenure recommendation should be made."

The President's Seminar Series at STATEN ISLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE presents a Special Public Lecture and Discussion: "FAR REACHES OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT" by JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 8 P.M. College Auditorium Admission by Ticket Only Student, faculty, and staff tickets may be obtained (while they last!) at the President's Office, Room A-231.

## DSG Launches Parking Study

Perplexed by the plethora of "No Parking" signs on the streets surrounding the SICC campus, the Day Session Student Government voted unanimously at its September 21st meeting to appoint a four-member ad hoc committee to explore the problem and suggest solutions.

The Committee — composed of DSG Senator Ken Pedersen, Leona Sanders, John Barone and Ira Holzman — is charged with studying the problem and reporting their findings at the next DSG meeting.

According to Pedersen, Chairman of the committee, the problem was first discussed at the September 13th DSG meeting.

"At that time," says Pedersen, "the Senate was confronted by Alphonse De Mayo, a student here. He claimed that the Sanitation Department is illegally ticketing cars parked on streets surrounding the campus."

No formal action was taken at that meeting, but in the days following it, Pedersen claims to have been contacted by several other students, all of whom complained about having received parking violations on nearby streets. Pedersen brought the matter up at the September 21st DSG meeting and proposed legislation to form an ad hoc committee.

The committee's first course of action, according to Pedersen, will be to check out the validity of the signs being there in the first place.

"To our knowledge," says Pedersen, "the traffic department can legally install signs only in certain situations. We can't see why parking poses a problem on those streets; it doesn't interfere with sanitation pick-up or anything like that."

As of now, the investigation slowly progresses. The committee members are busy with other work and Richmond has yet to elect a government. Johansen predicts the investigation will be "slow and drawn out."



ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING "Says who?" asks DSG

Pedersen claims he has already contacted the Traffic Department by phone. "Before I mentioned the fact that I was a student at SICC, they were very nice," he says.

After disclosing his student status, however, Pedersen claims he was told he would have to travel to Borough Hall to check the matter out in person.

"That's just what we're going to do," he says, "and if we find that the signs are there illegally, we'll do everything in our power, including public demonstrations, to have them taken down."

John Barone, another of the committee's members, claims there are more and more signs every semester.

"There's no reason for them being there," he says. "People just don't want to be inconvenienced by having students' cars parked in front of their houses." The problem is compounded, he claims, by a lack of on-campus parking spaces.

"I've been here at 11:00 a.m. and found no spaces in the lot," he says. "Besides, you need 28 credits in order to get a parking decal, so just what are freshmen supposed to do?"

## Faculty Protest on Tenure

### "Condemns" Any Quota System

### Question on CLT Status

The instructional staff of SICC, at its 37th Instructional Staff Meeting, held last week, voted to adopt a SICC Staff Resolution highly critical of the so-called "tenure quota proposal" now under consideration by the Board of Higher Education.

The resolution, prepared by the SICC Faculty Council Ad Hoc Committee on Tenure, requests that "no BHE policy on tenure be promulgated that does not reflect a careful and systematic study of the role of tenure and academic freedom in CUNY and which does not involve significant faculty input and approval."

In addition, it condemns "any mechanical quota system which forces the actions of individual faculty committees into some outside mold created by an individual or individuals not involved in day to day teaching at SICC under open admissions."

The resolution passed two votes short of unanimous; the two votes were abstentions. There were no dissenting votes.

One question raised at the meeting was whether or not College Laboratory Technicians were included under the BHE tenure quota proposal. Nathan Weiner, CUNY Faculty Senate Representative, said they were not. Les Keyser and Claude Campbell, two SICC faculty members, challenged Weiner, claiming that CLT's were included. The question remained unresolved.

Mention was also made at the meeting, by Stanley Zimmerman, that the BHE tenure proposal would, in effect, bring a new group into the process of tenure appointment. That group would be a Tenure Review Committee which would be appointed by the president of each college.

Zimmerman, a mechanical technology professor at SICC, reported he was present at a conference on tenure which the Chancellor attended.



Mohamed Yousef, PSC chapter chairperson

Zimmerman said, "The chancellor insists it is not a quota system." For his part, however, Zimmerman said that he thought the BHE proposal would have the same effect as a quota system. He, too, voted in favor of the Staff Resolution.

### S.I.C.C. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF RESOLUTION ON TENURE

Whereas tenure is a crucial feature of the academic life and necessary for the very survival of the university for the reasons President Brewster of Yale University outlined in his Report dated 1971-1972: "I have not been able to devise, nor have I heard of, any regime with the sanction of dismissal which would not have disastrous effect. It would both dampen the willingness to take long-term intellectual risks and inhibit if not corrupt the fee and spirited exchanges upon which the vitality of the community of scholars depends. This, not aberrational external in-

terferences, is the threat to freedom of the academic community which tenure seeks to mitigate"

Whereas tenure has always been and must of its essence always be one of the most important decisions any faculty participates in, and whereas tenure in CUNY has involved the faculty in an ongoing and severe process of peer evaluation, which process assures only the qualified teacher will be tenured

Whereas mechanical tenure quotas, as the analysis by the Faculty Council of New York City Community College indicates, eliminate any real job security, undercut academic freedom, inhibit creative dissent, obstruct the development of faculty cooperation, discourage faculty commitment, encourage rivalry, favoritism, and conformity, and effect an excessive concern with pleasing those administrators and outside reviewers empowered to grant and revoke tenure

Whereas the policy of the AAPP that "decisions on tenure must represent first and last, judgments on individual merit" seems only rational and,



Claude Campbell, English Department

## SICC Cafeteria Held Up,

### Student Shot in Attempt to Foil Escape

Late breaking item: Reportedly \$8,000 was taken in last Friday's hold-up of the SICC cafeteria. The armed bandits closeted themselves in the cafeteria office where they allegedly forced cafeteria personnel to hand over the cash.

In the escape that followed, a SICC student attempted to stop the armed bandits and was shot in the arm. Police spent most of Friday afternoon interviewing witnesses, attempting to piece together the sequence of events. As the News Ferry went to press, there was no word as to the status of the investigation and the perpetrators were still at large.

Watch for a full report in the next issue of News Ferry.

## Study Abroad Deadlines Set

In order to "provide a fundamental educational experience for each student to complement his or her academic program at the City University," CUNY has announced the establishment of a Study Abroad Program which will afford students the opportunity to pursue a wide range of academic courses all over the world and earn up to a full year's worth of course credits

Open to both graduate and undergraduate students, program branches will operate in Western Europe, the Soviet Union, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean. Students will enroll in regular university courses rather than special programs for foreigners, and will have the option of living in student dorms or with host families.

Interested applicants should be at the junior, senior or graduate level and must have enough proficiency in the language to take course work at the university. A college transcript and teacher recommendations must precede the applicant's personal interview before the Admissions Committee; and applications must be in by November 15 with the exception of applications for the United Kingdom program which are due on December 31. The deadline for all other academic year and Fall semester programs is March 15.

Although the cost for a year will vary from country to country, it is expected that the price for most programs will range from \$2,500 to \$3,000 for room and board, travel, and personal expenses as well as a program fee to cover academic expenses at the host institution. Financial aid is available.

Application and further information may be obtained from the Program of Study Abroad at: The Program of Study Abroad Room 1439 The City University of New York 33 West 42 St. New York, N. Y. 10036

## New Governance Hours

According to the decision made at the September 26 Student Senate meeting to implement Article II, Section 2 (a) (1) of the Constitution, Governance Hours will take place during the 7th period on the following Wednesdays:

October 10	October 31	November 14
November 28	December 12	February 26
February 20	March 6	March 20
April 3	April 24	May 8

During those hours, only Constituent Groups will hold meetings. The following rooms have been reserved for them.

- Liberal Arts (Non-Science) B-148
- CUNY-BA B-34
- Business (Career) B-118
- Business (Transfer) B-127
- Child Care B-231
- Computer Science B-232
- Civil Technology B 227
- Electro-Mechanical Technology B-144
- Electrical Technology B-209
- Nursing and Orthopedic Asst. B-146
- Med Lab Tech B-208
- Mechanical Technology B-228
- Pre-Engineering B-230
- Liberal Arts (Science) B-119
- Science Lab Technology B-229
- Community Scholars B-304
- College Discovery A-324
- Place B-320
- Circle 73 B-321









