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S.A. Answers Back

In the last issue of the Dolphin an article was written comparing the student administration with that of Calvin Coolidge. It seems to me that the writer of the article should have looked a little closer to find out the true facts and see what has been done by the Student Association. For instance, (1) The Freshman Orientation. Some of the students gave up their free time this summer in order that the Freshmen would have both the tea and the feeling of being welcome in our college. (2) This newspaper is sponsored by the Student Association. (3) The 3 dances were planned by the Student Association. A number of you people have complained about the dances. Remarks like - Why the Plaza? How much was the band? Why spend all that money? I'll answer these questions. First, the Plaza was the only place cheap enough that still had any quality or class. Second, we wanted good music for the students and, besides, all union bands charge nearly the same price. Third, we anticipated the student backing, which we never received.

Some people say we are not awake. Well, I'll tell you something! People who make criticisms are oftentimes the ones who never bother to drop into a meeting to find out what is being done. These same people have all kinds of ideas but they stay in the hall rather than take part in putting their ideas to work. Next time something is brought before the Association, that has to be voted on by the students, I'd like you to go around and see how frustrating it is to sense the apathy, especially when you are trying to do something for these apathetic students.

You - with the ideas in the hall - bring them to a Student Association meeting and if you are interested enough, we'll help you get the project underway. If you still have something to say, just bring it to the meeting. We'll be glad to have you.

Talent Anyone

ARE YOU A HAM ?If you are we need you for the college show. If you are a passable ballroom dancer we can turn you into a Fred Astaire. If you are one of those shower singers we'll turn you into a Perry Como.

It should be obvious to you by this time that we need YOU ! We are looking for students that are willing to work. In addition to performers we need publicity men, a number of secretaries and someone to take charge of the ticket sales.

Doctor Oliver is the faculty advisor and Tony Socci is stage manager. Oliver Holmes will conduct the orchestra and Tom McKee will be director.

In addition to all the other talents mentioned, Oliver Holmes is looking for musicians----no matter how little experience they have had.

All students who are interested in any of the things mentioned should contact one of the people named above and also watch the third floor bulliten board for notices.

Merry Christmas

Some measure of the feeling and spirit of Christmas, as we know it, can be sensed while walking the streets of any community - watching the shoppers hurrying from store to store weighed down with gaily wrapped packages; seeing the display at Rockefeller Plaza (which is particularly beautiful at night;) the sometimes anemic and shopworn Santa Clauses who still have the power to enchant the young; or viewing a home silhouetted against the night in brilliant lights.

It is a time when all men are supposed to feel friendly towards one another and to exchange season's greetings. Since school will be the farthest thing from most of our minds on Christmas, The Dolphin would like to take this opportunity to extend to everyone,

"BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS"

Staten Island Community College
Student Publication

S.A. News

- Charlotte Montalbano

THE "SLEEPING BEAUTIES" HAVE AWAKENED (And How!) Truly though, I think there is some difference between being "asleep" and having so much work to do it is difficult to decide where to start. Anyway, we won't make excuses. The Dolphin lit a fire under the SA and we have taken the challenge seriously.

In view of the holidays, the SA has asked John Sackel to serve as Chairman of the Christmas Decorations Committee for the school. John had this job with the Language Club last year and did a wonderful job.

The SA will be taking a poll very shortly to determine how many students want school rings. The transfer students may not be interested, but the two-year terminal students will be able to voice their opinions through the poll.

The most important discussion this month concerned a proposed student court. Some of the problems that confront the SA should actually be handled by a student court. It would be composed of a representative number of judges and would take care of problems among the students and the students' activities.

The Senators and Executives of the Student Association wish you a very Happy Christmas!

News Items

1. Dr. Reuben Benumof was appointed and will serve as Research Associate of Atomic Projects at Oakridge, Tenn. for the summer of 1958.

2. Prof. James L. G. FitzPatrick, Head of Mechanical Technology, has been awarded a \$500 grant from the Joseph Henry Fund of the National Academy of Science for assisting in the preparation of a "Manuscript Report on the Design and Construction of a Full Scale Ornithopter."

3. A series of seminars has been arranged to which students, staff and members of the community have been invited. The seminars are in the areas of Math, Physics and the Humanities.

4. During the calendar year of 1957, S. I. C. C. can boast of the receipt of eight (8) scholarship awards to our school.

5. News of the final action on the capital budget should be forthcoming any day now. It is hoped that acquisition of the site for our permanent campus will be accomplished early in 1958.

6. S. I. C. C.'s library by the end of 1957 will have 900 volumes.

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Meet The Prof.

The other day I was talking with one of the instructors about the ups and downs of college life. It seems that this instructor who shall remain nameless, but whose "initials" are Sanford Radner, had some experiences while attending Duke University of North Carolina, which are worthy of mention here.

Mr. Radner hoped to finance his college career on the basis of a scholarship in sports, but after hearing the head coach say, "Son, are you sure you're here on a basketball scholarship?" he decided to seek other means to pay for his education.

These means included, among others, a stint as a custodian of a rare book collection. After several weeks as an apprentice, Mr. Radner was finally allowed to handle one of the books, but in the process of removing it from the shelf, it slipped from his hands and crashed to the floor and broke into sections thus ending a book and at the same time a job.

Mr. Radner's next occupation was as a hotel waiter. While he admits the pay was not too good, he maintains that the food was.

Judging from his position as a college instructor, one would never suspect that Mr. Radner ever had any scholastic difficulties but the truth, by his own admission, is that he did. He once flunked a course in Chemistry, receiving the grade of F plus. When he inquired as to why he had received an F plus, the professor informed him that he wanted to show that with a little more effort the course could be passed.

In Mr. Radner's opinion these ups and downs are all part of college and should not be taken too seriously - so cheer up gang - you too can get through.

The Dolphins Tale

- Bruno Ripp & June Barnes

Winter is finally here! The snow-fall has caused a decline in the use of cars. Mostly everyone was "perturbed" with the weather except Lars Jerlin. He just purchased two new snow tires and was praying for snow. De Martino has a very good set of "baldy" tires. With these tires the snow is quite a challenge. It takes the boredom out of driving and replaces it with a feeling of living dangerously. Vinnie Esposito was wearing a cap only Dior could make fashionable. It was checkered, too small, and the flaps rested on the top of his ears. He walked into Chemistry and made the brilliant remark - "It's snowing."

Pat Mancuso, at a recent Student Association meeting, proved that it was not just men who laughed in the face of danger. Never knew a mild girl to be able to explode and still make sense. The explosion helped fan the fire that was needed in the Association.

Bob Yun will need a counsel if he continues to eat ten meals a day at Parrington's.....Does she really miss you when you have lunch at the Clipper?

Our thanks go to Doc Pessen for starting a discussion on C.C.N.Y. transfer requirements and to Doctor Benumof and Mr. Ballweg for their quick action in following the question to an end. This problem had a few students worrying. Bob Amodea had gone so far as to join a jumping club. Think that's drastic? Some people joined.

All girls will charm, poise and personality should look for someone to sponsor them in the forthcoming "Queen" contest. Some time toward the end of January the contest will get underway.

Lost and Found

Al and Erica have a "share the locker plan" but Al seems to be losing things.... Charles Robinson has a passion for waste baskets - He can't go by them without checking for lost (?) females. I don't know - ask Pat. Say, maybe that's where Jack Healy's battery may be found. If Chas. Gordon keeps up his diet of boiler-makers, he won't be able to find a thing. Doc Pessen is still trying to find the subways...Mr. Radner seems to find huge old ladies blocking his way when getting on the subways that Doc Pessen is still looking for...Mr. Garibaldi, I hear, is looking for a rest home. Seems the stairs are beginning to look as unconquerable as Mt. Everest.

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Victims Unite

Rumor has it - (Who is this guy, "rumor") that a club will be started for the "celebrities" and infamous groups who have had the dubious honor of being referred to in a "certain" newspaper. Oh, joy! Gather in the meeting room some Thursday and you can look around and rejoice at the turnout. Let your head turn leftward; you are now gazing into the unblinking orbs of a "lounge lizard." In the center you will see a small gathering. "Say, boys, this is no time for a Student Association meeting. Smile, Senator, things can't be that bad." Is that circus music? What else can it be with clowns, lounge or otherwise. And over there, two gentlemen discussing Christmas gifts. Gad, is nothing sacred? Those poor "basketball players" are here, perhaps because of size-age confusion.

Ah, there is a gentleman who is a vet and an editor. He has such a strong need to be a member of the "in-group" he writes himself into his own column.

Now that we are assembled I think it fair that you be warned that the club will be increasing in size according to publication of "The Dolphin."

Victims, the purpose of this organization is very practical. "The Protective Union of 'The Dolphin's Victims', S.I.C.C. will save you many inconveniences. If a traffic cop was giving you a ticket you could show him your card. His eyes would fill with respect as he was tearing up the ticket. "Gosh, you're on the P.U. at S.I.C.C." and you go on your merry way.

Let us now however take this too seriously. A light article not to be misconstrued toWhat's that grumbling back there?.....Quiet, please!..... get back, back///// You're going to do what?.....no, almost anything but that.... Don't put my name in the paper!

Some say that Byron's wit is beyond compare,
And Marlowe for words had quite a flair,
But should I compose a ditty rare,
They'd lay me waste and strip me bare,
To hide beneath a lady's bed,
Never gave Byron a face of red.
But should I by chance that word have said,
My works would be banished and never read.

And as Pogo would say, "Deck the halls with Boston Charlie, Fa la la la la and Kalamazoo. Whoopee! Hap-py New Year!"

Answer to the last riddle: an egg

Go Team Go

Well, the team has lost its first two games, including one in which we played "ringers." That, however, does not mean we will lose all our games. Of course we might not win them all either, but the law of averages proves that we cannot lose all the time.

Since our school is so new, it necessarily follows that our team will be inexperienced in the first few games. We are so new, in fact, that the "subs" have not even warmed the bench long enough to wear a shine on the seat of their trunks. Furthermore, it must be considered that right now we are only a two-year college. This means that by the time the players shape up and can function as a team, some of the more experienced players will have graduated.

We must not forget, however, that this is our team, representing our school. Although we do not compare with the teams of the N.C.A.A. or the N.I.T., our team deserves our support. We have an official group of boosters, our cheerleaders. These dolls do a great job with a lot of spirited enthusiasm. Unfortunately, their organized effort is not enough. They cannot provide the team with the morale that only a large crowd of loyal supporters can. Ask any cheerleader about this situation and you will get the same reply I did - "There is nothing so dismal, so pathetic or so discouraging as leading a cheer in an empty gym for a non-existent group of fans."

Let's look at the problems under which our young team has to play. First and foremost, we have no gym in which to practice or play home games. We have to make special arrangements each time we practice or play a home game. Keep in mind the time-tested basketball axiom, "A team usually plays better on its home court!" Secondly, we must realize that the players do not receive lighter assignments in their courses and therefore must work as hard in their studies as on the basketball court. Despite these factors, we still have some good ball players who are willing to "go all out" for the team. So let's get behind our team and attend every home game. Since there are so many slated for the future, we can go "Gungh-ho" for the DOLPHINS.

Intramurals

The athletic director of the college, Mr. Ferguson, is planning an intramural program for those students who wish to participate. These sports are open to anyone who wants a chance to work out or just keep active. Anyone who is interested can organize a team of his friends from his section of the school, and then select a captain or spokesman to see Mr. Ferguson who can be found in Room 200. He will set up a schedule, most likely using the hours from 12 to 2 on Thursday afternoons. This program will have a special place on the third floor bulletin board for posting the schedules. We feel that this program is ideal for students who do not belong to clubs or do not play on varsity teams.

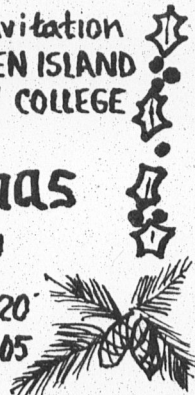
Pep Week

Coach Ferguson would like to see a little initiative on the part of the students in our school. We feel that he has done his part of the job to make our basketball team a success. He has presented excellent ideas for student support to the Student Association for action. For instance, he suggested a pep week preceding our first home game. He also thought that a pep committee, consisting of interested students who would plan and direct the activities of that week, should be set up. The Student Association also has before it a proposal for Booster Buttons. Now it is up to us. If the SA does establish pep week, every student should take part in it. We would also like to see someone volunteer to start the pep committee. If everyone likes the idea of Booster Buttons, let the Student Association know about it so we can get some action on it.

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