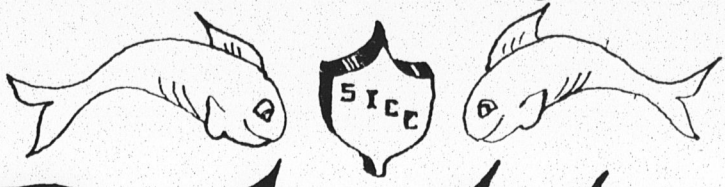


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TECH NEWS

The electrical Dept. of our college has initiated an ambitious project. This project, when completed will really make the name "Staten Island Community College" known around the world.

Mr. Kosow, head of the Electrical Dept., announced to this paper, the construction of a radio transmitter, to take place here in school. The Electrical Dept. bought the transmitter in kit form and donated it to the Electrical Society for its assembly. The Society's President, Bill Norwick, expressed his enthusiasm by stating that the experiences and learning involved in its construction would be of immense value to the students of this Dept.

The construction of the transmitter is expected to be completed before June of next year. A radio receiver will also be used, but it has not been decided yet as to whether it will be bought in kit form or fully assembled.

The advantages of such a radio station are numerous. It will enable the training of students in the technical phase, such as wiring and circuit checking. It will enable students who are qualified to obtain a Ham Radio license. The students will also be able to study the details of broadcasting and receiving.

The transmitter will use the Standard Amateur Bands for broadcasting.

ELECTION AFTERMATH

On November 4, 1958 the blatant voice of dissatisfaction was echoed throughout the country when an overwhelming majority of Democrats were elected to office.

The dissatisfaction appears to stem from four main issues: the recession, the labor policy, the farm policy and the apparent disorganization and lack of leadership in both foreign and domestic affairs.

If the Democrats wish to maintain such a striking control of the government, it will be up to them to take appropriate action in these four fields. Failure to cope with these situations, or if no relief is brought about either by the Democrats or nature, will result in one of two possibilities. Most likely the ordinary Republican vote would again return to the Republicans and the independent vote would be divided. This would guarantee the Republicans a substantial gain in the 1960 elections. The other possibility is that the people already dissatisfied with a Republican administration and faring no better under the Democrats would turn to a third party, which would be a reform party. This step could only take place if a high ranking

SUNY CONV.

The ways and means of improving college publications was the theme of a convention held in Syracuse, New York, by the State University of New York Press Association. The convention was attended by Rudolph Ripp and Vincent Esposito, representatives of the "Dolphin"

Professor Richard Hildwein from the College of Journalism and Communications of the University of Illinois conducted workshops that dealt with the functions of a college newspaper. He stressed that newspapers should be responsible and try to maintain the highest standards of journalism, indicating various ways of living up to these standards. His topics for discussion also included, the making of a good news editorial.

liberal of the caliber of a Theodore Roosevelt would be willing to throw his weight behind it.

Another aspect of the elections is that many political figures have increased their possibility of becoming President in 1960. The most significant is Mr. Rockefeller, who by winning by a large majority in New York, despite Democratic victories elsewhere, is definitely a strong candidate for the Republican nomination. His refusal to discuss national issues during his campaign might be the double edged sword that would either gain him the nomination or secure it for the national minded Mr. Nixon. On the Democratic side there is still a list of possible candidates. Adlai Stevenson, G. Mennen Williams, Richard Meyner, John Kennedy, Pat Brown and Lyndon Johnson.

At this early date, Lyndon Johnson and Kennedy are favored.

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EDITORIAL

The following could possibly be a one way conversation between two students:

"Well here it is the middle of another semester. It's going by so fast I wonder how I'm going to learn all this stuff they're throwing at me. But they say it's for my own good to have all this knowledge. That way I'll be able to attain this elusive thing called wisdom. If I ever find out how I'm going to learn all this stuff it'll be a miracle, let alone trying to become wise.

"Just think, in about two years, you must read about 15 or 20 thousand pages. I guess I can't say I read them all, but at least I looked at most of them. It makes you feel kind of important, just like being part of a school that reeks of intellectualism. It's great! You come to school at first full of ideas, some your own; some you steal and a few others you haven't made up your mind about. They're all kind of exciting to you even if they are partial as heck. Then you're in school where the ideas of Plato, Marx and some guy named Keats are discussed. Not that I care for what these people said, but I guess you have to admit that you find bits here and there that just seem to make sense.

"I suppose I forgot all those ideas I came to school with. It's funny, but when you're a freshman and somebody says, 'Roosevelt was a rotten President', something short of a battle royal starts. Now the same remark gets a laugh. Besides, who wants to start an intellectual discussion? I wonder if all this effort is worth it? I mean, why do all this work to learn things like why the Civil War started or details about the hydrolysis of some-

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thing or other? It's like all those ideas I had, and I forgot them too.

"Then they tell you that this stuff you have to learn. It'll make you think you have a chance to think, what with trying to imbed in your mind things like formulas for dissociation constants and what have you. I guess it's not a bad idea though - this thinking for yourself bit. But this is a funny school. You have a course in Science where they give you all kinds of facts to accept on pure faith, an English class where you find out that some erratic character like F. Scott Fitzgerald is supposed to be a great writer and a History course where you find out that the masses or common people are basically stupid. I suppose all this you have to take with a grain of salt. Then you happen to read a sonnet by Shakespeare or a passage from a book by Ecstoyevsky and you sort of feel that here is beauty- this intangible thing that's sensed and felt- and to you it has meaning. You read on and want to learn more. It's just like spending four hours on a Physics problem and finally get it. I don't know, but I get a kick out of it. But then you're back in class and find out that that sonnet by Shakespeare-that you thought was great- turns out to be, in the opinion of the instructor, probably the worst line he (Shakespeare) ever wrote and that Physics problem you felt so proud of takes the instructor about two minutes to solve. Then he adds, "it's basically simple."

"So I guess I'll have to plod on in my own naive way trying to understand why the ugly and simple seems beautiful, why you have to cram as much work as possible into a few hour-long periods a week (sometimes leaving understanding behind) and why the bell at the end of the period is a signal to forget about school and head for a cup of coffee. I suppose though that all this effort isn't wasted when out of all this mess, that line Shakespeare's have meaning for you, you know why Fitzgerald's writing is lousy and solving that Physics problem makes you a little more curious about the next one."

A Staten Island Community College Student
Publication

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Campus Notes

State Island Community College has been approved for membership in the American Association of Junior Colleges. This is a professional organization which helps the colleges keep in contact with each other. They publish a periodical and a journal. The Journal is a means of publication for the teachers. In this month's journal there is an article written by Dr. Sanford Radner of the S.H.S. dept.

The President and faculty are busy keeping our name in circulation:

President Willig attended the Conference of Community Colleges Trustees at Grossinger, N.Y. from October 19th to the 21st.

Dr. Edward Pessen, head of the S.H.S. department, represented S.I.C.C. at the General Education Conference of the State University of New York, which was held in Albany on October 24th and 25th.

Mr. Richard Glasheen, our public relations representative, attended the Public Relations Conference at the summer camp of Teacher's College at New Platz, N.Y., October 16th to 18th.

HELP WANTED

The yearbook committee is looking for volunteers to help organize this publication. They need all kinds of help. What do you say? If you have any time you can spare, any free periods, please see Paul McCann or Richie Vinet. If you don't know them just leave your name at the business office and they will contact you.

Alumni Notes

An alumni newsletter is being organized----if you have any news of former students, where they are or what they're doing, please drop it off at the business office to Mr. Esterly or Mr. Beera, or give it to Joan Wereley.

Library Notes

For those of you who are seeking immortality, the library is interested in collecting articles by the faculty and the students which have been published and which relate to school activities, such as club programs, pamphlets, etc.

Guest Column

How Joe Smith Picked Up Some Gilt Edged Securities At State U.

Five years to a day after graduation from State U., Joe Smith breezed into my office and stuffed a couple of 25 cent cigars into my pocket. "Times must be good, Joe," I ventured.

"What's the occasion?"

"Just celebrating a new promotion," was the reply

After a bit of coaxing he revealed his new salary. "Seven grand a year-\$5000 salary and 2000 extra on some gilt edged securities I picked up at State U."

"What are these securities, Joe and how did you get them?"

"There's quite a story to it," he replied. "You see, my next door neighbor never got beyond high school- he works at my plant- makes \$5000 a year. I figure that without my college degree and education that I got, I'd be just where he is today, making only \$5000. So I figure my base pay at \$5000 and an extra \$2000 on a gilt edged security I picked up at State U. My education and diploma."

"But Joe, the idea of securities entails an investment. Where was your investment?"

"Simple, my investment was the time, effort and self-organization I put in at college plus the money for tuition and books. All these are investments. They're bringing a return of \$2000 extra right now, but that extra return will increase in the future. Statistics indicate that in total lifetime earnings I'll make at least \$100,000 more than my neighbor."

All I could say was "wow!"

"Not only that, in addition to the extra loot, I picked up some gravy in terms of increased understanding of the world, better ability at communication and broadened cultural interests--these are all returns on my investment which in some ways are more valuable than money."

"Nuff said, Joe", I gasped, a bit overwhelmed, "you've completely convinced me. Although I never thought of it that way before, that diploma is a gilt edged security after all"

SPORTS

-Bill Basso

Basket ball is again getting the sports spotlight here at S.I.C.C. Our first game will be in the first week of December (Dec. 2), which is just around the corner. Some twenty fellows have been turning out for the team all along. Here are a few glimpses of some of the team:

HEALY-Jack is in much better shape now than last year and will be one of our strongest scorers and rebounders.

FINNERTY-A variety of shots and a background of experience will make Angus a star this year.

GARCIA-Joe will be rough under the board and will be used often in the pivot spot.

GALES-Ol' Luther can really move, can play forward or guard..Octopus on defense.

WELCOME-Rugged, fast ball handler, will be a scorer. Works well together with Luther when they are not wrestling.

LORENZO-Fast, full of life, will help make us a running team.

KRASSOM-Last year's star, Bob will be our high scorer, if he does not foul out in the first half of every game.

FUMANDO-Good ball handler and scorer. Looks like you could lose a few pounds, Karl.

GUERCIO-Solid, dependable guard. Can move ball and score.

We will look at the rest of the squad, next edition.

SUMMARY: After three weeks of practice it looks like we will have a team with height and beef under the board, and with speed. We found out last year that a speed team can kill you. Let's hope we can do the same.

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writing and the use of photographs in journalism.

At other workshops, Professor Glenn Hanson also of the University of Illinois and Professor and Mrs. George Winsor of Cortland State Teacher's College delivered lectures on the improvement of college yearbooks and literary magazines.

The luncheon that concluded the convention was marked by an address by Dr. Marvin Rapp, associate Dean of the SUNY, in which he stated the main criteria of a good newspaperman is that he be "interested in people" and to know his story.

The Mailbox

To The Editor of The Dolphin:

This letter is being written in reference to the article in last month's "Dolphin", "A Plea For Guidance," by Dr. Sanford Radner.

I believe adequate guidance to be of paramount importance, but it must begin prior to the first day of classes. It must be given before registration. Each student should be assigned a faculty member as advisor to help the student set up his or her program for the coming semester. At present, this plan does not exist. Under the present system the list of advisor- advisees is not completed and posted for several weeks after classes begin and the student does not see his advisor until about the sixth week.

As everyone knows a cancer must be removed before it becomes malignant. The same holds true in relation to guidance. The patient is the student. The cancer is the student's problems, fears and perplexing situations. The doctor (supposedly schooled in the art of healing) can be analogous to the faculty member who we presume, has experienced and coped with successfully, similar problems that his advisee is now experiencing.

In addition to the above there are other handicaps under which the guidance program functions. First we are short of space and every classroom and office is occupied throughout the day. This ultimately results in an atmosphere which often excludes privacy between advisor and student. Secondly, being a relatively small school we are short of funds and consequently do not have a trained guidance counselor.

In conclusion let me sum my remarks by saying that the present guidance program be overhauled as soon as possible and the other discrepancies will iron themselves out in time.

Yours truly,
Joseph Bruno

Enjoy Yourself

It's later than you think! The reports are coming in from our first graduating class---the fledglings who are trying their wings and also the roosters who have "flown the coop." The picture is none too bright. The general theme of their unhappiness seems to be, "Sure wish S.I.C.C. was a four year college."

"We never had it so good as at S.I.C.C." "I feel like I'm a number and not an individual."

"We've lost our identity!" These cries of anguish have nothing to do with the scholastic training received at S.I.C.C. Each former student was quick to make this clear. They miss the advantages they had here. They have many regrets and much advice to pass on to you future alumni.

The first and most important point seems to be, take advantage of all the opportunities offered you by your professors. You are in the extraordinary position of being able to have individual help and attention---the benefit of a small school. The general consensus of opinion is that the professors at S.I.C.C. are capable, cooperative, and generally "terrific." They are willing to help each and every student with any kind of problem which may arise.

AND see your advisor often, not just the twice yearly duty visit. It's a bit of a blow to arrive at a new school, all bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, only to find that you are missing a few subjects here and there, which you should have had.

Another bit of advice---don't forget one, not one thing you are being taught. Sooner or later you'll find you need every bit of what you consider "useless information." This advice is probably wasted on upper sophomores. If they haven't discovered it yet, it's too late. (The Freshies are probably muttering "hogwash", or something like that under their breaths at this point.) Verily, Isay unto you, this is true!! You'll find out---the day you're sitting in history and the professor uses vector forces (from Physics) to demonstrate a point, or the English teacher uses a chemical or math formula to emphasize some sentence structure. History and English are inseparable. You

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BARDOT ?

by Kathy Roche

This is strictly a female reaction to Brigitte Bardot. The name Brigitte Bardot has become a household word. The name of Brigitte Bardot adorns every magazine and movie poster visible. Why? Because she knows how to move her hips and roll her eyes! She certainly doesn't act! Perhaps, but I doubt it.

The key to her success is that she is "different". She's doing exactly what Marilyn Monroe and Jayne Mansfield did before her, but instead of blond curly hair, she has reddish wild hair and brown eyes instead of blue. Then of course she exposes more than her predecessors did.

In a few years she'll be replaced by another sex symbol, someone who is just a little different and somewhat more daring. So gals, don't give it a second thought. All the men say "wow" and dream their happy dream but since we know there are few Brigitte Bardots walking around, why get excited? Instead of saying "tut-tut" or I don't think she can act, just agree with them. Say that you think she's beautiful, a great actress and has a tremendous figure. That ought to kill any further comments about "BB".

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really must know one in order to understand the other. Sociology, Psychology and Economics are all interrelated subjects. There are many other examples which could be shown. Each college semester is built on the preceding one and if the foundation is shaky, you're in trouble!!

On the social side of the picture-get with it -- join every group activity you can, go to all the basketball games and dances -- be part of the school. Get to know everyone! You'll find this hard to do in a larger school where it takes a long time to get with an "in-group" -- here you are the "in-group."

In other words, most of the alumni we've spoken to wish they were still at S.I.C.C. and envy those of us who are. They've tried to pass along the good word and it's up to us now. Lots of luck!

Who's Beat ?

by Steve Guarino

November 6th a forum was held at Hunter College to discuss the question, "Is There a Beat Generation?"

Jack Kerouac, the articulate and frenetic spokesman for the Beat Generation, began the proceedings. As Kerouac bounced toward the podium, one felt that his faded woolen shirt and desert boots were a bit out of place when contrasted to the elegant dress of the other panel members. Mr. Kerouac had dispensed with the orator's customary glass of water in favor of a glass of straight liquor, which was to be refilled many times during the evening. He began his speech, "I'm here to say whether or not there is a Beat Generation, but sometimes I wonder if there is a world. I mean, sometimes I look down and I can see right through the earth." This was followed with about twenty minutes of talk on his books, his visions, modern jazz, and a smattering of Zen Buddhism. Much of it was emotional and moving prose; some of it was meaningless. Kerouac then left the stage to refill his glass.

The next speaker, British author Kingsley Amis, gave a clever little speech in which he said nothing more than that the Beat Generation, and its English counterpart, The Angry Young Men, were non-existent. James Wechsler, the editor of the New York Post, followed. He quickly dismissed as a joke the subject of discussion and launched into an irrelevant political tirade, glorifying the liberalism of his paper.

Kerouac had been running off and on the stage during the last speech and things had reached a peak of disorganization when anthropologist, Ashley Montague rose to speak. Mr. Montague gave a very effective speech in which he said the Beat Generation did exist and that America owed a great debt to these voices of protest in our mass culture.

Kerouac again emerged, this time with "beat" poet Allen Ginsberg. They both had obviously enjoyed many more glasses of Kerouac's "water". The moderator made a few hasty, incoherent remarks about how late it was (which it wasn't) and the curtain suddenly closed.

At The Waterfront

-Bill Basso

Last week I went down to the waterfront in Rosebank to take some photos of ships. To my surprise, the tanker Esso Sao Paulo was tied up near the Merritt-Chapman and Scott drydock. It had been a few years since I last sailed on an Esso tanker and I was anxious to see if any of my old shipmates were aboard. Getting past the gate and on to the pier was no problem. When I went up the gangway and stepped on deck, I ran into trouble. The seaman on watch could not understand English and I could not understand Italian. Then I tried speaking to him in Spanish and he answered. We had found a happy medium. Both of us could speak some Spanish and although our talk was rather choppy and crude, we managed an interesting conversation. He told me there were no Americans aboard and that soon they were leaving for Aruba, Venezuela. He asked me why I was not sailing anymore and I told him about college. He said he was glad I had decided to study Spanish in school.

After taking a few photographs on deck, I left the pier contented with having truly accomplished something. Although it was not the first time I had used Spanish, it was the first time I used Spanish when I had to. Even having studied it for only a year was enough to enable me to speak with that seaman. It was then that I actually realized the significance and value of knowing a foreign language. While my Spanish is limited, without it the above communication would have been impossible. My satisfaction was further increased when I related the incident to Dr. Jaeckel. She was delighted because I had the opportunity to use my knowledge of Spanish.

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Science Department of New Dorp High School described "An Ideal College"

Harold Zuckerman, Coordinator of College Guidance, Board of Education spoke on the "Role of The Community College in The Educational Scene"

The Curriculum at Staten Island Community College was described by the various Department Heads.

Dr. Charles E. O'Toole, Director of Placements, Board of Education spoke of "Placement Prospects of Community College Graduates"

S.A. News

-Barbara Clarkson

For the last few weeks the Student Association has been busy at setting the foundation for a Student Court for SICC. The President, Tony Socci, appointed John Soldini Chairman of the Constitution Committee.

As you undoubtedly know, the Student Association meetings, all elections, and social functions, as our most recent dance, are all carried out as stated in the SICC student Association Constitution. However, since the Student Association is working within limited bounds in that it is still a young organization and has insufficient funds to operate, it is often necessary for us to make changes in our present constitution. The function of the Constitution Committee is to propose any amendments or changes that need to take place.

In addition to the above, the Constitution Committee tries to find where the President, committees, senators or other members of the executive body had difficulty in carrying out their duties. At their next meeting, the problem is presented to the committee. After an agreement of the final wording of the proposal, it is submitted to the Student Association to become effective if approved by a two-thirds vote of the Senate and of the Student body.

The Constitution Committee is presently working on an amendment relating to the Student Court. Our constitution provides for a Student Court, but it does not state the qualifications for a student to be eligible to serve on the Court.

A Word About CISGA---

CISGA is not an organization in which the colleges of Region One meet to chat or to have tea and crumpets. It is a very formal meeting where much is accomplished. Each school sends representatives to the meeting in order to solve their particular problems as well as those of other schools. At the last meeting Tony Socci presented our problem of establishing a Student Court and asked for information from the colleges that have a Student Court. As a result, the Chairman of the Constitution Committee has received, through our Corresponding Secretary, Ted Ashby, handbooks from the Fashion Institute of Technology.

The Dolphin's Tale

by Bruno Ripp & Barbara DiGaiocomo

Herb Gradman's comment on reading Chaucer: "This is obviously not well written." Thank you Jack Fremer. You did us all a great favor. (He has a tragic flaw, poor hero). Oscar Levant says he is like President Eisenhower. "Once I make up my mind I'm full of indecision." Levant's definition of an atheist: "A man with no invisible means of support." Next time in smog bound California, catch his show. Great!

Rumor has it that a secret club is being formed by the beat generation type students. It's called, the coffee after five club. You know Bongo Bellefonte and Balzac. So how come they drink coffee? The Village beats would frown on such coddling of the internal organs.... Beat Generation. Who ever put this unholy tag on us? Why does a generation always have to have a tag? Can't we just be individuals, period? Oh for the good old days of hypocrisy and F. Scott Fitzgerald. Give me my bongos man, I'm packing it in.

Pat P's nude complex can be traced to his first History poster which led to his now notorious mural in the window. (Both had to be removed for showing bad taste). Now he has a new one, cheese cake to advertise the Language Club's cake and cookie sale.

Is it true Dr. Radner is still giving Ma's bars for a James Joyce translation?.... Tom Lehrer must have had Chaucer and Shakespeare in mind when he wrote those immortal words "don't save your eyes, plagiarize." Great, great as Gene Shepard would say.

Joyce is great, his works have proved,

Chaucer is splendid, though cunningly crude.
Works of art the critics have shrieked,

But no nudes for us on old Bay street..

No nudes is good nudes. Goodnight Zine Francescatti, where you are.



LOST ?

It is indeed unfortunate that in an institution dedicated to the advancement of learning and the strengthening of the moral codes of a community there is the necessity of making a special plea to certain individuals who are definitely misfits. We are referring to those students who for the past few months have made a habit of appropriating other people's property. At one time it was comparatively safe to misplace a book. Now leaving a book behind is an expensive error.

There has been a vast amount of books reported missing along with a few slide rules and wallets. As a means of correcting this malignant growth we recommend that the Student Council step up procedures formulating a Student Court. According to the constitution of this school the court will be embodied with ample power to deal with such offenders. The Staff of the "Dolphin" wish to acknowledge the fact that we are in accord with any temporary action taken by the Student Council to remedy this situation.

(Campus Notes cont'd)

Wonder Weekend

In connection with the recent CISGA agreement plans have been made for a festival weekend to be held at Grossinger's on December 19th at a special rate of \$36.50. Students from all six colleges will attend. This is a golden opportunity for all those who would like to meet, on a more sociable level, your fellow collegians.

Faculty Notes

This past summer our professors have been carving niches for themselves in their respective fields. Dr. Benumof worked at Oak Ridge on experiments with a "Fluidized Bed Reactor". This is a machine whereby we may obtain hot water, through the use of atomic energy, very inexpensively. For further details see Dr. Benumof.

Dr. Alexander spent her summer in Nova Scotia writing a book.

Dr. Radner and Dr. Jaeckel were also busy writing this summer and both have articles accepted for publication.

Just Notes

The "Dolphin" would like to thank

_____ for their valuable help

Club News

Elisee Gilles & Pat Piacentino

LANGUAGE CLUB

On November 20, the Language Club conducted a joint meeting with the Hi-Fi Club. The meeting combined the objectives of both clubs—language and music.

The United Nations is the goal to visit when the club takes it's annual excursion to Manhattan on November 28.

Congratulations to Harry Hooker and Pat Piacentino, our new Vice-President and Treasurer.

Hi-Fi Club

The talents of the Hi-Fi Club merged with those of the Language Club, Nov. 20.

Newman Club

High on the Newman Club's special activities list is their first Semi-Annual Dance being held Nov. 29, at the C.Y.C Hall, 120 Anderson Ave. Donations \$1.50. For tickets, see any of the members.

Dodie Garcia and Harry Hooker, SICC delegates, attended the Province Council Meeting held at Earle Hall, Columbia University Campus. SICC was assigned the project of gathering articles for the Province Newman Magazine. Anyone interested in writing articles, see Dodie or Harry.

Beta Tau

The business society has planned and set the date for their Thanksgiving Party. Details will be posted on the 2nd floor.

Phi Alpha Sigma

Phi Alpha Sigma Fraternity held their second in a series of Monthly Seminars. Dr. Edward Pessen was the guest speaker. The theme was the Social and Humanistic demands of our society in relation to our chosen profession. The Seminar was held Nov. 20 in room 404.

SYMPOSIUM

A symposium for college advisors was held on Thursday, Nov. 20 1958. It was attended by college advisors from various high schools in New York City.

Policies governing the admission, instruction and transfer of community college students were described by Pres. Walter Willig.

Thomas B. Greenslade, Chairman of the

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