Seasons Greetings To All

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PETITIONS TO REPLACE VOTES

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KEN staffer Eva Kanner (left) finds out how it is to be a petition carrier. Here she is shown signing up Carol Nartow with Murry Luck already a name on the petition.

On Job

Into The Classrooms. Vice-president Seena Schwartz (left) briefing petition bearers as they head for classrooms and signatures. Volunteers will carry petitions favoring the proposed Student Activity Building fee into all classrooms.

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Present! Old Ditmas Homestead Future? Proposed Student Building

BY EVA KANNER

The drive to get 10,000 student signatures on the petition asking the Board of Higher Education to approve a special student union building fee of $5.00 per term for S.G.S. and $7.50 for day session students as well as petition builders to circulate in the classrooms, was an approval of a little more than two-thirds of the undergraduate student body of both the day session and the School of General Studies. S.G.S. is a regrettable loss of signatures in the number of signatures obtained.

Ken Reporter Gets Signers; Remarks

BY EVA KANNER

Petition in hand and with great hopes of getting twenty signatures, we stopped the first prospect in the corridor of Boylan Hall. Asked if he would like to sign the petition for the new Student Union Building he exclaimed, "What, another one?"

We explained that the building in back of the Library is to be an auditorium. He also wanted to know why the college wasn't paying for it. There are no funds available for this for about 25 years. Why do we need all these lounge and things for anyway? Social functions are limited because the lounges are small and close every. He answered that question himself and we got out first signature.

The petition addressed to the Board of Higher Education of N.Y.C. read, "We, the undersigned students of Brooklyn College respectfully request you to approve the assessing of a building fund fee..." The proceeds of this fee to be used exclusively for a Student-Faculty- Alumni Community Center on the campus of B.C."

A lot of people asked some same questions. We also heard, "I'd never come out to Parkhous on a night I don't have classes!" Two people who live quite far away from the College did sign. They thought the building a good idea and, "Maybe it'd be worth coming down if the building wouldn't close by midnight."

The most widespread reservation came from optimists who hope to graduate soon and possibly who said, "What the hell, I'll be in the army."

They complained that they would rather have the $1.50 not be used for the building be paid to them in the form of aid. The building will be finished. About half of those surveyed not only still thinking about it. Few realize the building will be available to them at all.

One very pretty girl told us, "It's a terrific idea," but was a bit overwhelmed by the cost of $45.00 per term. We looked at a brighter side of the picture, that the whole thing didn't come to more than twenty cents a week. Another signature!

Of the many students we talked to, only two were opposed to the idea of having a building. All other objections were on the basis of cost, ability to use facilities, the time it would take to build.

Building To Fill Need For Rooms

The proposed Student Union Building will house many facilities that are sorely needed in the college today. The three lounges now available for student use will be supplanted by ballrooms, clubrooms, a banquet hall, student library, and several additional lounges, which will permit social functions on a much larger scale. The alumni will be allotted an office, encouraging the enlargement and increased activity of the Alumni Association. Adequate space will be provided for the Testing and Advisement Center, the Speech and Educational Clinic, all of which have been performing invaluable service to the community while operating under woefully inadequate conditions.

Bowling alleys, billiard tables, tennis facilities, locker rooms, study halls and snack bars, in addition to faculty lounges and offices for the many college publications, only beginning to scratch the surface of the long list of facilities that will be available to the college for the first time in its history, under one roof.
Petitions For Student Building

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about 15 million to be spent as follows:

1. College center and arts building—$3,275,000.
2a. Library extension—$1,925,000.
2b. Two year community college—$7,275,000.
3. Stadium field house—$775,000
4. An additional academic building—$1,600,000
5. Science building—$1,950,000

While these plans are tentative and the figures approximate, Professor Williams explained that it would be at least 25 years before U.C. can expect any public funds for the much needed Student Union Building. He emphasized that before it was decided to ask student assistance in paying for the building every other possibility of getting the money elsewhere had been fully explored without success.

If at least 10,000 signatures are obtained the college will present the petitions to the Board of Higher Education meeting in the middle of January. The Board is expected to give its approval to the plan if at least two-thirds of the student body indicate that they are in favor of the building fee. All fee increases must be approved by that Board before they can go into effect.

On the basis of the student pledges to finance part of the building—the alumni, faculty and community have already pledged substantial sums—it will be possible to obtain a loan so that construction can begin on the million dollar project. Thus it will not be necessary to wait until all the money is in before construction can begin.

At Friday’s meeting the S.G.S. student committee also decided to set its own date, January 10th, for the end of the campaign rather than follow the day session deadline of Friday, December 21. Students on the S.G.S. committee decided that extra time was needed to reach all students but pledged itself not to slacken its effort to obtain signatures because of the extra time allotted to the drive in the venin.