Kibbee States He Will Not Propose Any Restructuring

Chancellor Seeks Increase In Hostos Budget For 1977-78

Chancellor Robert J. Kibbee asserted on September 27 that he had no plans to tender any proposals this year to significantly restructure the City University of New York. "It is not my intention," said Dr. Kibbee, "to make proposals to significantly change the structure of this University. Such a step would only have us eating our own heart and that would be insufficient sustenance for the University."

The Chancellor, in fact, suggested that the university's problems were compounded last year by the fact that the state was racked by internal divisions and disputes caused by "the specter of tuition," changes in the admissions and retention standards, and the possibility of restructuring. Chancellor Kibbee added that, now that these issues had been confronted and laid to rest, it was his hope that the university was prepared to face the present academic year, which he classified as another year of crisis, with a united front.

Chancellor Kibbee said that he was heartening to the Hostos College community was the Chancellor's budget request for fiscal year 1977-78 which asked for a 14.4 percent increase in the Hostos budget. Again, Hostos faculty and administration have interpreted the proposal as a sign that the CUNY central office is committed to maintaining a strong and viable Hostos in the South Bronx.

Indeed, the budget request for Hostos was well above the proposed CUNY average budget hike of 4.5 percent. The Chancellor requested a total of $492.4 million, an increase of $21.1 million over the present CUNY budget of $471.3 million.

Dean of Faculty Evangelos Gisiz has pointed out that, because the college has given up rental space at the Melrose building on 161st Street for a saving of approximately $90,000 a year, the Hostos budget proposal for next year in effect amounts to a 16 percent increase over 1976-77. The college is presently operating under a budget of about $409.9 million (excluding The College Discovery program). The Chancellor's budget proposal calls for a budget of nearly $5.7 million, some $714,000 more than this year.

Chancellor Kibbee did point out in his budget message that Mayor Beame has declared his intention to give up the city's creditworthy responsibilities for the CUNY senior colleges. Governor Carey, on the other hand, has said that the state is not ready to immediately assume these responsibilities. He has said that he prefers to take over the CUNY budget over a period of three years.

Much will depend on the findings of the temporary State Commission on Professional Education which is examining all aspects of public and private higher education in the state.

The Chancellor also made it clear that the city's fiscal crisis still poses very palpable threats to the university. It is in these jurisdictional and financial uncertainties that the university will have to function in the coming year.

The fiscal health and continued existence of Hostos have nevertheless received some insurance by legislation passed last June by the State Legislature. Known as the Landes bill, it requires that the CUNY central office is committed to maintaining a strong and viable Hostos in the South Bronx. The Chancellor's budget proposal calls for a budget of nearly $5.7 million, some $714,000 more than this year.

Dean of Faculty Evangelos Gisiz has pointed out that, because the college has given up rental space at the Melrose building on 161st Street for a saving of approximately $90,000 a year, the Chancellor's budget proposal for next year in effect amounts to a 16 percent increase over 1976-77. The college is presently operating under a budget of about $409.9 million (excluding The College Discovery program). The Chancellor's budget proposal calls for a budget of nearly $5.7 million, some $714,000 more than this year.

Chancellor Kibbee did point out in his budget message that Mayor Beame has declared his intention to give up the city's creditworthy responsibilities for the CUNY senior colleges. Governor Carey, on the other hand, has said that the state is not ready to immediately assume these responsibilities. He has said that he prefers to take over the CUNY budget over a period of three years.

Much will depend on the findings of the temporary State Commission on Professional Education which is examining all aspects of public and private higher education in the state.

The Chancellor also made it clear that the city's fiscal crisis still poses very palpable threats to the university. It is in these jurisdictional and financial uncertainties that the university will have to function in the coming year.

The fiscal health and continued existence of Hostos have nevertheless received some insurance by legislation passed last June by the State Legislature. Known as the Landes bill, it requires that the CUNY central office is committed to maintaining a strong and viable Hostos in the South Bronx.

(Continued on page 4)

Colloquium Series To Resume

Prof. Peter Roman, chairman of the social sciences department, has announced the resumption of the Social Sciences Colloquia series. Initiated last winter, the colloquia were enthusiastically received by Hostos faculty. The series was abruptly halted, however, as the Hostos-Bronx merger conversation gained in intensity.

Prof. Roman hopes that the next colloquium will renew the faculty's enthusiasm. He should: The speaker will be Prof. Synos Mangazva, also of the social sciences department, who will discuss the black nationalist movement in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), a timely subject and certainly one of the most interesting and compelling developments on the international scene. Prof. Mangazva has been an energetic organizer and fund raiser in this country for the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU), a group vying for leadership of the majority government in Zimbabwe.

The colloquium is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 19, in room 1437 of the CUNY Graduate Center (33 West 42nd Street, Manhattan).

This year's second colloquium will be given by Prof. Herbert Apseher of the social sciences department, who will delve into anti-africanism in the United States prior to the Civil War. The colloquium is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 17, also in room 1437 at the Graduate Center.

Prof. Roman urges all faculty who are interested in participating in the colloquia series to contact him as soon as possible.

Colloquium Series To Resume

Prof. Peter Roman, chairman of the social sciences department, has announced the resumption of the Social Sciences Colloquia series. Initiated last winter, the colloquia were enthusiastically received by Hostos faculty. The series was abruptly halted, however, as the Hostos-Bronx merger conversation gained in intensity.

Prof. Roman hopes that the next colloquium will renew the faculty's enthusiasm. He should: The speaker will be Prof. Synos Mangazva, also of the social sciences department, who will discuss the black nationalist movement in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), a timely subject and certainly one of the most interesting and compelling developments on the international scene. Prof. Mangazva has been an energetic organizer and fund raiser in this country for the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU), a group vying for leadership of the majority government in Zimbabwe.

The colloquium is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 19, in room 1437 of the CUNY Graduate Center (33 West 42nd Street, Manhattan).

This year's second colloquium will be given by Prof. Herbert Apseher of the social sciences department, who will delve into anti-africanism in the United States prior to the Civil War. The colloquium is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 17, also in room 1437 at the Graduate Center.

Prof. Roman urges all faculty who are interested in participating in the colloquia series to contact him as soon as possible.

Colloquium Series To Resume

Prof. Peter Roman, chairman of the social sciences department, has announced the resumption of the Social Sciences Colloquia series. Initiated last winter, the colloquia were enthusiastically received by Hostos faculty. The series was abruptly halted, however, as the Hostos-Bronx merger conversation gained in intensity.

Prof. Roman hopes that the next colloquium will renew the faculty's enthusiasm. He should: The speaker will be Prof. Synos Mangazva, also of the social sciences department, who will discuss the black nationalist movement in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), a timely subject and certainly one of the most interesting and compelling developments on the international scene. Prof. Mangazva has been an energetic organizer and fund raiser in this country for the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU), a group vying for leadership of the majority government in Zimbabwe.

The colloquium is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 19, in room 1437 of the CUNY Graduate Center (33 West 42nd Street, Manhattan).

This year's second colloquium will be given by Prof. Herbert Apseher of the social sciences department, who will delve into anti-africanism in the United States prior to the Civil War. The colloquium is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 17, also in room 1437 at the Graduate Center.

Prof. Roman urges all faculty who are interested in participating in the colloquia series to contact him as soon as possible.
El Coqui

A news publication of Hostos Community College of the City University of N.Y.

FOCUS

Peer Counselors Step To The Fore And Help Buttress Student Services

Perhaps one of the most difficult decisions which the college had to make as it began to draw up its retirement plan for this year was the elimination of four counseling lines in the division of student services. For a college such as Hostos whose student body includes recent high school graduates, adults who have been out of an academic setting for years, and

Once they have been selected the peer counselors undergo an equally rigorous training program which is conducted by Prof. Benitez. The aim of the program, as Prof. Kaplan explains, is "to make them into specialists in the academic programs of the college." And that they are. They are well versed in everything from the intricacies of the State's Tuition Assistance Program, to the university's new admissions and retention policies, to the more mundane aspects of student life at the college.

In short, Prof. Benitez's charges are experts on academic advisement, professional resource people. But that is where the line is drawn on their responsibilities.

Spanish-speaking individuals who have recently arrived in this country from the Caribbean and South America, the loss of four counselors was exceptionally serious.

Fortunately, however, Hostos has confronted the problem by availing itself of some of its best native talent: its own students. Since the beginning of the present semester, the student services division has implemented a peer counseling program which has gone far in relieving the burden on Hostos' remaining counselors.

The peer counselors conduct a training session for peer counselors attending the center from right who briefed the students on new admissions and retention standards.

Prof. Adrian Benitez conducts a training session for peer counselors attending the center from right who briefed the students on new admissions and retention standards.

Peers counselors Lourdes López and Miguel Gómez offer their services at the center at the Grand Concourse students in the criminal justice program.

"There are cases," said Mr. Brasero, "which I don't want to touch because I know I just don't have the ability to deal with them."

This one major limitation on their duties has not prevented the peer counselors from interpreting or adding a little extra to their job, however. Although they are in one sense dispensers of some fairly routine information, they are also counselors who know the wants and needs of their peers.

"The most important factor in any place like this is comradeship. That is personally one of my goals—to foster comradeship."

There are two other major goals which Mr. Brasero and the other peer counselors have set for themselves: To encourage the college faculty to look upon the peer counseling center as a valuable adjunct to the classroom and to dispel the negative preconceptions which the peer counselors believe many students have for mathematics and English courses.

Located in room 219 of the Grand Concourse building, the peer counseling center is open during week days from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Although the number of peer counselors on hand at any one time varies, there is always a counselor on hand who is bilingual. Time permitting, the peer counselors assist members of the regular counseling staff with their regular duties and in their orienting of new intake cases. They can also cover the counselors' offices under emergency situations.

The peer counselors hope to give seminars on such subjects as the tuition assistance program and the planning of

Peer counselors Lourdes López and Miguel Gómez offer their services at the center at the Grand Concourse students in the criminal justice program.
Hollingsworth Hosts Series
On NBC-TV

Want to take a tour of the city's exhilarating art scene? Want to get a glimpse of how artists ply their trade in such New York landmarks as the Museum of Modern Art, the Staten Island Ferry, and the Metropolitan Museum? Want to listen to the artists talk about the future of New York's most hallowed art—"cathedrals," the Whitney, the Metropolitan, the Guggenheim and the Museum of Modern Art? Want an expert guide to lead the way, to explain the intricacies and the marketability of the various artistic media and the forces which inspire the artist?

You've got it because "You've Gotta Have Art," a program on NBC-TV Channel 4 is now being shown every weekday morning from 6:30 to 7:00, and your guide is Hostos' own Prof. Alvin Hollingsworth.

Flexible Yet Intensive Rivalries

The runner-up team in the competition represented Beekman Downtown Hospital, and consisted of Elba Cardona and Evelyn Pena. The advisor was Prof. Smith, and their clinical instructor was Mr. Luis Irizarry of the Beekman radiologic technology staff.

The seminar, a yearly event at the college during the last six years, has evolved into an competition between four teams of Hostos radiologic technology students (each team representing one of the hospitals with which Hostos holds an affiliation) who devise their skills through detailed technical presentations.

"Our primary goal," said Cicero F. Holmes, president of the Hostos Radiology Club, "is to stimulate professional and artistry within ourselves. We've researched our material and presented it in a disciplined fashion. We students are proud of our every endeavor in the field of radiology. We envision ourselves as a new breed of radiological technologists."

Radiological Seminar Features

The quality of Hostos' radiologic technology seminars and the department as a whole is perhaps best indicated by the fact that, last year, the winning team placed third in a similar city-wide competition sponsored by the New York City Society of Radiologic Technologists. Participants in the seminar represented some of the most prestigious schools in the New York metropolitan area. Prof. Smith hopes to enter two Hostos teams this year.

President Is Trustee Of College Board

President Candido de Leon was elected to the Board of Trustees of the College Entrance Examination Board by a vote of the member colleges on October 25 at the Board's annual business meeting in New York. Presidents de Leon's term will cover the period 1976-80.

The Buckley Amendment holds that an instructor's private notes and reminders concerning the performance of a student are not subject to student inspection. A major provision of the act is that faculty are required to keep all gradebooks, examinations and term papers for a period of two years. A student has the right to review these materials at a hearing if he wishes to challenge a grade. In that event, the president of the college must arrange for a hearing. The student does not have the right to appeal the decision of the hearing.

The Buckley Amendment also upholds the right of a student to read letters of recommendation. A hypothetical case explaining this provision reads: "Agent X asks an Hostos science instructor to write a letter recommending him to a medical school. The medical school must, if the student so requests, show the letter of recommendation to the student. The student can, but need not, read the letter. In that case, the request from the medical school for the recommendation is a public record in which the student has waived his right to read the recommendation."

In effect since 1974, The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (the Buckley Amendment) makes certain requirements which directly affect the faculty.
Rolling Out The Welcome Mat....

Glimpses of the Open House

Clockwise from left: Student Gladys Gonzalez adds depth to soprano section of chorus; Prof. David Barrie, student of Shakespeare, lets it all out; Prof. Julio Gallardo introduces an eager guest to the wonders of the microscope; Dean of Faculty Evangelos Girls confers with guests Herman Badillo and Robert Abrams; and Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm radiates a most singular charm.

News Briefs

The Hostos physical sciences department has begun to publish instructional modules based on its Physics-Through-Toys project which minimizes the cost of physics instruction by using toys in place of laboratory apparatus. (See October issue of El Coqui.) The modules are copyrighted by the City University Research Foundation, and are available to interested colleges and high schools through Prof. Amador Morel at Hostos. Participating in the production of these modules are Profs. Julio Gallardo and Amador Morel and Messrs. Steven Delgado, Claudia Limones and Dennis Preziosi, all of the physical sciences department.

Prof. Clara Velazquez, director of the ESL program, served as a panelist and resource person on the impacts of bilingual education in the United States at a panel discussion on American education which was sponsored recently by the New York Urban Coalition and the Harvard Club for a group of British educators.

Prof. Velazquez served in a similar capacity during the Soviet-American Exchange Practicum on Bilingual Education for Spanish speaking students who experience difficulties in their own language. The text, which has been reproduced by Hostos' own duplicating services, may formally be published in the near future. Prof. Ramos' work is the product of his experience at teaching Spanish to native Spanish speakers at Hostos.

Profs. Diana Diaz, Sondra Perl and Alfredo Villanueva of the English department presented a panel on "The Planning of an English Curriculum through Performance Objectives: Rational and Developmental" at the Northeast Conference for the Teaching of English in Two Year Colleges which was held in Philadelphia on October 19.

Prof. Villanueva spent last summer at SUNY Stony Brook studying under an NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers Grant. Prof. Villanueva studied "French Symbolism and its Heritage."

Prof. Edward Armas of the business and accounting department attended a press conference held by Vice Presidential Candidate Walter Mondale and arranged by the city Puerto Rican leadership at the Bronx Mental Health Center on October 31.

Kibbee States.... (Continued from page 1)

Higher Education Act (after the chair- man of the Assembly's Higher Educa- tion Committee), the legislation prohibits the Board of Higher Education from acting to close any unit of the City University without the prior ap- proval of the Legislature.

For Hostos, the stipulation is most important because the college has traditionally enjoyed some very staunch support among key members of both houses of the State Legislature. The Landes Act also mandates the City University to submit its budget proposals on a college-by-college basis as is the norm at the State University level. For Hostos, the procedure is par- ticularly favorable because it will signal well ahead of time the intentions of the CUNY central office toward the college.

So the stark struggle-for-survival phase of Hostos Community College's recent history, now completed, has given way to the next complex and equally formidable phase: Insuring the continued growth of Hostos as a developing institution.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The previous issue of El Coqui neglected to mention that the newspaper's new look was designed by Prof. Magda Vasillov of the visual and performing arts department who generously volunteered her time and efforts.

Hostos Community College
475 Grand Concourse
Bronx, N.Y. 10451