STUDENTS TO VOTE ON $5 BUILDING FEE

By EVA KANNER

The fate of the proposed Brooklyn College Student Union Building will be decided the latter part of December when a student referendum will be held to decide whether the student body will throw its financial support behind this project. The question on the ballot is whether or not they are willing to pay $5.00 per term, in addition to present fees, to contribute to the cost of the erection and maintenance of this building.

There is no intention of having the present student body bear the complete financial burden although present B.C.ers will be able to use the building facilities as well as the college alumni. Among the facilities to be housed in the eight story building are lounges, ballrooms, study rooms, roof top terrace, a small auditorium, hat tables, clubrooms, a banquet hall, table tennis facilities, locker rooms for visiting teams, a meeting and advisement center, speech clinic, and educational clinic represent the community services which will also be in this building.

Exhibits in various parts of the school including one in the center corridor of the main floor of Bell Hall indicate some of these rooms and halls.

B-C SYMPHONY PRESENTS "YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT"

The Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Milton Katims will present a "Young People's Concert" on Wednesday evening December 12th at eight o'clock. This first concert of the orchestra's second season will be given in the auditorium of Prospect Heights High School (On Washington and Classon Streets in Brooklyn).

The program includes the New York premiere of The Man Who Invented Music by Don Gillies with the composer as narrator of this symphonic story. Also on the program are The Russian and French Overtures by Gi self, Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony, and Modern Setting of Christmas Carols by Morton Gould.

The eighty piece symphony orchestra led by Mr. Katims, who is also one of the conductors of the NBC Symphony Orchestra scored a great success at its first concert last spring. The orchestra is under the sponsorship of the Music Division of the Department of Community Services of the School of General Studies of Brooklyn College and was formed as part of the cultural program of the borough of Brooklyn.

ALL B. C. ers and their family and friends are invited to attend this concert. Tickets which can be obtained free of charge may be had in Room 1408 Boylan Hall.

KNIGHTSMEN AID OPENING "FIVE TO FACE ALUMNI FRIDAY"

BY MIKE KAUFMAN

A well trained but very short and inexperienced Brooklyn College varsity team will face the Alumni Friday night, with probably the smallest team in the city.

The sixteen man Kigmen squad, of which only six are returning letterman and boasting no one taller than 6'2", took part in two vigorous 1 hour scrimmages with Seton Hall and one with Columbia in preparation for Friday night's opener. Should all the Alumni of the team of two years ago appear, Toby Bankai's varsity will probably have a job on their hands defeating the quintet that compiled a record-breaking 22-4 season.

The Brooklyn five gave good account of themselves during the scrimmages, the first of which was held at Orange, New Jersey.

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"TO BE OR NOT TO BE"

A campaign is on to provide funds for a student activity building. And a prime backer in this project has been your newspaper. Yet, suddenly the thought has struck us that possibly we're trying to force this building down your throats. This is not our objective. What we are attempting to do is to give you all the facts and let you make up your collective minds, one way or another. After all, the edifice will be what the name implies, a building run by and for the express use of the students, alumni, faculty and the community.

However, in order to get your reactions to the idea, we've sent out teams of reporters this week to speak to you and six questions: A) What do you think of the proposed Student Activity Building? and B) Would you be willing to pay a fee every semester to insure the building of this structure?

The answers to question A were almost 100% pro! As for query B the replies were mixed but many qualified their negative answers with, "How much?"

Thus the question of whether Brooklyn College is to have a much-needed student building seemingly has boiled down to a question of money. And that is the big question, since the building will not rise out of the ground, just by wishing. True, it is hoped that a part of the needed monies will be raised through contributions by the community and various grant societies. But the students through their own means and the way. No one will donate funds to this very edifice unless the undergraduates shoulder their share.

But what of other student objections? Many say, "We won't be here when the building is completed." The plan is to pay the maintenance cost to this came in their announcement that the B.C. alumni will be enthusiastically welcomed to use all of the facilities in the building. As a matter of fact, it is hoped that the Student Union will be a big step toward creating a more active alumni group.

Another objection that can be met is the one that goes like this: "I'll never be able to use the building, I'm classes all evening and when I'm through with them, all I feel like doing is going home and getting some sleep." We respond with the fact that the building will be open seven days and nights a week.

Of course everything leads back to the original premise, gelt,argentino,h in ether words money. The cost will run to about one five dollar bill per semester, with every cent going to the building and nothing else.

Once you approve of the self-imposed tax, it is foreseen that the building will be ready by 1954.

With the Yule season on the way and everyone spouting that "tis better to give than to receive," here is one time that in giving you will receive back one hundred fold rewards. Through the bowling lanes, the ball rooms, the lounges, and the chapel a spirit of belonging may rise up and spread that separates the learning-teaching factory from a truly great educational plant. When this occurs looks for the value of this great college's already respected diploma to rise to heights undreamed of in the past or present. That will be your reward!

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

DEATH AWARDS THE PRIZE

Sometime during this month, someone is going to become a famous number: number 1,000,000! The person will not receive a jacket of prophesies, for you see, the figure will represent the one million traffic fatality in the United States.

One million lives have gone away on a journey that is no return from, all because someone was careless.

A car can be a wonderful means of transportation but according to statistics, is the most dangerous instrument ever devised by man. In all the wars that the United States has taken part in, the death list doesn't add up to the reckless waste of life through car accidents.

Remember, accidents on the road can be prevented! Do your part and stay alive, or else you may be the unlucky millionth person to receive a prize — death.

A. B. K.

1. The student body cannot elect its own student council.
2. Recognized student organizations do not have independent budgets, as do other colleges, such as C.C.N.Y. — Main Event Session.
3. The high membership requirement, originally aimed at the "left," killed seven organizations, (six non-political) last term alone.
4. Arbitrary banning of clubs whose ideas differ with the personal views of the administration — as Y.P.A. ’s recent banning without a trial or hearing.
5. McCarthy-like investigations by Student Council of any of its critics.

We say that a liberal arts education can only exist where academic freedom exists. Today we are faced with a "clear and present danger" to our traditional rights. Y.P.A. calls upon all students and organizations to unite, regardless of political beliefs, to fight for academic freedom:

We call for:
1. The right of students to join organizations of their own choosing.
2. Right of organizations to express independent opinions.
3. Right of students to elect their own student council.

Former Executive Board of Y.P.A. — S.G.S.

Symphony
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Invitations for this "ung Poetic Concert" have also gone out to all High Schools in the borough of Brooklyn.

The orchestra will give its Spring Concert, the second of the season, some time in April at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Student Union
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To familiarize students with the nature of this building an informational campaign will be held during the week of December 3rd. So that all will have a full understanding of what the proposed Students Union Building will offer it is planned to have second hour classes meet in the lounges where a slide film will be presented. It shows facilities of other Student Unions similar to the type proposed for the B. C. building. Those attending will be able to ask questions about all phases of the plan. A brochure will be distributed further explaining the project.

If a substantial majority of the student body of Brooklyn College vote in favor of the project, the alumni, faculty and the community will contribute the balance of the cost of the three and a half million dollar building. So far the alumni has already pledged $20,000 and several student groups are planning dances and drives to raise funds.

The plan at present is to maintaine the extra fee of $5.00 in the School of General Studies and $7.50 in the College of Liberal Arts (day session) for twenty-five years. In this way the cost will be spread so that future student bodies will also pay