Free Tuition

For one hundred and eighty years there has been free tuition at the City University. That tradition may now be ended.

The University's Administrative Council has recommended a "paper tuition" plan, each student being charged $400 per year and being reimbursed by the state and city.

This proposal will be presented to the Board of Higher Education Monday, November 22 by Dr. Albert Bowker, chancellor of the City University.

Its purpose is to provide funds for the University's Master Plan.

President Gallagher supports the "paper tuition" proposal because he feels it is the most feasible of all alternatives brought before the Administrative Council. He feels it is in keeping with the tradition of free tuition because the student, if this plan were passed by the State Legislature, would still not pay for his education.

He says the legislature should change the enabling statutes so that only half of the proposed tuition charge, special scholarships from the mayor's office should be set up to pay the other half.

To say the least, this proposal is naive. There is a big "if" in the plan — will the legislature change the scholar incentive bill? We doubt it.

Once the proposal goes to Albany, the legislature can do anything it likes with it. It can amend the plan so that part of the tuition will be paid by students. Such a bill has already been passed for the State University.

But even if this 'paper tuition' plan were passed without change and this is a big "if" — the state government would want some sort of control over the City University.

There are several ways this control could be effected, including having the governor select some of the members of the Board of Higher Education, having the City University absorbed into the State University with two governing boards (one upstate and one downstate), and having the City University absorbed into one governing unit. We feel all three possibilities, and especially the last, are dangerous to the City University. The University would lose its individuality and independence, both of which have helped make it the nation's citadel of free higher education.

We are outraged at the fact that this proposal was to be brought to the B.H.E. without the knowledge of the City University being given the right to present their opinions and ideas. We feel that students are responsible and should be informed of matters of such importance by an accidental leak.

Chancellor Bowker, who is presenting the proposal to the B.H.E., was quoted in the New York Times as saying, "I am very hopeful that the entire board will approve the plan on November 22." We hope the board has the political courage not to.

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CUNY Chancellor Speaks For Plan

A plan to impose $400 tuition at the City University will be brought before the Board of Higher Education Monday. If the plan is accepted it will take effect in September.

The proposal resulted from a meeting of the University's Administrative Council. Dr. Bowker, who will speak for the plan before the B.H.E., has the full support of the council.

Regarding the board's decision, Dr. Bowker was quoted in the New York Times as saying, "In any event, in my capacity as a member of the New York State Legislature's Advisory Council on Higher Education, I shall place the tuition plan before the council on November 22."

The chancellor contends it would be a "paper tuition," with all students receiving state scholar incentive awards and city mayoral scholarships for the full $400 charge.

President Buell G. Gallagher maintains that this plan would reestablish the "market demand" for financial assistance, neither the principle nor the fact of free higher education can be kept.

(The president asserted that... (Continued on Page 3)

Strike May Be Called To Fight Tuition Plan

A boycott of classes, a general strike, and protest vigils are being considered by Upton students to protest the proposed tuition plan for the City University.

Carl Weintraub, Upton student government president, said that a strike may be called and vigils may be set up outside the administration building Upton, the Board of Higher Education headquarters, and the Hotel Roosevelt, Mayor-elect John Lindsay's headquarters.

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Threats of Tuition Changes Assailed By Prominent Alumni of City College

Senator Robert F. Kennedy joined prominent City College alumni in saying that free tuition must be maintained.

"New York would lose more in abandoning the principle of free tuition than it could ever recover in money," Senator Kennedy stated.

Commenting on the merit of preserving the "free tuition" status of the City University, he stated, "New York cannot afford to make college education more difficult for its people... The ending of the tradition of free tuition would be an unconscionable step backwards.

In a statement released Friday by four presidents of the Alumni Association (C.U., C.C.C., N.Y.), Marvin Ratter (Brooklyn), N.Y.), Marvin Ratter (Brooklyn), and Robert F. Kennedy, "New York cannot afford to make college education more difficult for its people... The ending of the tradition of free tuition would be an unconscionable step backwards."
**Letters to the Editor**

**Power Failure Puts Out The Flame of Knowledge**

The flame of knowledge was almost extinguished at the Baruch School on Thursday when a power failure affecting the entire northeastern United States hit the school. Fortunately, the students in two first-year classes managed to get through.

When the lights went out at 8:30, the students managed to put in a meeting of 11 minutes, with the help of a few students who had a quarter free from their classes. Then a group of students was able to get into the school, with the help of the president, and thus keep the students' reactions. The school was able to function again at 9:14.
Bridgeport Blanks Booters, 2-0; Beavers Play A Sluggish Game

The Beaver booters played what Coach William Killen called a "sluggish, effortless game" against a well-oiled team, Thursday at Bridgeport University, losing 2-0. Pages were astray, shots were taken on rare occasions, and the City offensive play was virtually non-existent. This was a different team than the one that defeated Seton Hall 6-0 and tied L.L.U. 0-0. The change was not impressive.

Bridgeport scored its first and winning goal on a split-second lapse by Lavendar goalie Walt Kopczuk in the second quarter. Alex Povovich, playmaker of the Connecticut booters, took a pass from Ulker Birsen and shot toward the Beaver net. Kopczuk readied himself for the save, lowered his arms for the catch, but allowed the ball to slither through his legs and into the net. The goal was scored at 4:51 of the second period.

The insurance tally was added by Birsen at 3:30 of the fourth period. The forward took a pass from Amerigo Checcio and boomed it from the field. 'The boys have improved every period. I'm very pleased with our performance,' said Coach Francisco Castro, who broke his leg after getting off to a fantastic start last season, never fully regained his form and stamina.

CCNY Harriers Capture The City University Crown

For the sixth season in a row, the Lavendar cross country team won the C.U.N.Y. championship, Thursday, as they downed Queens and Brooklyn Colleges, 19-49-68 at Van Cortlandt Park. Hunter did not finish five men and therefore they were scoreless.

This was the last individual meet that the Beavers are to compete in this season. Their record was 6-2 in these matches, the best of the haters have had in a number of years.

Commenting on this performance, Coach Francisco Castro says, "The boys have improved every week. This is undoubtedly the best team I have coached at C.U.N.Y." Jim O'Connell placed first in the meet, with what was for the City College record-holder a mediocre time. 27:30. None of the times were very fast as the team was resting up on Coach Castro's orders for Saturday's meet.

Individual Scores: J. O'Connell, C.C.N.Y. 27:30, G. Marinos, C.C.N.Y. 28:10, J. Pans, Queens 28:48, A. Ama, CCNY 29:09, A. Hansen, C.C.N.Y. 29:15, W. Gantz, Brooklyn 29:20, N. Leibowitz, C.C.N.Y. 29:28. This team could have had a better season if any of the above-mentioned players had remained longer than the one that defeated Seton Hall 6-0 and tied L.L.U. 0-0. The change was not impressive.

Bridgeport University.

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