GSC runs nationwide drive for aid against aid cuts

By Tony Zamparotti

The Graduate Student Council (GSC) is raising funds from colleges and universities across the nation to put a full-page advertisement in The New York Times during the peak aid season to highlight the cuts in Federal Student financial aid. "The idea is to really show students can enter the national political arena as a group," said Gregory Nowell W., who is coordinating the fundraising.

A full page in the Times will cost $22,000. The GSC received pledges for about $12,000 during Spring Break from calls to over 100 colleges. If the GSC does not receive by April 15th money to pay for the advertisement, the checks will be returned.

Dorm costs up 11%; dining up 13%

By Laura Farhi

Meal plan costs for the 1982-83 academic year will increase approximately 13.5 percent. All students and non-students across the campus will see a 15.5 percent increase, with the exception of honors college dorms, which will see a 12.5 percent increase. dorm group, "said Gregory Nowell W., who is coordinating the fundraising.

Columbia photo by Gerard Weatherby

STPs plans new double major

By Jerri-Lynn Sceflord

Beginning next fall, the Program in Science, Technology, and Society (STS) will begin an experimental undergraduate double degree program between the humanities department and six of the eight engineering and science depart-

ments, according to STS head Professor Peter S. Buck.

"We're not limiting the program to the engineering school, we're starting with it," Kaysen explained. The dual degree program "fits, more school, we're starting with it," Kaysen explained. The dual degree program "fits more oriented toward science and not necessarily be endorsed by the GSC.

"The Reagan tactic is to split the constituency," by eliminating only graduate student loans in its proposed budget said Nowell. "If the graduate cuts go through, further reductions in undergraduate funding could be proposed for the future. Despite the possibility Congress will reinstate the present cuts, future reductions could be planned.

The fund drive could also set up "a network of contacts" for future political action, added Kaysen. Such work might not be necessary if donors "would be to be broke," he added. The GSC has not contacted the large number of outstanding students, according to Buck. We've been getting some flak from Harvard, ... They claim to be broke," he added.

"Enrollments are up, faculty morale is high," Buck added. "We're not limiting the proposal at the beginning of the academic year, we have been a fair number of them who have strong opinions on pass/fail to voice their posi-

tions to the CEP.

The Columbia took off last morning.

CEP to consider pass/fail changes

By Sam Cable

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) is considering changes to the current freshman pass/fail grading system, ac-

"A few students are using common dining halls than anticipated with the food service costs, according to Hartwell. "More and more students are using a la carte [eating places], such as Walker, Lottelib, and snack bars," said Hartwell. He claimed the increase in meal plan costs will help compensate for the lesser-than-expected number of students using common dining halls.

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Recent increases to the CEP's proposed system. Mattuck said that for all grades earned freshman year would be for inter-

nal use only and would disappear after one semester. They would appear on subsequent grade reports as merely pass or fail. Less than 40% of all freshmen earn in end-of-term evaluation forms, according to Taylor. Mattuck said that under the proposal, mid-semester evaluations would be used for everyone but there is still question about use of end-of-
term evaluation forms. Mattuck said this proposal represents a compromise between faculty members who wish to abolish pass/fail and those who

wish to keep the system exactly as is.

Taylor said that there is not "much of a chance" that pass/fail will be abolished. The past few CEP discussions have been con-

sidered with "tightening up" the pass/fail system, he said.

Taylor and Mattuck both indi-

cated that there was some con-

cern over how freshman grades would be used under the proposed system. Mattuck said that there was some controversy over whether departments would have the right to prevent students from taking departmental classes because of D's received in freshman year. "In my opinion this would be totally un-

workable," Mattuck said.

Taylor also said that concerns exist on the effect freshman grades would have on admission-

ners to the CEP.

Mattuck encourages all stu-

dents who have strong opinions on pass/fail to voice their posi-

tions to the CEP.

Taylor said the CEP is trying to make freshmen more aware of grades. Mattuck said the main purpose for freshmen grades would be to advise freshmen on how to plan the second term to their freshman year and the first term of their sophomore year.

The CEP will have a final proposal to submit to the faculty by the end of the term, said CEP chairman Professor Felix M.H. Villers. It is unlikely, he said, that the CEP will have a proposal for the April 15 faculty meeting but the committee will probably have something for May 13th.

"We want to make sure that everyone who has a stake in this has a chance to voice his opinion," Villers said.

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