

Bronx Leaders Hail Hunter Co-Ed Plan

The Bronx drew nearer yesterday as the Board of Higher Education studied the Hunter College faculty proposal to establish a four-year co-educational branch of that municipal college for women.

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The only men students at Hunter hitherto have been ex-GI's admitted since the close of World War II, as special students. The proposal met with instant approval from borough leaders who have long campaigned for a free, public, full-scale academic College of The Bronx, comparable to City, Brooklyn and Queens Colleges.

Girls All for It

Other supporters of the plan were Hunter girls, who voiced enthusiasm over the proposed co-educational feature.

According to Prof. Harry L. Levy, secretary of Hunter's President's Committee, the college faculty made its own recommendations after an earlier Board of Higher Education survey recommended that the Bronx center be limited to a "two-year community college," or something like its present two-year status.

"This suggestion made in the Cottrell Report discriminates severely against The Bronx," Prof. Levy said. "This leaves the borough with its nearly 1,500,000 population without a full-fledged college of its own, while Queens, with approximately the same population, already has a four-year institution which the Cottrell Report recommends be doubled in size."

Urge Associate Degree

Prof. Levy added that the Hunter committee recommends not only a four-year co-educational college, but also a program leading to a two year "Associate Arts" degree which would fill the need envisaged by the Cottrell Committee's community college recommendations.

Anna M. Trinsey, Associate Dean in charge of Hunter's Bronx Buildings, expressed the view that the Bronx campus could readily be expanded to accommodate the proposed four-year course.

"It was ascertained that there has been considerable demand on the part of parent-teacher and civic groups for the establishment of such an institution in The Bronx," she said.

The committee recommendations if accepted by the Board of Higher Education, urged immediate effect next September with classes for the four-year co-educational Colleges on the Bronx campus, in addition to the "Associate Arts" program. Hunter College in Manhattan would continue to be maintained as a four-year women's college.

Backed by Board of Trade

The Bronx Board of Trade, in a communication to Ordway Tread, chairman of the Board of Higher Education urged immediate acceptance of the Hunter faculty recommendation.

"As the organization which



Prof. Harry L. Levy and Dean Anna M. Trinsey discuss proposal to create four-year co-educational unit at Bronx Hunter campus.

first proposed the establishment of Hunter College in The Bronx, we are wholeheartedly in favor of the plan to offer a co-educational four-year liberal arts curriculum in The Bronx," said Thomas V. Tazzi, president.

"This move will tend to offer convenient facilities to Bronx residents, and also should effect many economies in the operation of Hunter College."

Dr. Whalen Lands Plan

Lawrence E. Gerosa, president of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, said: "The Bronx is honored to mark another milestone in its history as the Borough of Universities. Hunter has held a fine reputation as an institution of learning, and this will be a great step in community development."

Dr. Frank D. Whalen, Asst.



KATHY PAPPAS

Supt. of Schools in The Bronx, called the proposal "a much needed improvement in The Bronx."

"However," he added, "I feel that the Bronx College should be separated entirely from Hunter, to create a real borough college, such as those in Queens and Brooklyn."

"The plan is most excellent in many respects. The 'Associate Arts' program will be beneficial to many students who are not of the stature for a full four-year liberal arts course. The two year college is aimed directly at their needs."

As for the students, Cathy Pappas, of 3856 Tenth Av., a lower freshman, said she was definitely in favor of a four year course in The Bronx coeducational. "For one thing, the girls will dress a little better when there are more men around," she said.

Lois Marton of 2040 Bronxdale Av., a sophomore, never "thought much" of a college that wasn't coeducational.

"It just isn't a real college without men," she added.

A better program of social activities was predicted by Eva Cammaratta a freshman of 1060 Lexington Av.

"Our dances, she said, are usually a flop because we aren't acquainted with the men. However, if they were classmates, I think everything would work out much better."

Mary Malgannoff, of 1008 Simpson St., a lower sophomore, thought it was a grand idea.

"When you get out of school you want to get acquainted with men in business, and that's a stepping stone," she said.