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## Administrators to Receive 4% Pay Increase

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This September 250 CUNY administrators between the level of Chancellor and Associate Dean expect to get 4% salary raises. The raises, potentially totaling \$1 million, are part of the Executive Compensation Plan, an agreement to keep CUNY and SUNY administrators paid at parity with New York State commissioners.

Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds, whose \$152,250 salary will increase by about \$6000, is arranging the raises. According to the terms of section 169 of the New York State Executive law, she does not have to ask the CUNY Board of Trustees for approval. Rather, the raises are initiated by the chancellor and carried out by the office of the vice chancellor for faculty and staff relations.

Following word by city and state agencies around Labor Day, Reynolds will give each campus president the responsibility for granting the raises on their own campuses retroactive to April 1, 1993.

At CUNY's Central Office East 80 Street, the chancellor is

expected to increase her own salary by \$6,090 per year, as well as give raises to all other central office personnel who qualify, including vice chancellors Freeland, Mucciolo, Hershenson, and Rothbard, many of whom worked hard to pass the revised Goldstein Report. University spokesperson Rita Rodin refused to either affirm or deny that the raises were being given.

Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees, Edith B. Everett, said in a telephone interview on August 23 that the Board had not been informed about the raises. She was also concerned that 80th Street was obstructing access to the information.

"These things should be openly discussed," Everett said. "It is not appropriate that information should be withheld."

Jay Hershenson, vice chancellor for university relations said that the trustees had been notified through the Board Committee on Faculty, Staff and Administration which was briefed on the matter by Vice Chancellor Brenda Malone on June 8th.

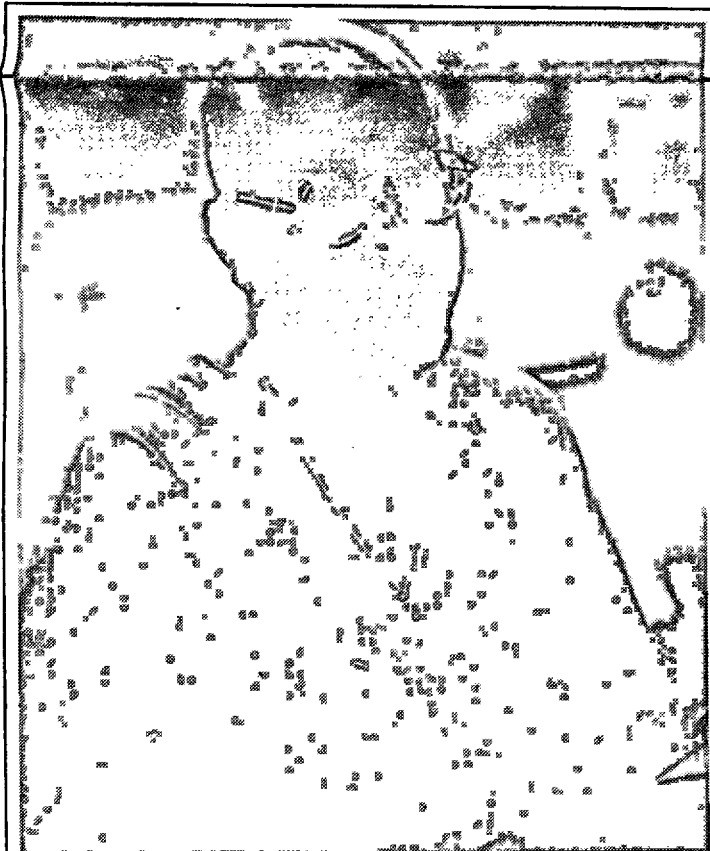
Don Glickman, executive assistant to vice chancellor Malone, said that Reynolds could have engineered the raises a year ago, but the Chancellor wanted to see the new faculty contract signed

first. "It was a matter of timing," he said. He added that CUNY administrators, as a group, have not received a raise for the past four years.

Andrew Long, Co-Chair of Student Government at the Graduate Center, said that Reynolds does not deserve the raise, arguing that "in times of austerity it would demonstrate good faith if she imposed austerity on herself."

In 1990 Reynolds was forced to resign her position of chancellor of the California State University system when it was revealed that she raised her own salary and those of her vice chancellors in spite of her written promises to the Board of Trustees that she would never do so.

In a telephone interview on August 24, vice chancellor Hershenson reported that the embattled chancellor told her staff in late July, during the controversy over the Cole memo, that she would donate her raise to fund a student internship at the Central Office named after the late Trustee Blanche Berstein. The delay in the announcement of the internship occurred, Hershenson said, because it was a private matter.



DSC Co-Chair for Communications Jarrod Hayes coordinates response to cut of student government leaders' stipends.  
Photo by Michael Weinstein-Mohammed

## Horowitz, Moreland Deny DSC Leaders Stipends

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For the first time, administrators have decided to withdraw stipends awarded to Doctoral Student Council representatives. Effective this August, two DSC co-chairs, Jarrod Hayes and Andrew Long, lost their \$2,882 annual stipends. Johnathan Lang, a DSC steering committee officer, has also lost his \$2,000 stipend. Graduate Center President Frances Degan Horowitz and Vice-President Floyd Moreland carried out the removal of the stipends.

DSC stipends are paid out of student activities money, an \$18.75 fee annual which currently every GSUC student pays.

The three DSC representatives were denied stipends because a CUNY by-law, passed in 1989 by the Board of Trustees, forbids the paying of stipends to student leaders in office more than two years. While a previous GSUC president had ignored the by-law and allowed student leaders to be paid for unlimited terms, President Horowitz, interpreted regulations to preclude the traditionally awarded stipends.

The decision comes on the heels of Horowitz's decision in 1991 to cut student leader stipends from \$5,000 to \$2,882 per year. The by-laws define as leaders DSC representatives and editors of the student newspaper *The Graduate Student Advocate*.

In fact, Long, elected DSC Co-Chair for Student Affairs in May, was denied a stipend because he had served one year as editor of the *Advocate* and served one term on the DSC. The editor of the *Advocate* is considered a student leader even though the editor is hired, not elected, by the Media Board.

However, the College Association, GSUC body which oversees the spending of student activity money, agreed that the editor of the student paper should be considered an employee and not a student leader. In fact, the College Association, in a memo to Michael D. Solomon, CUNY General Counsel, requested that *The Fiscal Handbook* for the *Control and Accountability of Student Activity Fees* be amended to that effect.

However, Horowitz and Moreland said they are unwilling to take any steps to issue the stipend beyond writing a letter to the central CUNY administration urging them to change *The Fiscal Handbook*. Horowitz still refuses to request a waiver of the stipend and term limits for the DSC.

Many student leaders were not surprised that Horowitz refused to actively endorse Long, Lang, and Hayes' claim to the stipends. Student leaders said the DSC may have irritated the administration in the spring when the DSC bitterly opposed CUNY's consolidation proposal, administrative meddling in the financial and political autonomy of the DSC, and the fact that departmental executive officers are appointed, not elected.

Present CUNY regulations prohibit the DSC from hiring counsel to deal with this issue in a neutral judicial setting. However, some student leaders argue that Horowitz may interpret CUNY by-laws based upon the precedent set by late GSUC President Harold Proshansky.

When he was president of the institution, Proshansky did not strictly enforce the by-laws referring to student stipends. In fact, he appropriated money from auxiliary funds, such as revenues from the copying machines and

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## Memo Suggests Reynolds Targeted Calandra Institute Months Before Lawsuit

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A memo recently leaked to the *Graduate Student Advocate* indicates Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds' was secretly trying to sabotage CUNY's Calandra Italian American Institute as many as five months before her September 1992 attempt to fragment the Institute into three separate locations.

The memo, dated April 20, 1992 and written in Reynolds' handwriting, asks CUNY's Albany lobbyist Eileen Kouyoumjian to disrupt attendance at the Calandra Italian American award ceremony on April 30th, 1992. At the bottom of the memo the Chancellor wrote, "Eileen, can't you engineer a critical vote in the senate/assembly on April 30th?" and signed it "W.A.R." for W. Ann Reynolds.

Presumably, by engineering an important vote in Albany on that day, the Chancellor sought to draw away many prominent Italian American legislators from the Calandra Institute's prestigious ceremony in New York City.

The Calandra Institute has fought with the Chancellor for increased hiring of Italian-American faculty and has documented discrimination against Italian-Americans at CUNY.

The Chancellor's reprisals against the Institute have been costly to CUNY. One quarter of New York State legislators is Italian-American, and many believe that state approval of CUNY budgets and the new CUNY faculty contract have been hampered in the legislature because of displeasure with the Chancellor.

Here in New York City, Speaker of the City Council Peter

Vallone wrote a letter to the Chancellor on July 15 demanding that she settle her dispute with institute immediately. He added that he "could not condone" the further use of taxpayer money to continue further judicial proceedings against the institute.

Eshewing its own legal team, the university has hired the high profile legal firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison, a firm that charges \$450 per hour. Some highly placed administrators estimate that the University has spent between half and three-quarters of a million dollars on the case in the past year alone.

University officials refuse to declare where the University is finding the money to pay Paul, Weiss and Rifkind, although the Chancellor is rumored to have told her cabinet that funds for the

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# SEPTEMBER in the NEWS



Nurse Practitioner Margaret Clancy

## Nurse Practitioner Arrives

The Graduate Center has hired a nurse practitioner, Margaret Clancy, who will provide preventative and diagnostic health services for students starting at the beginning of October.

Clancy received an advanced degree in nursing from the New York State University at Stony Brook in adult health.

Clancy will focus on preventative measures, including breast exams and Pap smears for women. She will also perform physicals.

Most of the services will be free, but students will be charged for any outside lab work, such as analysis of Pap smears. Lab work will be referred to Mt. Sinai Hospital, and GSUC students will receive a 20% discount, Clancy said.

The nurse practitioner will also evaluate students for minor illnesses, such as colds, and refer students in the event of more serious health problems to specialists.

Last year, Clancy taught nursing at Hunter College, and she has been on the nursing staff of Jamaica Hospital in Queens for several years.

She said she hopes to have her office open to students by October 1, pending installation of equipment. She said she will hold office hours on Monday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, with some evening hours available.

Some of her hobbies include skiing, tennis, golf, and running.

"The students should know that I do things in my spare time that are health-related," she said.

By Christina Pretto

## PC, Liberalism, and the Smothers Brothers

I can appreciate Robert Jones animus to "political correctness," as expressed in letter to the *Advocate*, printed in the May issue. He is wrong, however, when he counterposes liberalism as an ideal to PC. PC is a product of an idealism.

Liberalism is committed to an abstract, "nonpartisan" tolerance, to the idea of (historically automatic) Progress, and to a kind of Beneficence to the Poor from On High from liberals lobbying the Powers that Be to Hand It Out. These ideas come out of the professional middle class. This class seeks to maintain their social "conscience" but aren't about to go out of their way to do anything about it. Because they understand the System to be the basis of their comfort, liberals wish to work within It, and are also known to support Its coercion over and against "extremists," be they of the Left or the Right, who threaten It.

As I see it, PC is simply an outgrowth of liberalism made desperate by the turn to the Right, to Reaganism, in this society. The absolute commitment of liberalism to tolerance and progress becomes thus transformed into an equally *a priori*, absolutist intolerance toward anyone deemed not as "progressive" as the PC.

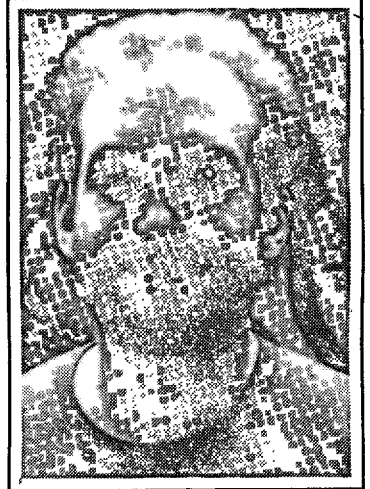
From my own experience as an adjunct at CUNY, I can testify that there are many "left-liberal" administrators, professors, and students who have crossed over effortlessly into PC. During my last course at the Center for Workers Education, for example, my observer, Dr. Diana Gordon, City College professor and *Nation* writer, noted that "I let the students utter racial stereotypes." I confronted these anti-Semitic stereotypes, but I guess that wasn't repressive enough. Gordon also said that "when a couple of students said Clinton isn't doing any-

thing important," "I neither asked what it would take for the President to use the political system to bring about major change, nor got them to examine what they think would be a non-trivial accomplishment for a President. . . ."

Because left-liberal Gordon, you see, has deemed the Presidency, as an institution, to be "progressive," or at least "potentially," this "failure" of mine was politically incorrect. As a result, I was replaced.

As for PC being comparable to McCarthyism, as Robert also states, I think that's a bit much. The PC don't have that kind of power. They *think* they have it: the power, as they conceive it, to change society by censoring, guilt-tripping, and punishing people for their language. And with what little power they have, they are completely unscrupulous.

They remind me of that famous Twilight Zone episode in which a



The ideal alternative to PC is not shallow liberalism and abstract "tolerance." The alternative is genuine radicalism, tempered by Niebuhr's and King's concepts of mutual imperfection and compassionate struggle, forgiveness, and humility.

### TOMFOOLERY

By Tom Smith

psychokinetic little boy played by Billy Mumy would say, "You're a bad man; you're a very bad man!" before he buried the guy in the cornfield.

To justify their vicious attacks, the PC point to the rising level of racism, sexism, and sexual harassment in our society. They fail to explain how censorship and guilt will solve these problems. On this pretext, however, they smear anyone who disagrees with them or upsets them, or who can serve as a useful scapegoat to show how "progressive" are the PC as they climb the academic ladder. And this can hurt others, certainly. But the PC, like many liberals, are much too smugly elitist to gain any real following outside the Academy. This makes them more pathetic than scary.

For an example of this kind of "leftism," I turn to review *The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour*, a television show on CBS in the mid-late 60's, now being rerun on the "Entertainment" cable channel.

The secret of the Brothers' comedy routine was the everyday argument that ordinary people have with people they are stuck with, for better or worse. This would start with an ostensibly serious folk musical performance by the Brothers, always destroyed by Tommy's mistakes or sarcastic asides to the audience about how "stupid" the song was.

While appearing ordinary, this argument was profoundly psychoanalytical: it expressed an in-

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Guards at the Graduate Center.

Photo by Michael Weinstein-Mohammed

## Guards Lose Benefits in CUNY Contract Change

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On the eve of Labor Day weekend, Sgt. James Deveaux of Graduate Center Security discovered that the union he had been transferred into a year ago had not gotten around to giving him medical coverage.

Currently, no Graduate Center security guard has health insurance through their employer, the company FJC Security. Deveaux has been employed at the Graduate School 18 years. He has been a union man even longer.

Late last year, the university switched contractors for security guards, and awarded the contract to FJC Security. As a result, security guards no longer receive the same benefits as under their old union.

In addition to having no medical

coverage, overtime pay has been eliminated. Guards no longer have birthdays off. Dental coverage is gone, and guards can no longer get preventative care at the union health clinic. New guards must pay \$50 for fingerprinting, and all must buy their own uniforms.

As a city agency, CUNY must only employ unionized laborers.

FJC Security says the process to enroll security guards into a health insurance program will be completed soon.

The Service Employees International Union, the guards' union for the past two decades, had covered the total costs of Deveaux's hospitalization for heart trouble two years ago. Now, he is struggling to stay afloat.

Under the new arrangement, \$20

still goes every pay day for a union he had never heard of.

Now the guards pay dues to the Special and Superior Officers Benevolent Association. Even though its workers receive fewer benefits and lower pay than under SEIU representation, FJC Security claims the SSOBA represents the interests of workers apart from the interests of the employer.

FJC Security, named after its founder Frank J. Califano, is a small business able to take advantage of relaxed specifications for administrative subcontracts and underbid larger service corporations like Allied or Allstate.

Such corporations are widely

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## Two Music Students Killed on West Side

Two students on leave from the Graduate School's doctoral music program were slain in their upper West side apartment in late June, the apparent victims of a bungled robbery attempt. Eric Price, 26 and Milton Setzer, 62, were found dead after Price failed to report to work at the Roundabout Theatre, where he worked as a fundraiser.

Police charged that George Cobo and Tony Lee Simpson entered Price

and Setzer's apartment in the afternoon or evening of June 27 and stabbed the students to death. The suspects are also charged with killing a wealthy Indian couple on the upper East side in April.

Price came to New York in 1990 from Pennsylvania to study music at the Graduate School. He played French horn and followed developments in opera closely. Milton Setzer lived in Manhattan for many years, was a con-

ductor and arranger on Broadway and played piano.

The Roundabout Theatre held a memorial service for Eric Price on August 16, and many faculty and students from the doctoral music program attended. The Music Department plans to hold a memorial service sometime this fall for the students.

By Pam Donovan

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