Interim President Russ Hotzler told the Faculty/Staff Assembly on March 22 that an energized student recruitment effort is already paying dividends. Freshman admissions are up 32 percent, he noted, and transfers have gone from less than 600 to almost 800, a 33 percent increase, the first in Spring transfers in a number of years. “Stabilizing and growing enrollment,” President Hotzler said, “has been and remains our highest priority.” He also expressed hope that the trend will continue in the Fall.

In other efforts to increase enrollment, Hotzler announced that a new Welcome Center for prospective students will open in Jefferson Hall, with next month set as the target date. The Center, accomplished by pooling resources from undergraduate and graduate admissions, will provide prospective students with an open door to the College’s Admissions Office and offer ready access to student services. The Center will also function as part of a renewed and continuous outreach to high schools, both public and private.

Hotzler also announced that the College, working with Queensborough Community College and the Law School, will open an Extension Center in downtown Flushing. The Flushing Extension Center will offer a range of courses in Continuing Education and operate an Admissions Office outreach program as an open door to the community.

In his remarks, Hotzler stressed that the College is now positioning itself to better serve high schools and encourage more open doors to the College through a variety of new programs, including the CUNY Honors College. More than 262 high school seniors have applied to the QC Honors College and 185 have satisfied the College’s standards, Hotzler said. At present, 106 have been sent acceptance letters; these students have an average of 1335 on the SATs. “This brings us additional high-achieving students on top of those the College already attracts,” he noted.

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President Reports Success in Increasing Freshman and Transfer Enrollments

A High-Achieving Student Chooses QC as Part of New CUNY Honors College

Cathy Jung of Bayside, a music lover who plans to study computer science at Queens College, is a member of the inaugural class of the City University of New York’s new Honors College. She will be among those attending a University Scholars’ Reception to celebrate the opening at the New York Public Library at 6 pm today. Cathy, 17, is one of 106 high school seniors accepted into the Queens College Honors College.

The daughter of a Chinese immigrant father who works in networking, Cathy chose Queens because of its strong program in Computer Science (her brother Jeffrey, 21, is a QC junior majoring in computer science). Cathy is currently attending Cardozo High School and will enter QC this Fall. Thrilled by the growing importance of technology in our society, Cathy considers the field wide open for women, and looks forward to gaining more experience through the College’s excellent internship programs.

Cathy took college-level classes in high school and participated in the DaVinci Math and Science Research Program. She has studied piano for ten years and volunteered at the New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens. She also found time to serve as her school’s yearbook coordinator and was a member of the school chorus, Community Service Club, and Key Club.
Notes

Health Center Events
A meditation/stress reduction session is planned with Health and Wellness adviser Joan Stenzler. Those interested should call 2760. On Tuesday, April 17, a Brown Bag session is scheduled in the BYOL room for taste-testing of health snacks, provided in conjunction with the Wellness in Workplace grant administered by Marcia Bayne-Smith. Athletic Director Rich Wettan will be providing snack machines around campus to offer such healthy snacks.

Class Schedule Now on Web
OIT announced that the Summer Session and Fall course schedules are available online at www.qc.edu/reg. The site also includes the latest information on class availability, room changes, and instructors.

Italian American Sculptor
Carol Kushner, of Dutchess Community College/SUNY, will speak on Concetta Scaravaglione, the Italian American sculptor, on Thursday, April 19 at 6:30 pm at the Calandra Institute in Manhattan. Call 212-642-2094 to reserve seating.

Commencement News
The commencement calendar will be distributed at the end of April. For your event to be included, information must be submitted to the Commencement Office by Monday, April 16. The Office also seeks volunteer commencement marshals. Commencement will be held on the Quad at 9 am on Wednesday, June 6, rain or shine, and will be followed by divisional and departmental ceremonies. A website has been established at www.qc.edu/graduation. Information is also available by calling 3600.

Organ Focus of Kids Event
The final Newsday KIDCLASSICS II concert will take place on Sunday, April 29, at 2 pm in Colden Center. The program is Hear the Organ! and includes singing, a variety of music, special activities, and party fun for children. For tickets, call 793-8080.

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preparing teachers of foreign languages. Both programs will be based in the Division of Education.

Hotzler told the Assembly that improvement of the College’s physical facilities is proceeding through the master planning process, which is designed to meet future campus needs. He anticipates that the new Facilities Master Plan will be approved by the CUNY Board of Trustees in the Fall.

Construction plans “are finally in the works for the Elementary School of Math, Science, and Technology (PS 499),” he said, adding that a set of final plans should be available shortly. Construction could begin before the end of the calendar year.

The President also discussed the resolution of two gifts totaling $4.5 million, made by Bernard and Gloria Salick in 1997 and 1998 to establish a research center and chair for molecular and cellular biology. Since CUNY was unable to raise the additional funds necessary to complete the project as originally planned, the Queens College Foundation has agreed to deliver $3 million to a charitable trust designated by the Salicks. Accrued earnings of approximately $300,000 will go to endow the Bernard and Gloria Salick Scholarship Fund at Queens College. These scholarships will be used to assist students who are concentrating their studies in the biological and biomedical sciences. Laboratories established in connection with this project, Hotzler said, will now be open to faculty and students in biology, chemistry, and biochemistry.

In other development news, the College has received a number of major donations in the past several months. One donation of $100,000 from an alumnus, Random House Vice President Stuart Applebaum ’71, in honor of his brother, also an alumnus, supports the acquisition of science and mathematics books by the Library. A gift of $100,000 from Deborah Elkins, a retired member of the Education faculty, is for the Library endowment, and another $100,000 gift came from Arnold Franco ’43 for the History Department.

Virginia Palmer ’42 gave $1 million to support a Women’s Studies endowment and the Speech and Hearing Center. Former Queens College Foundation Chairman Michael Minikes gave a $100,000 donation for Hillel, BALA, FYI, and the Center for Jewish Studies. Anonymous donations of $150,000 to the Library’s Arts and Humanities collection and $576,000 for student scholarships were made from several donors. Overall, Hotzler said, the College’s fund-raising revenue is slightly ahead of last year’s pace at this time.

“Queens College is a great institution with talented students, and dedicated and highly respected faculty and staff,” the President said in closing. “Our goals and objectives remain, in a word, academic. All activities which can assist our students in obtaining their education will be encouraged and supported.”

Construction Closes Parts of Campus
Temporary closings of a campus walkway between Powdermaker and Rosenthal and of the Library itself have been announced by Robert Landsman (Facilities Planning, Management, and Construction).

The walkway will be closed for about eight weeks for replacement of electric transformers, rebuilding of concrete vaults, and building an electrical ductbank. Landsman said that the Library can still be accessed at the main 3rd floor entrance and all 2nd floor entrances.

Also, on Wednesday, April 11 and Thursday, April 12 (during Spring recess), Rosenthal will be closed in order to shut down electric service. It will reopen on Friday, April 13.

Ed Tech Workshops Continue in April
Educational Technology and Distance Learning workshops continue in April. Today in Kiely 226 from 12 noon to 1:30 pm is Advanced Blackboard Techniques. Future dates are:

April 12: Use of Netmeeting Whiteboard and Smartboard in Teaching, in Kiely 115 from 12:05 to 1 pm.
April 16: Intermediate Power Point, in Kiely 226 from 12 noon to 1:30 pm.
April 18: Electronic Resources Workshop, in Rosenthal 101A from 12 noon to 1 pm.
April 19: Use of the Whiteboard and Smartboard in Teaching, in Kiely 115 from 12:05 to 1 pm.
April 20: Basics of Instructional Technology, in Kiely 226 from 12 noon to 1:30 pm.
April 23: Advanced Power Point, in Kiely 226 from 12 noon to 1:30 pm.

Scholarship Nominations Sought

The Office of Honors and Scholarships is seeking nominations for the following College scholarships:

The Renée Kroll Zarin Scholarship: This $1,500 scholarship is endowed by Lilo Leeds ’48 (Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, 1998) in honor of Renée Kroll Zarin ’54, former Director of Alumni Affairs. It will be awarded to a student who “best exemplifies the QC tradition of excellence in education and service to the College.” The award will also be based on financial need and academic performance. Eligible applicants must have completed at least 36 QC credits as of the start of the Spring 2001 semester and must have a cumulative QC GPA of at least 3.2. The recipient must enroll as a full-time student for the Fall 2001 semester.

The Astoria Federal Savings Scholarships: Up to two scholarships of $1,250 each will be awarded on the basis of financial need and academic performance. A minimum QC cumulative GPA of 3.2 is required. Eligible applicants must have completed at least 24 QC credits as of the start of the Spring 2001 semester, and the recipients must enroll full-time for the Fall 2001 semester.

The Tashlik Family Scholarship and the Stuart W. Schmall, Jr., Scholarships: Ranging from $500 to $1,000, these scholarships will be awarded to students on the basis of financial need and academic performance. Eligible students must have a QC cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 and have completed at least 24 QC credits as of the start of the Spring 2001 semester. Recipients must enroll as full-time students for the Fall 2001 semester. For the Schmall scholarships, economics, accounting, and BALA are preferred fields of study, but others will be considered.

An application for any of these scholarships requires two letters of recommendation, a personal essay, and documentation of financial need. A student may apply for one or more of these scholarships on a single application (assuming eligibility requirements are met); the same two faculty recommendations may be sufficient for all scholarships (the Zarin scholarship may require a third recommendation).

Faculty and staff members should send nominations to the Office of Honors and Scholarships or e-mail the Office at honors@qc.edu. The Office will check nominees for eligibility based on QC cumulative GPA and credits. For further information, faculty and staff should call the office at 5502.

Students may self-nominate by direct application. For more information and/or an application, visit the Office of Honors and Scholarships in B Building, Room 310. The deadline for submission is Monday, April 23.

New Infoshare Project Website Is Launched

A website for the Infoshare Project, started by John Seley and Len Rodberg (Urban Studies) in 1988, is now available at www.infoshare.org. The project makes census, immigration, health, and other data available to community-based organizations, medical and public health schools, health centers, and other organizations.

The new website, Infoshare Online, includes data assembled over the last decade on New York City neighborhoods from the 1980, 1990, and 2000 census. Infoshare Online can be used to profile or compare neighborhoods as well as produce individual tabulations. Soon data will be added on the rest of New York State and other parts of the United States. The Infoshare Project, moved to a nonprofit organization called Community Studies of New York, Inc., continues to be co-directed by Seley and Rodberg, with Rita Manning as Associate Director.

People

Joanne Miller (Sociology) has been appointed by Connecticut Governor John Rowland to the State’s Advisory Commission on Services and Supports for Persons with Developmental Disabilities. She is assisting in the design of a survey of consumers’ perceptions of service needs . . .
Peggy Schein (Armstrong Archives) was interviewed via the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation on March 14. The Voice of America — Chinese Branch interviewed her on March 23 . . . The 2001 Edition of the Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians has contributions from Henry Burnett, Raymond Erickson, Rufus Hallmark, Donald Pirone, Bruce Saylor, and Ann Stone, all of the Copland School. Erickson and Saylor, as well as Thea Musgrave, are accorded biographical entries. Among retired or deceased faculty, there are articles on Barry S. Brook, Edward O.D. Downes, Leo Kraft, Edward R. Lerner, Joseph Machlis, George Perle, Karol Rathaus, Felix Salzer, Boris Schwarz, Henry Weinberg, and Hugo Weisgall . . . EDWARD SMALDONE (Copland School) had his Icons for Clarinet, Oboe and Piano performed by the Nota Bene Ensemble in Washington Square Church on March 28. On April 11, the Oberlin New Music Ensemble will perform Life Imagined, Life, arranged for piccolo and chamber orchestra at the Oberlin New Hampshire Conservatory. On April 19 the Long Island Composers Alliance will present Trio: Dance and Nocturne at LeFrak Concert Hall at noon . . . BILL WESTNEY (Copland School) hosted a New York City mural on immigration in Queens. They were part of a tour of New York City public art . . . The Procession mural on immigration in Queens. They were part of a tour of New York City public art . . . Rikki Asher (Art Education) hosted 45 teachers from throughout the country who visited the Procession mural on immigration in Queens. They were part of a tour of New York City public art . . .
Nobel Winner to Speak At Labor Breakfast

Rigoberta Menchu Tum, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992 and advocate for the poor and indigenous people of Guatemala, will be the speaker at a Queens College Labor Breakfast on Friday, April 6, from 8:15 to 9:30 am on the 19th floor of the Labor Resources Center in Manhattan.

Appointed a UNESCO Good Will Ambassador for Peace, Tum will discuss full implementation of the 1996 accord with the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity. She will also speak about the struggles of indigenous peoples in Ecuador and Chiapas. For information, call 212-827-0200.

Calandra Plans for Italian Heritage Month

A committee to plan Italian Heritage and Culture Month (October) is now being formed by the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute at Queens College. Those interested in serving on the committee should contact Laura Scalone, the Institute’s Assistant for Special Counseling, at 212-642-2055.

The Calandra Institute also offers counseling on educational plans and exploration of long- and short-term career goals. Scalone is available on campus on Mondays in the Dean of Students Office in B Building, Room 102. She notes that Italian Americans make up the largest single ethnic group at the College. A survey, which elicited 10,000 responses, found that 1,203 students said they identify with Italy.

Free Mammograms

Free mammograms will be available on Wednesday, April 25 on the Quad (behind Jefferson) from 10 am to 6 pm. A mobile mammography unit will be provided by the American Italian Cancer Foundation. An appointment is necessary; call 1-800-564-6868. The free mammograms are sponsored by the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute. For information, call 212-642-2055.

Theatre Alumni Stage A Clockwork Orange

A Clockwork Orange, a musical revue that opened March 22 at Show World on 8th Avenue in Manhattan, is a production dominated by Queens College alumni, including director Anna Catherine Rutledge, set designer Jeremy Chernick, and musical director Ronit Schlamm. The two actors, Susan Stewart and Sondra Weimar, are also alumni from the 1990s.

The stage adaptation of A Clockwork Orange (originally a novel) was written in 1985 by the author, Anthony Burgess, and for the Stanley Kubrick film, which he disliked. This piece puts lyrics to the Beethoven symphonies and includes music written by Burgess. QC alumnus Ian Spiegelman has written a feature on the show for New York magazine.

Drama Offers Three Plays by Wilder

Infancy, Childhood & Youth, three one-act plays by Thornton Wilder, will be presented by the Department of Drama, Theatre & Dance from Wednesday April 25 through Saturday, April 28 at 8 pm and on Sunday, April 29 at 3 pm. Wilder’s best known plays include Our Town and The Skin of Our Teeth.

The plays will be directed by Peter Bennett. “Among the three plays, and at times within a single play,” said Bennett, “we are invited to see our individual lives from points of view that are alternately those of the baby, the child, the young adult, and the middle-aged. These tales are funny, somewhat wacky, and uniquely Thornton Wilder, one of America’s great playwrights.”

Bennett directed the New York City premiere of The Passion of Dracula, for which he received a Drama Desk Nomination for Outstanding Director and won the Soho News Annual Arts Award for Best Director. He also directed the Showtime television presentation of The Passion of Dracula, which received the Ace Award for Best Dramatic Production.

From the Provost

The four committees of faculty and students charged by the Provost in November with drafting sections of the Middle States Periodic Review Report have now completed the first phase of their work. The Middle States Steering Committee, under the guidance of Steven Kruger (English), is now formatting and revising the document.

This process should be finished in time for copies of the complete draft to be distributed to each department and program on campus when classes resume after Spring recess. The draft report will also be available online, one click away from the main page of the Office of Institutional Research (forbin.qc.edu/Institutional_Research/).

Please make plans to review the draft Periodic Review Report. If you do so online, you will be able to e-mail your comments directly to the Steering Committee. If you read the draft in hard copy—or would simply prefer to make your comments in person—please mark the following open hearings on your calendar and attend one or more:

- Monday, April 23, 12 noon-1 pm, Kiely 170
- Tuesday, April 24, 6-7 pm, Rosenthal 230
- Wednesday, April 25, 12 noon-1 pm, Kiely 170
- Thursday, April 26, 9.30-10.30 am, Rosenthal 230

Thank you for your participation in this important process.

Patricia O’Connor

To Our Readers Please submit items for FYI at least two weeks in advance to Ron Cannava, Director, Office of News and Information Services, Kiely Hall 139, 997-5590. All submissions that are more than one short paragraph in length should be submitted on disk or sent by e-mail to ron_cannava@qc.edu.