

The Man on the Second Floor

By EILEEN DAWSON

Heading a college administration in a year which will see drastic and universal restructuring and self-appraisal on American campuses requires a sense of responsibility, sensitivity and projection paralleled in the history of higher education.

College presidents have come a long way from the Late Show, where their presence was required only to put in a good word for the flunking football star and cast a benevolent eye on the latest campus romance. Hunter's new Acting President, F. Joachim Weyl, views his role not as a source of difficulty, but rather of challenge, one in which he hopes for the "advice and counsel of both students and faculty."

Dr. Weyl came to Hunter in October 1968 as Dean of Sciences and Mathematics, and assumed the responsibilities of the Acting President in July 1969. He is the first of Hunter's presidents to be selected from the field of the natural sciences. Yet he does not consider this an especially significant precedent.

"Remember, Hunter is a small sample of the academic community. Nationwide, science and scientists have now, to an increasing extent, become part of college administrations and faculties. The role that science and technology have played in the progress of this country for the last twenty years has led to a sense of responsibility, preoccupation with, and deep appreciation of all forms of life on the part of scientists."

The promotion of communication between all channels of the college will take priority with the President, since it "involves my idea of the principal executive officer: a concern with the building and functioning of the means of communication, not just with decision-

sources of conflict, President Weyl says, "Persuasion will be required to shed traditions and inertia. The deepest fears of the Hunter of yore (faculty and alumnae alike) is that we will lower the established Hunter standards. But I do not see this as a foregone conclusion. What it really means is that we can look to new capabilities to meet our standards, as well as look for many new targets."

President Weyl asserts his position on campus disorders very strongly. In the event of a disturbance at Hunter, he will employ the authority and power inherent in his office to determine any infractions of the civil criminal law, as well as the establishment of conditions and a time span under which any "illegal activity" must be suspended.

However, the President prefers to speak about the means in which disturbances can be avoided. "The principal resources I will rely on are a broad and rapid ability to hear what is being said, to state succinctly (his position), and to understand."

The crucial issue of open admissions receives endorsement of the Acting President. "I am personally convinced that this is the proper policy to adopt. It is a question not of substance, but only of timing of implementation, as far as allocation of students to institutions." The President sees this issue inevitably leading to debates on the need for new types of institutions, and enlarging the scope of existing ones, as well as the need for informing incoming students of "the range of institutions open to them. We must achieve workable and sensible solutions to achieve these demands. Now is the time, and New York certainly is a good place to begin."

Because he has only recently returned



Dr. F. Joachim Weyl, Acting President of Hunter

and Science Advisor to the Administrator, Agency for International Development "For two decades I was cast in

quent communication between the students and their president. President Weyl hopes to reserve a table in the

making." President Weyl stresses the need for interaction on proposals before they reach his desk, so that the end result will not be "decisions into a vacuum."

President Weyl has accepted office in a year of "firsts" for Hunter: the new departments of Black and Puerto Rican Studies, Urban Affairs, and the Institute of Asian Studies, as well as a reduction in course requirements, and the abolition of required class attendance. He sees these changes as "opportunities for enriching Hunter's intellectual atmosphere."

Innovations have been known to prove

to academic life after two decades of research and advisory service in governmental agencies and departments, President Weyl calls his teaching experience at Hunter "limited—to a freshman Calculus I course." Yet he is no stranger to the educational process. Among the positions he held while connected with the government were: Assistant Director of Defense Research, Head of the Mathematics Branch of the Office of Naval Research, Scientific Liaison Officer (London Branch Office of Naval Research), while a member of the National Academy of Science as Special Assistant to the President, and Research Director

the position of educator, with congressmen, senators, executives, and the military as students."

While in Washington, President Weyl was able to observe first hand the functioning of government, an experience which will undoubtedly be reflected in his term of office. "The way in which the personal style of the President diffuses itself through each branch of the government, and the constant flow of information between channels is striking."

The "paper bag lunches" were introduced by Dr. Weyl's predecessor, Robert Cross, as a means of direct and fre-

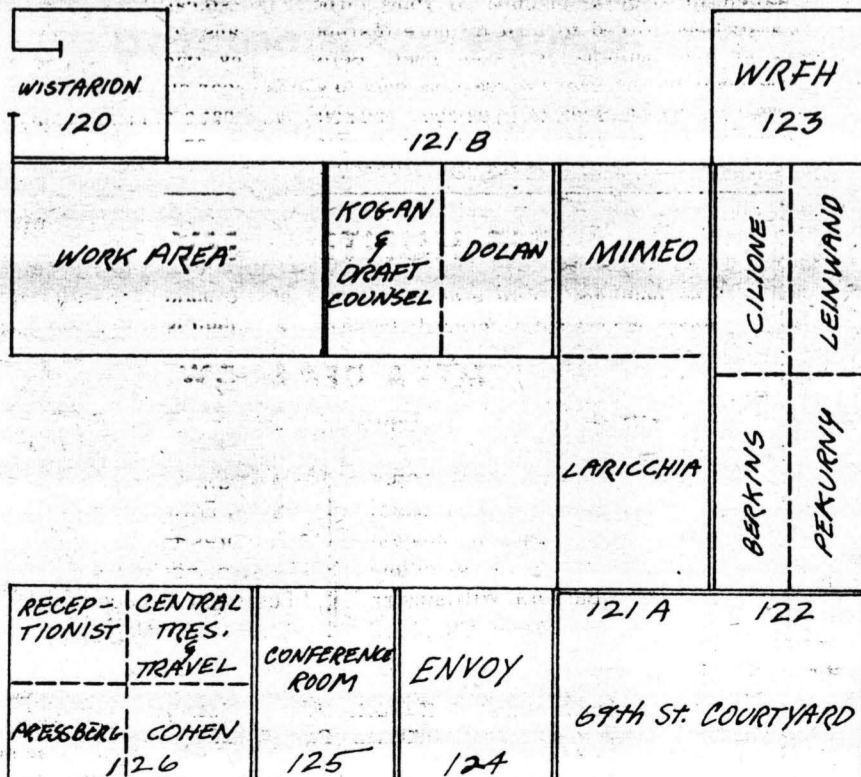
cafeteria, where all students will be welcome. This may insure that everyone, not just the same people who frequented President Cross' office, will be able to meet and talk with the Acting President.

President Weyl believes that the limited size and space of Hunter, as well as the short time span in which it functions daily for its commuting members, "command high centrifugal tendencies. Hunter College, in a nutshell, is what happens from people to people. My greatest concern will be discovering the 1,001 ways in which that process can be as exciting as possible."

New Look For Student Activities

By MYRON GALEF

STUDENT ACTIVITIES



The Student Activities Area has been renovated to give more office and work space to clubs and organizations, especially to Student Senate and to WRFH.

The major changes, intended to facilitate meetings of Student Senate and the various clubs, include the conversion of room 125 to a conference room with a blackboard and appropriate furniture. This conference room will be available on a sign-up basis to all student organizations.

Wistarion, the Hunter yearbook, has been moved to Room 120. The NSA Commissioner will be in Room 121B, but travel arrangements will be made in Room 126.

Room 126, formerly the Student Senate Office, will be a receptionists' area, with a central secretary and an ombudsman to answer questions and aid students. The function of Central Treasurer has been assumed by the Hunter College Association Treasurer, who will handle all financial matters pertaining to student affairs. His office will be in Room 126 also, which will be partitioned to insure privacy and order.

A work area will be in Room 121D. NSA Commissioner Paula Kogan and Academic Affairs Commissioner Bill

Dolan will have their offices in Room 121B, while Tina Laricchia, Senate's Secretary, will continue to use 121A. WRFH will be housed in Room 123; Social and Cultural Affairs Commissioner Tony Cillione, Student Welfare Commissioner Stu Leinwand, Finance Commissioner Arnold Berkins, and Public Relations Commissioner Bob Pekurny will share Room 122. ENVOY will remain in Room 124.

Last May, organizations in the Activities Area formed a committee to restructure their office space. All the groups represented expressed a desire for more office space with additional desks, chairs, blackboards, and other equipment. They also felt that tighter security in the area would discourage theft of equipment.

The mimeograph machines will be kept in a locked room, and permission will have to be obtained before they can be operated. WRFH's new office is at the rear of the Activities Area to better protect the radio station's equipment.

If you wish to contact any student organization on campus drop a note in the appropriate letterbox in the Activities Area corridor.