

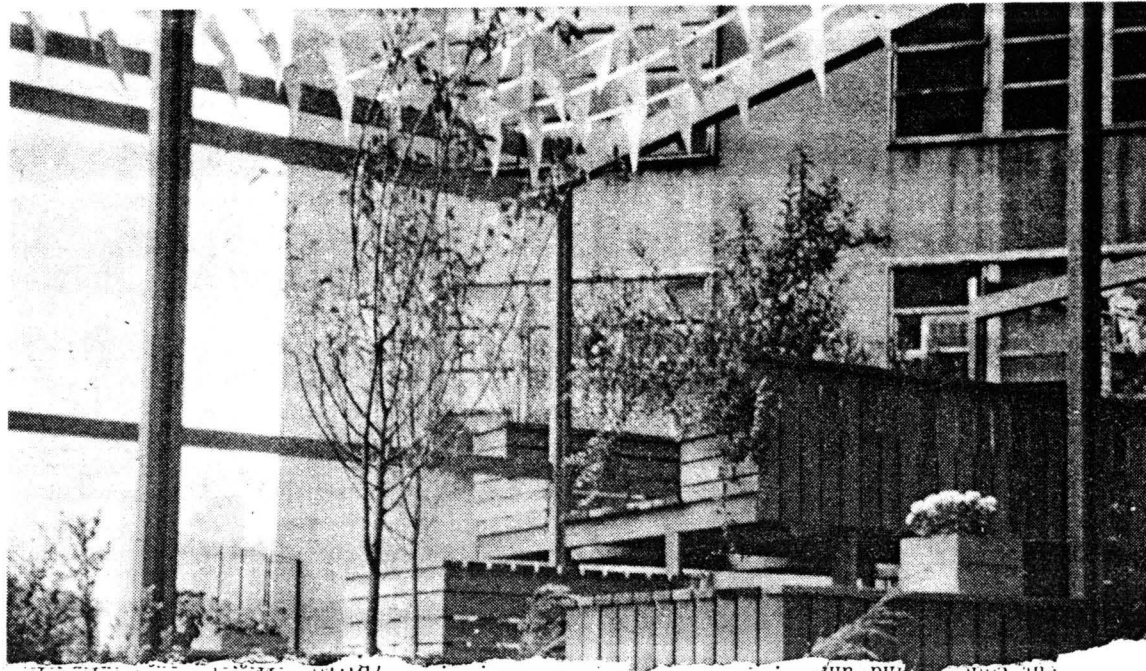
HUNTER GETS A MINI-CAMPUS

Seventh floor terrace turned into a gardened outdoor lounge.

By Barbara Perrin

Hunter College has a new mini-campus, located on the seventh floor terrace. The terrace was used last year by the elementary school children as a playground. It was converted into a playground for the college students, through the generosity of George Delacorte, publisher-philanthropist.

The structure, which gives the terrace a campus-like quality, was designed by John Rawlings, an Assistant Professor in the Art Department. Professor Rawlings, who is an architect, donated his services for the project. He calls the structure, which is made of redwood, an adult jungle gym. There is room to climb around and room to just sit, with flowers and

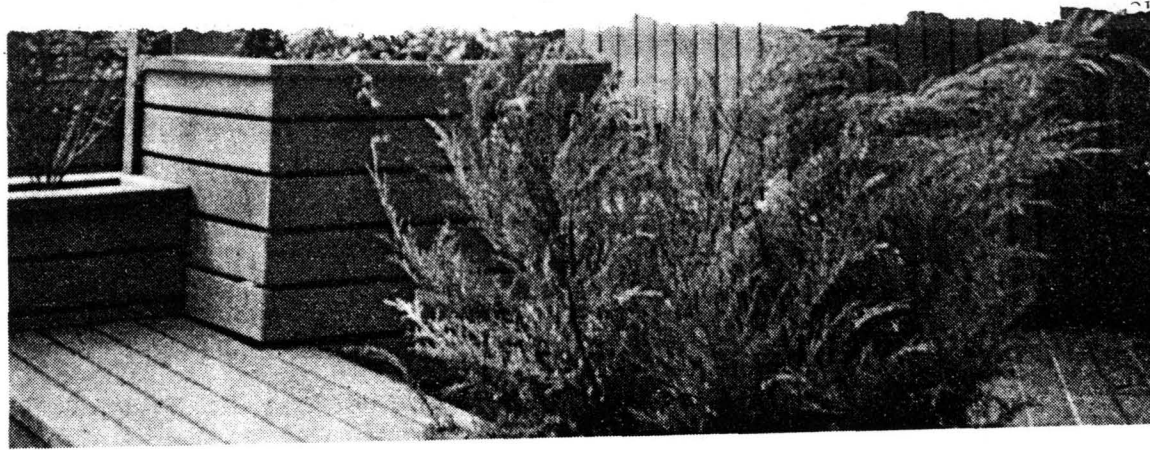


The jungle gym cost Mr. Delacorte about \$50,000 to build. He has also agreed to pay for maintenance of the mini-campus for the next ten years. The entire project, from its conception to its completion last Thursday, took about four months.

Mr. Delacorte, who publishes Dell, Delacorte, Dial and Noble & Noble books, is well known for his philanthropies. Among his contributions to New York City are the Delacorte Theater in Central Park and a huge fountain on the southern tip of Welfare Island, opposite the United Nations. Professor Rawlings' other achievements include designing twelve pavilions at the New York Botanical Garden.

According to President Wexler, who is very excited about the conversion of the terrace, there will be carts on the terrace during lunch-time, selling sandwiches, hot dogs and soft drinks. The trashcans on the terrace are camouflaged by a redwood wall with an opening for refuse.

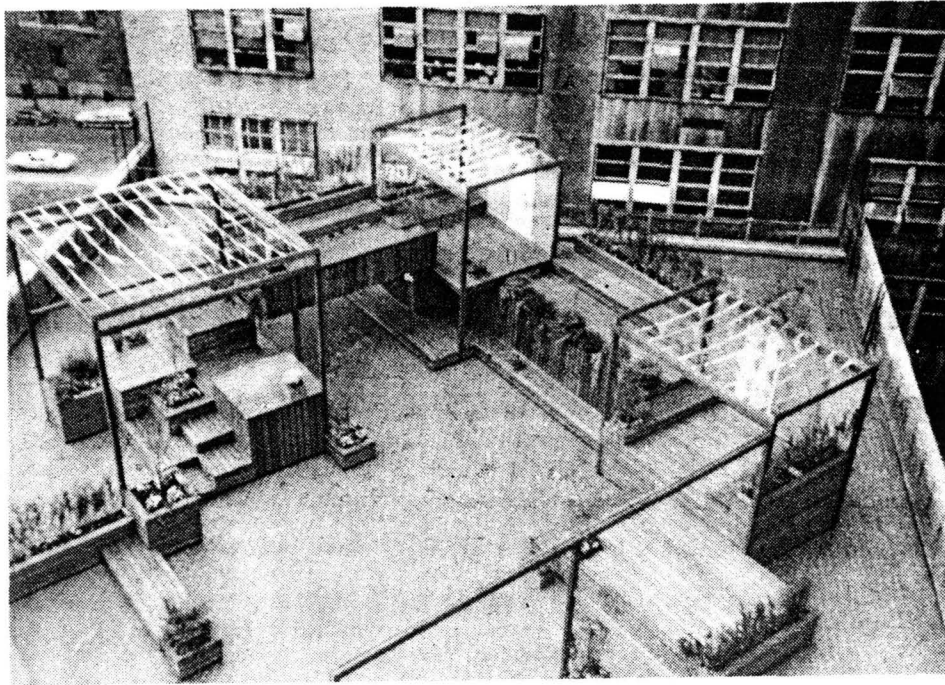
The structure was built in a lot at 28th Street by Messmore and Damon, theatrical builders. It was then dismantled and lifted by cranes, onto the terrace, where it was put back together under the supervision of Karl Blunck, the master carpenter.



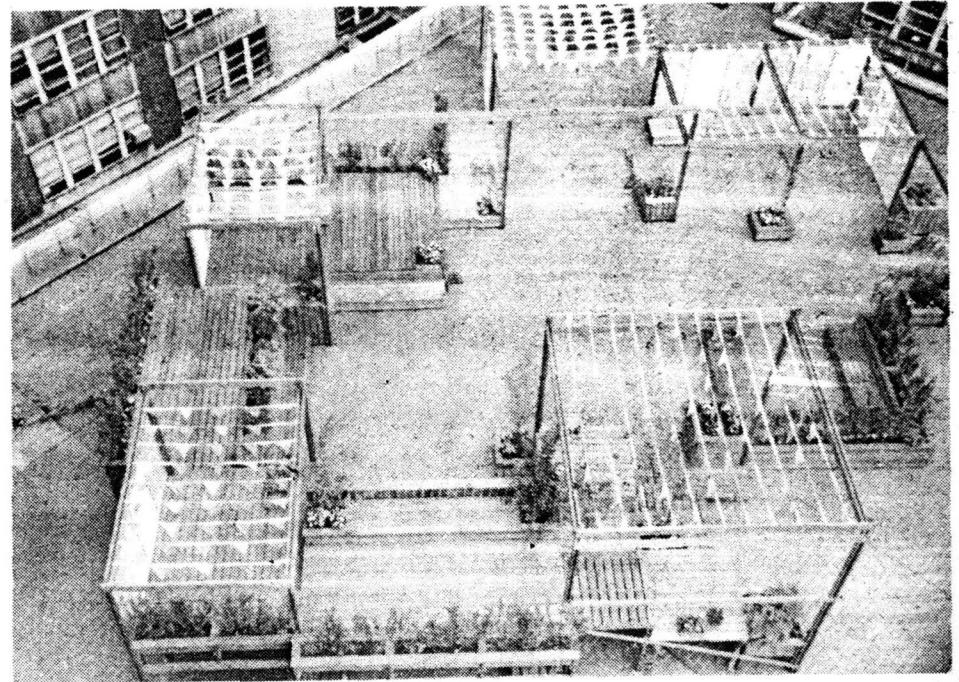
There is room to climb around and room to just sit, with flowers and shrubbery all around. This little oasis is located right in the middle of Hunter College and can be reached by going through the halls of what used to be the elementary school on the seventh floor of the main building.

berin. When asked what other things he had done at Hunter, he said simply, "I survived." He was referring to the trouble he had here last spring. He was not given tenure by the Art Department and consequently was not rehired. After vigorous protestations from the students, the P and B Committee reversed its decision and rehired him.

Mr. Delacorte's gift is being given on behalf of his wife, who graduated from Hunter. Several people around the college have expressed the hope that it will generate an interest among other alumni in doing similar projects.



This photograph was taken by our Circulation Manager Anne McManus, as she clung to the railing of a 12th floor terrace. The other pictures were also taken by Miss McManus, though not from such a precarious perch.



When asked how big the new mini-campus was, Professor Rawlings said, "big, but not big enough to throw frisbees." Actually, one could throw a frisbee across the terrace. But if many people try it, there are going to be apt of surprised motorists and pedestrians on 68th Street.