

'Free' Colleges Cause N.Y. Fight

NEW YORK (ACP)—A two-month-old battle between the New York City Board of Higher Education and four City University administrators over the financing of 11 tuition-free colleges in the system is not over.

The controversy, in which two administrators resigned and two others announced their intention to retire, was touched off by the issuance by City University Chancellor Albert H. Bowker of a proposal that the city maintain free colleges for city residents by putting up \$400 annually for each undergraduate in the senior colleges.

The Board criticized the educators on the Administrative Council, headed by Bowker, for issuing the controversial plan "without prior notice or consideration by our Board." Bowker withdrew the plan Nov. 15.

This criticism led to the resignations, announced Nov. 20, of Bowker and Harry L. Levy, City University dean of studies, and requests to retire from Harry D. Gideonese, Brooklyn College president and John J. Meng, Hunter College president.

At a Board meeting the administrators were asked to reconsider their decisions but to date no intentions of withdrawing the resignations and requests have been announced by any of the four. The Board announced the next day it would hold a public hearing to consider the whole matter.

The Joint Legislative Committee on Higher Education announced it would conduct a "full inquiry" into the administrators' actions. At the meeting, Gideonese released a statement which termed the "theoretical" tuition

plan a "sham issue" in the dispute.

"The real issue lies in our concern about the insufficient financial provisions for adequate educational opportunities for the young people of this city," the statement said.

The Board had earlier declared that it had "a right to expect undivided fealty on the part of all of its officers of administration to the policies and bylaws of the Board, irrespective of any other position they may hold."

Gideonese replied in his resignation that "fealty is a medieval concept and it describes the position of a medieval lord in his relation to his feudal serf. Members of the Board of Higher Education are not medieval lords—and I am not inclined to become a serf."

Charles H. Tuttle, Board member for 52 years, also criticized a proposal by Gov. Nelson Rockefeller that the state establish five four-year colleges in the city to be operated on a tuition fee of \$400 per student. He said, "This would mean a division of higher education in this city into two competitive institutions, one from Albany on a fee basis and one run from this city on a free basis, with each dividing the strength available for one."

University 4-H Sets Ski Trip to Hoodoo

The University Collegiate 4-H Club is sponsoring a trip to Hoodoo Ski Bowl in the Santiam Pass this Saturday. There are 20 open seats on the bus for the trip. The cost is \$3.25. The bus will leave at 7 a.m. Saturday from the SU turnaround and will be back at approximately 5 p.m. the same day.

Those wishing to go on the trip should call Dave Stevely at 343-9545, or Jane Jefferis at ext. 1664 by 4 p.m. today.

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