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Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Board:

Well, once again, we—all of us—find ourselves in that awkward position of having to just sit back and see how this whole thing is going to play itself out ... — ... But, enough about President Clinton!

At its meeting in January, Council spent a good deal of time lamenting the perception that the City Colleges had aired some dirty linen in the media recently. You know, Council is a body of the City Colleges' Credit Program. I should remind those of us here that the Credit Program is truly of a high quality and at an affordable cost—it is of very great benefit to the city in general, and to the city's less advantaged inhabitants in particular.

Intramural squabbles are to be expected from time to time. Such things arise out of our own urge to be better. But the District should seek at all times to protect its public image. Now might be a good time to reflect again on how our better features might be advertised.

At the January meeting, Council approved certain AAS Degree revisions in the District's *Hospitality Program*. These revisions stem from the advise of the program's Advisory Board, and are intended to aid the students who would transfer to the senior colleges.

Council's Rank Promotion Committee passed a motion to ask the Central Administration to return to using the former rank promotion procedures. The Committee feels that the former procedures had served fine in the past, and that the new procedures—with certain questionable features—were put into place without appropriate committee input and therefore contrary to the spirit of shared governance. No doubt we will hear more about this later.

Recently, I had the honor of attending a meeting of the District's Vice Presidents. I was there to argue the case for urging the City Colleges to appeal the Illinois Articulation Initiative's decision not to allow *College Algebra* to satisfy the mathematics requirement in General Education. I regret that this kind of dialogue has come so late in my term of office. Well, better late than never.

Finally, I should comment that we have received end-of-year quarterly income statements in a timely fashion; however, I must suggest that, in the future, when we receive our W2 forms, it is preferred that our social security numbers not be printed on the outside envelope!

The ^{FEB}~~March~~ meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday the 18th.

Respectfully submitted,



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