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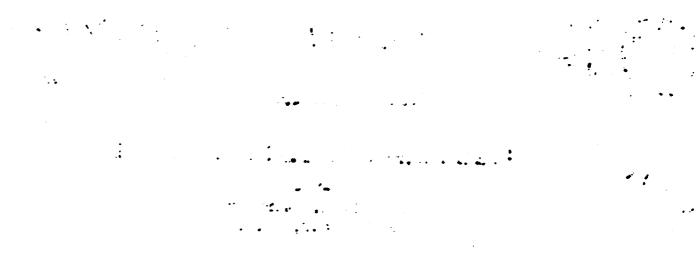
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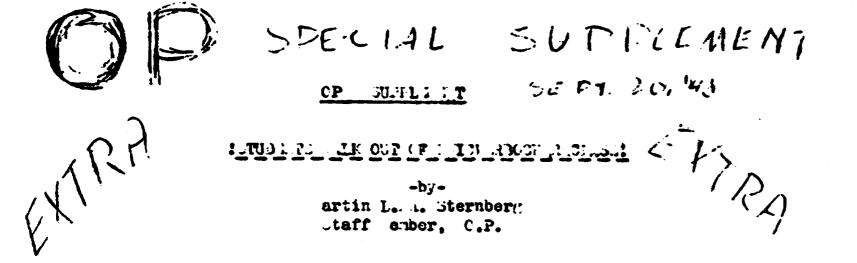
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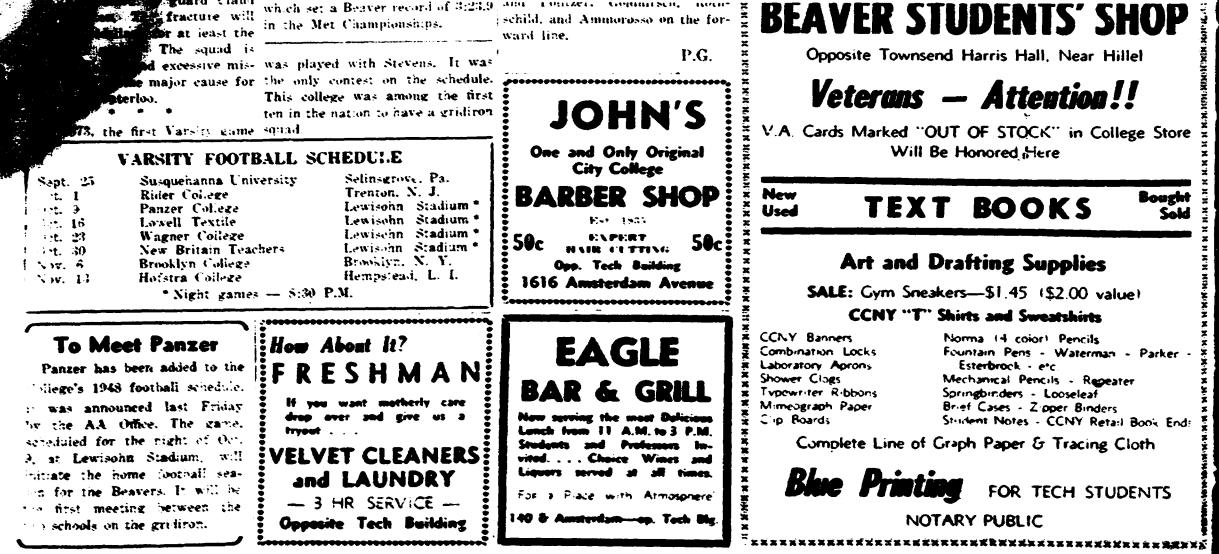
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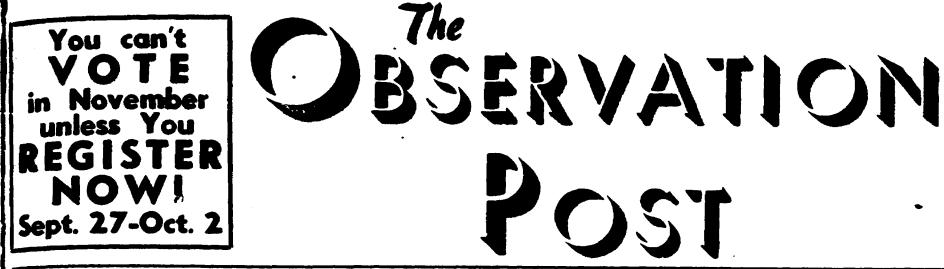
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This dramatic action has brought to a head an issue that has long been disturbing the College.

Terming the walkout "illegal," the College administration has refused to replace Prof. Knickerbocker or to accept the offer of two Romance languages teachers who volunteered to take over all his classes for a year, without extra compensation.

We can understand the awkward position of the College officials.

We can also understand and sympathize with the students who walked out.

The question of the legality of the act was discussed at great length by the Observation Post Board of Directors and the Board reached the unanimous conclusion that whereas it does not condone student walkouts in general, it feels that the circumstances of the case were of such a nature that they provided sufficient moral and ethical grounds for the action that was taken.

The class was asked by a student to leave the room in years of severed ties between the view of the charges leveled by the City Council in the Hart Report against Prof. Knickerbocker. The class rose and all but two left. They left because they felt that they could not. without registering a strong protest, be taught by a man who was accused by the elected representatives of the people of New York of practicing anti-Semitism in his official position as Chairman of the Romance Languages Department.

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C.C.N.Y. UNDERGRADUATE NEWSPAPER

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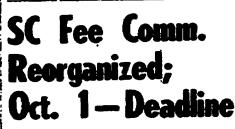
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By HERB TEITELBAUM

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formation directly to student or- gates to the National Student Ass, in the Great Hall, Bob Meagher. ganizations and the student body, sociation convention at Madison, Class president announced yesterand the Guidance Committee will Wis. According to Fortunato, the day.

direct groups in efficient use of note was written at the convention the funds and assist them in any during the latter part of the surn- ates are invited to attend the meetdifficulties that may arise. mer.

Henry Jackson, Central Treas- Not mentioned at the SC meet- rector of Graduate Placement, will urer of Student Activities, reports ing was the fact that both outline a plan whereby seniors that \$8.425 has been collected thus Murphy and Keelan travelled to will be placed before graduation. far in student fees, with approxi- Madison for the express purpose Meagher also diadoned that Micmately \$2,000 more expected from of making contact with the City recosm, the Senior Vearbook, still the Veterans Administration. The College desegation in order to at thas some openings on its staf total may be slightly less this tempt conciliation and to apply Applicants, who need not be me term than last been use of the do-ifer membership in NSA for bern of the Senior Class, will cline in caroliments. Woyming U.

Knickerbocker of the Romance slowed organizational requests and The conciliatory letter read to Language Department, do request (Continued on page 3)

> Seniors Meet 10

All January and June graduging, at which Mr. B. Shotter. Di-

ireceived in room 309. Ma-

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THE OBSERVA .

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OPinion

Dear Dean Theobold:

First following is reprinted from Main Events of March 22, 1948. The present station remains unchanged. When will something happen? Campus foto

The congested situation of the lines outside the bookstore at registration time has already been brought to your attenned. We are printing this picture to remind you that action is needed. We again urge you to give this problem your attention before students queue up for another endurance test.

City Soph Departs for Zurich After Winning Naumberg Award

By PAUL EISENMAN

Roy Eaton didn't win the "Stop the Music" contest, but he did almost as well. As its first big activity of the sea-The 18-year-old sophomore has earned the Aaron Naumberg \$2,000 scholarship, which son, it will sponsor an Open will finance one year of study at the University of Switzerland, in Zurich.

The Naumberg scholarship, which is awarded annually to a City College sopho-all incoming freshmen. It will be ter." was won by Roy in com- a gala affair with refreshments. nore "for outstanding scholastic achievenests of

solition with 30 other top stud'ants from the Ciass of '50. Two interviews with Dean Gottschall and one with President Wright; were the screening test for Roy which exceed him his "wonderful opportunity." Roy is the first Negro to win the award in the hisfory of the College.

Roy has been winning awards for quite a while. Over the couch in his parents' apartment on Edgematie Avenue is a photograph of Roy in short pants being presented with a gold medal by Lily Pons in Carnegie Hall. sle got it at the age of seven for his interpretation of Bach's Minuet in G in a concert sponand my the Music Education 1 . 4250.

"While in the High School of Music and Arts," Roy said, "I College's Jubilee celebration last extend a wholarship to the Man- Spring. Lattan School of Music. I will get Roy is from a family chock full my Bachelor of Music degree after

ROY EATON

of musicians. His mother,

men, because I think I am best dancing, and community singing. equainted with German, which And, to prevent the boys from bewill be used exclusively in the ing lonely. 75 Commerce Center classes there."

He will continue his music stu- to attend. dy at the Conservatory at Lau- Wheels have already been set in sanne under Edwin Fischer, and motion for House Plan's annual he will be staying at a private Carnival, which, this year, has the nome during his stay in Zurich, backing of the Mayor's Golden

plained, "are being made by the Carnival is to be New York's American Council on College Stu- Golden Anniversary. The Big Day dy at Switzerland."

before been fariher away from Beatrice Kaye, will be featured in New York than Tanglewood. the program. Massachusetts. "I'm expected to ; do a good job; I've got an obli- We are the exclusive cleaners gation to fulfill . . . and I'll do my best."

"I only hope," said his mother. Polonaise, "that he doesn't have

this reports for the last minute

House Planners Set Oct. 2 Hop: **Cornival Dec. 11** House Plan expects to have a

bigger and more diversified program this term than ever before. House evening on October 2 for

entertainment, square and social

freshmen girls have been invited

"All the arrangements." he ex- Jubilee Committee; the theme of

will be December 11; tickets will "I know it's a wonderful oppor-tunity," said Roy, who has never Headline entertainers, including

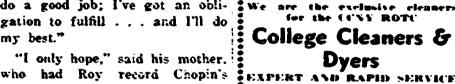


Photo **Chih** Plans Fm

"Beginning and advanced and teurs will find that the Cameri Club's activities this term will of

fer them opportunities for the nical improvement, financial gai and just plain fun," Hare Stern, president of the group, at nounced yesterday.

Plans that are now in various stages of completion will call for

A "live-model" shooting session on Oct. 8;

Several field trips;

Print criticism sessions;

Prominent guest lectures; Demonstrations of lighting tech niques.

A darkroom will also be avail able for club members. Furthe details will be supplied at the Club's first meeting in Room 26 Main, this Thursday at 12:30.

REGISTER NOW

You must register this week if you want to vote Nov. 2

ENROLL ALP

All volunteers for canvassing c o ntact

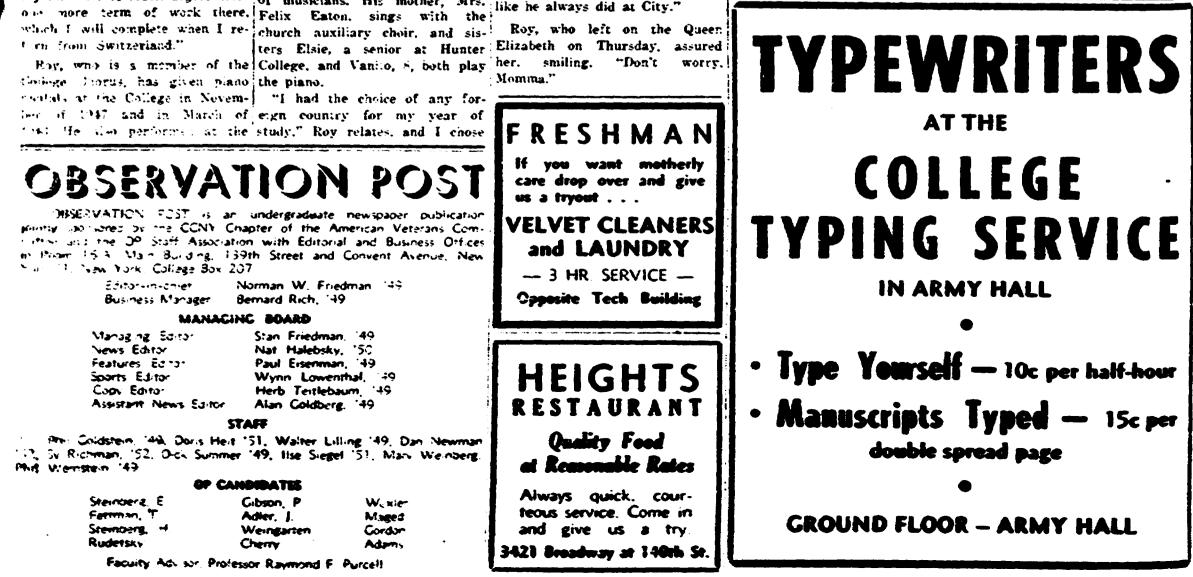
STUDENTS FOR WALLACE

VOTE ROW (Register NOW for

a Wallace - Taylor Victory in N. Y. State







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Stamp Club

The Stamp Club was rewarded for last term's campaign to collect stamps and stamp albums by s cordial thank you letter from "Stamps For The Wounded Inc."

"Stamps For The Wounded Inc." is a voluntary non-profit organization which is organized by stamp dealers and collectors to supply stamp materials for veterans still in hospitals. The letter was addressed to David Lewis, club representative to the above organination. It follows: "Your contribution of stamps and albums. will help cheer some hospitalized carviceman and provide him with a hoboy to occupy his eyes, his hands, and above all his mind. For many men, stamp collecting means relief from staring at white ceilings and a black future. Hallstein, Regional Director of berg. S.F.W.

Physical Culture Club

Last term a number of students get together with the idea of training with weights, cables, and dumb-bells. This term the group is going to organize a Physical Culture Club.

at its training place in Warner future meetings. Gymnasium. All those interested in joining the club should place their names on list provided for this purpose near the Room 120 bulletin board.

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Newman Club

The election results of the Newman Club meeting held at 12:30 in Rm. 105 Main on Thursday, September 23 are as follows: President, Michael Byrnes; Vice President, Anthony Mormone; Corresponding Secretary, Rosemary Dum; Recording Secretary, Nadia Ursina; and Treasurer, Edward Nesdill.

A prominent Catholic, whose name is to be announced, will give a talk on "Socially Conscientious Catholicism" at the meeting on September 30th.

Major plans of the club consist of intra-mural athletic teams and social functions throughout this term.

Saddle Club

The elections of the Saddle Club were held on September 23 with This note of appreciation is sent the following results: President, to you on behalf of these men and Barbara Coldmith; Vice-President, boys who will benefit through your George Goldat; Treasurer, Leon cenerosity." - signed H. James Cooper; Secretary, Celan Gold-

> The list of the activities of the club for the present term includes riding in Central Park under the guidance of qualified instructors at cut rates. Classes are held on Saturday mornings and Friday afternoons at 4:30 P.M.

Army films on equintation will be shown at this Thursday's meet-The Club has over 300 hundred ing at 12:45 in Rm. 11 Main. New pounds of weights and iron boots members are welcome at this and

Physics Society

The Physics Society held its first meeting today in Rm. 102 Main and elected David Lichtman President, Fred Grunberg, Vice MRIMINIANIAMIANIANIAMIANIAMIANIANIA President, Lewis Nidus, Secretary, Robert Plutchik, Treasurer and as S.C. Rep., Philip Goldstein. The Physics Society is a non dues club and attendance is the only requirement for becoming a member. There will be many lectures given during the term with many guest speakers from this college and others from business and industry. Plans are being made for weekend trips to Brookhaven, L. I., the

Jazz Club

atomic research center.

IUNIOR PROM TIX ON SALE

Prom night for Juniors will be held Friday, November 26. Thanksgiving weekend, in the Hotel McAlpin, at five dollars per couple, according to Charlotte Weissman. Class of '50 President.

Weissman, geologist extraordinary, is also holding a gathering for Geo 19 veterans at her home, October 9.

A two dollar deposit is required to secure one of the 100 tickets available for the Prom from Mr. Jackson's office in room 120M or from the rear of the Cafeteria where they will continue to be sold until October 1.



City College is about to step out

into the literary world with a great

big bang. The hoard of editors of

Contemporary Review." have an-

nounced that their first issue will

be published in November. The

editors went on to say that the

magazine will be guided by two

main principles. Firstly, material

will be judged solely on its literary

merit, and secondly, they wish to

add honor and prestige to City

College by endeavoring to become

The new magazine, which will

be sold at bookstores and news-

stands as well as at the College,

will include fiction, poetry, literary

essays, and material of a general

philosophical nature. The contents

of the first issue have already

been selected; they will include ma-

terial by such well known literary

figures as Kenneth Patchen, Paul

Goodman, and William Carlos Wil-

"The Contemporary Review "is

as interested in bringing along

fresh talent as it is in publishing

the already great. The magazine

invites students of the College

to submit articles or poetry for

"The Contemporary Review,"

with headquarters at the College,

liams.

consideration.

leaders in the literary field.

Knickerbocker

(Continued from page 1) a new instructor for this course.' A suggestion by Professors Cross and Pollinger, Romance Languages, the original complaintants against Prof. Knickerbocker, that they take over his class without pay, was rejected by Dean Gottschall.

Chairman Hart (Dem-Bklyn), who conducted the City Council investigation of Prof. Knicker- Sept. 22, again met with Dean bocker, called the students' he-|Gottschall and presented the folhaviour "unjustified", according lowing statement: "We are reto the New York Post. He deplored turning to class temporarily, anthe action as "flouting authorities" dev protest, pending the decision and said the Board of Higher by the Board of Higher Educa-Education has "sole and exclusive tion. We are at City College to authority to act" on the report of | learn. We have no personal anihis committee.

Star, Councilman Walter Hart ans- an expression of our indignation wered the reported statement that against his anti-semitism as President Wright called the Hart- charged by the City Council." City Council report "political" and "phoney". Hart is reported to have t said to the Star that he hoped that Wright had not said that. He went on to state that the report, the college's newest and most as approved by representatives of all piring literary magazine. "The the political parties in the Council, was not in any way a political move, and pointed out that City elections are a year off.

On Tuesday, Sept. 21, Dean Gottschall answered the petition. requesting that the students return to their class or drop the

CHARLIE SING

GIFTS

Greeting Cards

Neur 141at Street

a'clock, three students welked outG of the Economics 1 class of Mr. W. C. Davis, former administrator of Army Hall ousted last semester because of his policy of racial segregation. Two students were permitted to transfer to another course while the third found that he actually was not officially registered as a member of Mr. Davis' class, according to the registrar's office.

course. On the same day at one

Dr. Knickenbecker's class, on mus against Prof. Knickerbocker, Meanwhile according to the N. Y. but we have taken this action as







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Eleven to Meet Rider Saturday Trenton Scene of 2nd Lavender Tilt Team Optimism Well Founded

By DICK WEINGARTEN

The Football Beavers will encounter a revenge-seeking Rider College eleven in Trenton this Saturday. Last year, in their first appearance on the gridiron since 1931, the Purple and Gold were shaded by the Lavender 13-0 in a sixtyminute thriller. After watching the Beavers chasing foot-

Sports

Tennis

balls in Lewisohn Stadium these_ past two weeks, a repeat performance is indicated.

In the leather-lugging department, the rehabilitation of Leo Wagner plus the coming of age of fleet Johnny Lasack and Chick Markowitz produce added speed necessary to the operation of Dr. Parker's newly installed "T." With newcomers Monroe Morris and Sy Kalman generating power and Frosh star Bob Jacobowitz insuring accuracy in the fiinging department, Coach Mondshein is able to put together a backfield containing real scoring punch.

Line Improved

Up front, where football victories are made, the situation has certainly improved. The return of Herb Rosenthal of the '46 aggregation and of Matt Datts, '39 ocreen for the quick opening "T" vious seasons.

Achilles Heel

thus far. is a lack of reserve collegiate competition. power which is extremely necescary in this age of free substitution. The first few games, how- Basketball Tournament, usually Warner Field will be completed ever, will tell the story. With a break in the injury department, Sept. 30 in both the Main and ing the program in the future, and a continuation of the winning Tech Gyms. spirit shown thus for, this may Early registration is urged so thusiasm shown by the student well be "THE Year."

"It is our aim this season to

AA BOOKS ON SALE A.A. Cards will be sold at

Army Hall to Day Session students this Thursday from 12-2 P.M.

Hit;

Courses Score

Class Set For

By PHIL GOLDSTEIN



Once again the Intramural Staff Lacrosse, Football, Fencing, Dancof the Hygiene Department is of cing, and six other activities. fering a complete and varied in- An overwhelming majority of tramural sports program, open to the students enrolled in the proguards Lenny Teitelbaum and all students. Heading the list of gram are taking these courses on team tournaments is basketball in a non-credit basis, according to which a large entry is confidently Professor Raymond F. Purcell of from the Police Department, com- the Douglas Society, Printers, would seem to indicate that a bined with the veteran perform- Gunners A.C., and the Ramblers large number of technology stugrates a heavy, strong and hard- (touch' variety) which is usually shown in the program. charging line enabling Coach staged between six man teams in A student taking an elective Tubridy to work out the proper the Stadium. Individual competi- course will be given, in addition tion, depending upon the number to a firm foundation, as much as plays and a competent defensive of entries, will take place in many possible of the finer points in that unit disastrously lacking in pre- other sports. First to start will particular sport. All of this should

Basketball

Classes in tennis will be opened

Basketball, A 'Round Robin' expected that six tennis courts on the most popular here, will start by then. "The possibility of expandhowever, will depend upon the en-

that play may be speedily initiated. body," said Prof. Purcell. Applications and other information Nat Fleischer, famed

Column By Wynn Lowenthal



FOOTBALL RENAISSANCE

In the Wynn

When this writer first read the WORLD TELLY'S scribbling about our college football squad in their Sept. 10th issue, he took i cum grame sulis. After all, didn't it follow the paper's anti-City policy? The OP Sports Dept, didn't think it was worth talking about until my colleague on the Campus took up his cudgel in defense d our alma mater.

In the article, Loa Miller (the WT man) asked Coach Parker. # he and his coaches were cognizant of the fact that some members of the City Alumni were in favor of dropping football here. We a ways thought a sportswriter's task was to push, not squash, and

The Lavender gridders realize that they are not a pro team. By pro,' I shall have to include such elevens as those of the BC NINES which last week announced they would allow students a athletic scholarships to receive \$300 over their tuition and "INCL DENTALS." As an amateur combination, we rank Coach Parker's outfit, one of the better ones in the country this year. No poison-per writer is capable of damaging the high morale present among an coaches and their men.

Another Year, Perhaps

In another year, perhaps, some reporter might have cracked the spirits of a young inexperienced bunch of Beaver athletes, but m in '48 when the Lavender is represented by a group composed d many war and football vets.

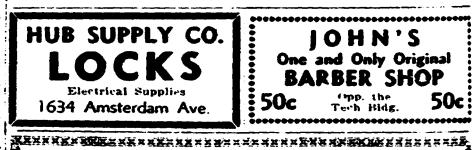
The student body can best voice its desire to maintain varsity football by packing Lewisohn Stadium each of the four nights w play there, beginning with the Panzer game, Sunday, Oct. 9. This (that's right), tackle on leave expected. Stellar teams, such as the Hygiene Department. This last contest will be the first home game of the young season, and promises to be a nip-and-tuck affair.

On Soccer . . .

After watching the expert Israeli soccer squad practicing in Lewisohn Stadium last Friday, I started wondering again why the sport is not more popular here. In Europe, thousands of soccer fans **#** stadiums each week, cheering on their favorites.

The game requres as much skill and coordination as most of the sports played in the States. I am sure that if it were publicized in the schools here, it would eventually achieve a large following, both as a participant and spectator sport of participants and spectators.

Students at the College have an advantage to learn soccer first hand. Unknown to many here, our booters are the collegiate champ of Gotham. They open their season against Panzer in the Stadium, Oct. 6.



ances of Sam Welcome, Jo Juhase, are expected to lead the field again. dents are taking advantage of the Claude Winter, Red Dengeles, Ita- Also on tap in the way of team courses, which Prof. Purcell feels to Fabro and Herb Ravitz, inte-competition is football (of the is symbolic of the enthusiasm

be the Table Tennis Tournament, enhance his enjoyment of the

the top winners being slated to game from the spectators, as well The Achilles Heel in the squad, lead other schools in local inter- as the participants, angle.

next Spring to all students. It is

teur sports.

