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## OP, Campus Get Equality In Fee Plan

The Student Council, at its meeting on Friday, October 15, approved new charters for the *Observation Post* and *Campus*, and passed on resolutions presented to it by the Committee on Publications.

In addition to recommending that the Fee Plan Provide each paper with enough money to publish twelve issues of four ad-free pages, SC took the following action regarding its policy towards school publications:

(1) Passed a resolution requiring that the meeting of the editorial-making body of the paper be opened to all staff members and any interested students, provided that they do not attempt to interfere in the discussion.

(2) Passed a resolution which stipulates that each publication shall be known as "An Undergraduate Newspaper of City College."

(3) Defeated a substitute resolution proposed by the SC Executive Committee, which would have Fee Plan support but one newspaper.

(For excerpts from new OP charter, see page 2.)

## Forum to Hear Party Positions

Representatives of four major political parties will discuss the national elections, on Thursday October 28, at 12:15 P.M.

In Great Hall

Paul O'Dwyer (Dem.-ALP), engaged in a hot battle in the 21 C.D. for the latter's seat in Congress, will take up the cudgels for President Truman. John Ellis (Rep.), himself fighting to unseat Vito Marcantonio (ALP) in the 13 C.D. will present the case for Governor Dewey.

Going to bat for Henry Wallace will be Eugene Connolly (ALP) who is seeking Congressional City Councilman office in the 20 C.D. against incumbent Sol Bloom (Dem.). The Socialists, and Norman Thomas, will be represented by Clarence Senior.

Stanley Rothman '49, member of the AVC executive committee, is in charge of arrangements. Commenting on the forum, he says, "The fact that large numbers of City College students represent independent voters illustrates the importance of this meeting. It provides an opportunity for the student-voter to get information on the election from first-hand sources."

The event is sponsored by the Government and Law Society, AVC, SDA, SAW, SAT, SLID, YRC, YDC, Hillel, AYD, and others.

# BHE Favors S.C. Petition For State Probe of Knickerbocker

## Mr. Wallace To Address Rally Friday

Henry Wallace, Progressive Party candidate for the presidency, will speak in the Great Hall on Friday, October 29, at 1 p.m., it was announced yesterday by Ed Sparer, president of Students for Wallace.

Because of a College ruling that the Great Hall may be used for meetings only on Thursdays from 12 to 2, and because Mr. Wallace is available to speak only on Friday at noon, it was necessary for Students for Wallace to get permission for the meeting from the



HENRY WALLACE

## S.C. to Act On State Petition

Action on a petition to State Commissioner of Education Francis T. Spaulding asking that he review the Knickerbocker case has been suspended since the Student council failed to obtain a quorum at its scheduled meeting last Friday.

The petition, drawn up by Alan Rosenwasser, President of the Day Session SC, and Hal Orbach, President of the Evening Session SC, will be presented to the Councils for their approval this week. The Commission cannot dismiss Knickerbocker but his review of the Board of Higher Education's action is comparable to court review.

### Thomas to Speak

Norman Thomas, Socialist Party Presidential Candidate, is scheduled to speak in the Great Hall this Friday at 3 P.M.

Student-Faculty Committee on Student Activities. The committee was polled by mail and unanimously granted the request.

The topic for discussion on Friday will be "Academic Freedom and Discrimination" and the meeting will be chaired by Sparer. Among other things, the program will contain folk songs sung with audience participation.

As this edition went to press, OP was unable to ascertain whether or not there will be other speakers on the program.

# Campus Political Groups Step Up Activity As Election Date Draws Near

By Alan E. Goldberg

The sweep and fury of the 1948 presidential campaign is being duplicated at the College with the same color and intensity which has long characterized the greatest of American pastimes.

A president is to be elected on November 2, but not without the sincere support of active campus groups working literally day and night on behalf of their candidates. Weeks of campus campaigning will come to a climax with the presentation of a pre-election Forum in Great Hall this Thursday and a speech by Henry Wallace scheduled for Friday. (See stories elsewhere on page one.)

This week's forum is only one of a series, the two latest having been held last Thursday, sponsored

by the Economics and History Societies. Student representatives of the four major political groups in the school spoke before the Economics Society in support of the presidential nominees. It was Ed Sparer, of Students for Wallace, who gave the forum its allotment of color, turning from the conventional political harangue to relating his personal experiences in the South as a Progressive Party worker.

Students for Wallace

The Wallace organization, activated in the Spring of 1948, has conducted an intensive campaign through distribution of leaflets, oratory, and off-campus canvassing in cooperation with local political units. Students for Wallace, in its fight to oust Knickerbocker

## Unity Council at City Hall Protests O'Dwyer Inaction

The Board of Higher Education would "look favorably" upon a plan to send a Student Council petition to State Commissioner of Education Francis E. Spaulding asking for action on the Knickerbocker case, according to Henry Katz, SC Treasurer and a member of the committee of eight which met with the Board last Thursday at 4 p.m.

The Board of Higher Education justified its former action in clearing Knickerbocker of charges of anti-semitism. The Board, according to Henry Katz, fully understands the feelings of the students but believes that they were wrong in condemning a man on the basis of the "inconclusive" testimony so far presented.

The BHE would welcome an investigation by Commissioner Spaulding, feeling sure their earlier decision would be upheld. Burt Diamond, Council for the American Jewish Congress, who was invited to participate by a SC resolution of October 8th, was not permitted to sit in at the closed meeting.

Brooklyn College

Action related to the Knickerbocker-Davis affair took place at Brooklyn College last week when fifteen student leaders were suspended by the school administration for picketing the College as a protest against the Knickerbocker case. The students claim that this is also the reason for an administration order prohibiting Henry Wallace from speaking there.

Unity Council

At this school the Unity Council for Democracy in Education, under the co-chairmanship of Paul Brown and Lisle Greenidge (Evening Session), organized a delegation of students from City, Brooklyn, Queens, Hunter, and Columbia to meet with Mayor O'Dwyer last Friday afternoon. They found the Mayor's offices empty and moved to City Hall Park to draw up a resolution stating that a mass demonstration would be held today at City Hall if the Mayor had not acted on the Knickerbocker case by Monday.

AYD Rally

American Youth for Democracy last Thursday sponsored a campus rally attended by about three hundred students. Speaking on the issue of anti-semitism at City College were Albert E. Kahn, President of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order, ALP candidate for Congress in the 25th Cong. District (Bronx); Rabbi Max Feishin of the Radio City Synagogue; Dave Tyson, President of the Frederick Douglass Society and Paul Brown, co-chairman of the Unity Council.

## Junior Prom

Pledges for the Junior Prom may be secured from Mr. Jackson, Central Treasurer, in Room 120 Main until Nov. 10, according to Charlotte Weissman, president of AYD.

The Prom is scheduled to be held on Nov. 26 at the Hotel McAlpin and tickets are available at \$5.00 per couple. Juniors may reserve tickets by leaving a \$2.00 deposit with Mr. Jackson. Mail order will also be accepted.

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# OBSERVATION POST

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Until the OP charter is accepted by the SFCUSA, OP must continue to operate under its old charter which provides for a board of directors composed of representatives from AVC and OP.

All opinions expressed in the editorial column of this newspaper are determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

## No Apology For Bias

It is deplorable that the Administration has taken upon itself the role of apologist for Mr. William E. Knickerbocker.

In this role it has striven to becloud the whole matter by attempting to discredit the complainants and the testimony made against Knickerbocker.

By clearing aside the excess verbiage obscuring the Knickerbocker case we can look at the facts:

Knickerbocker has condemned himself. He has given ample testimony to the City Council Committee proving that he allowed his anti-Semitic opinions to influence his work as Chairman of the Romance Languages Department.

With respect to Clifford T. McAvoy's affidavit that Knickerbocker had stated:

"These students are different. More than two-thirds of the students are Jewish. They are always trying to put something over; they have no respect for authority and you can't treat them as gentlemen."

Mr. Knickerbocker testified before the Faculty Committee as follows:

"I may have said there are Jews, and I may have added Christians, who can not be treated as gentlemen."

Before the City Council Committee his testimony was: "I don't know, I say I may have, I don't recall that."

The City Council charged that this testimony in and of itself, indicates that the question of his students' religion was a factor in Knickerbocker's mind. Other testimony by Knickerbocker only serves to confirm this conclusion. Neither the Committee nor the OP Board of Directors can understand why, in discussing the treatment to be accorded students, the question of their religion should even be considered by anyone, unless he is anti-Jewish, or anti-Christian.

When Councilman Hart brought up the question of the Ward Medal, which had not originally been awarded to Morten Gurewitsch, Knickerbocker testified:

"... I doubt whether I would have given the medal to Gurewitsch if we had known that he had received credit for that Honors Course."

Knickerbocker further testified that he never knew that in awarding the Ward Medal "proficiency was that which we had to go by exclusively until about a year ago" (1946). In view of the fact that the award was made in 1942 and Knickerbocker states that he did not learn until 1946 that it was to be made upon the basis of proficiency, it is difficult to ascertain on what basis it was actually made; and particularly, on what basis he would not have awarded it to Gurewitsch, unless we accept the testimony of Professor Muller to the effect that Gurewitsch was excluded from consideration because he was a Jew.

We agree with the City Council, that "While there is no direct evidence that Professors Bach-y-Rita and Polinger were removed from the promotion lists because of their activities in connection with this investigation, or that Professors Cross and Muller, for the same reason failed to obtain recommendations for promotion, it is significant that before these charges were made both Bach-y-Rita and Polinger were continuously recommended for promotion. . . ."

At last Tuesday's Presidential Forum the Administration refused to allow Professors Cross and Polinger to appear and to answer the charges directed at them. The Administration also completely disregarded the City Council Report except to intimate that it was politically motivated.

We are not concerned here with motivations. Whether the motivations of the complainants or the City Council were

# Lost and Found Would Be Lost Without Alpha Phi Omega

All sort of odds and ends, mostly odds, turn up in Room 20B, a small but neatly kept room, opposite the Main Building Cafeteria. Articles ranging from delicate unmentionables to heavy overcoats, to neatly printed political literature, to patched-up hot water bottles and tattered towels and to army boots and seductive evening gowns, are deposited into the reluctant but resigned arms of the efficient and take-it-with-a-smile operators of the Lost and Found.

## "Barney" Elevator Man, Retired After Serving Eighteen Vertical Years

Every day seems to be National Something Day, or part of National Something-else Week, so the custodial staff of City College got on the band-wagon by declaring Tuesday, October 19th, "Bernard (Barney) McGowan Day."

In a simple ceremony conducted in the Faculty Room at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, "Barney" was officially retired from his post as the Main Building elevator operator before an audience of approximately 50 friends and well-wishers, including Dr. Harry N. Wright, President of the College.

"Barney," who has reached the mandatory retirement age of 70 after eighteen years of service at City, was congratulated by Dr. Wright for his "positive contribution to the education of the thousands of students with whom you have come into contact during your years at the College."

Mr. Edgar E. McKnight and Mr. James F. McLaughlin participated in the presentation of a sum of money to "Barney," which was contributed by members of the custodial staff.

"I guess I'll take it easy for a while, and then I'll buy myself a job. Must be some job I can buy," "Barney" said, grinning. —P. E.



"BARNEY"

Microcosm '49 is now accepting pledges from February, June, and August graduates. Pledges can be obtained in Room 109AH between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The Lost and Found of City College is able to function through the efforts of Alpha Phi Omega, a fraternity dedicated to the service of the College.

In all cases, every effort is made to return rightful owners to their lost articles. A postal card is sent when the name and address of the owner appears on the lost object.

Paradoxically, most things called "lost" are not turned in, and most things turned in are not called "lost." In the latter case, after a reasonable period of time has elapsed, the articles are donated to the Salvation Army and other similar, charitable organizations.

Lost address books, wallets, purses, keys, and fountain pens are usually quickly reclaimed, while slightly-used textbooks and malodorous gym clothes find more permanent homes on dusty shelves.

APO brothers take their work seriously, and while they are usually cheerful, they admit that wisecracks who continuously come looking for "the girl-friend," "last week," and "three-dollar bills" are pretty obnoxious.

But, the boys of APO can take all of this in their stride, as they all have had a fine background in service and politeness; they are all former Boy Scouts.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In an issue of "Free and Equal" of October 21, the following sentence was printed:

"The Council was formed at the initiative of the Evening Session Inter-racial Society and among the founders were members of the Frederick Douglass Society, Dramsoc, Hillel Foundation, etc."

The council referred to in the above sentence is the Unity Council for Democracy in Education.

We feel that this sentence implies that members of Dramsoc present at this meeting were acting as representatives of our society. This is not the case.

Since Dramsoc is not in any way an affiliate of this Council, we feel that this unauthorized use of our name is a liberty which we cannot allow to pass unnoticed. We, therefore, ask that you print this letter in your next issue.

Dramsoc Executive Committee  
Sheppard Kerman, Secretary

Dear Editor:

The Government-Law Society of the College would like to raise its

voice along with that of THIC, in protesting the indiscriminate use of its name on leaflets distributed by the "Committee of Student Liberals." No permission was granted to this "committee" by any authorized member of the Society to use its name for any reason. A group advocating "legal, democratic" action should take care not to violate its own principles in an effort to influence voters.

Jack B. Levitt  
Sec'y, GovLaw Soc.

Dear Editor:

The protests of the Day Session Sociology Society and Dramsoc are unfounded. "Free and Equal's" report read: "... among the founders were Members of the Douglass Society, Dramsoc, Hillel, A.Y.D., S.D.A. . . ."

### Letter Writers

We're gratified at the outpouring of letters from the student body but please limit all communications to 200 words. —Ed.

The organizations that affiliated to form the Council were the Evening Session Psychology and Sociology Societies, Students for Wallace (day and evening), A.Y.D. (day and evening), the Interracial Society, and the Marxist Cultural Society.

Members of the protesting organizations affiliated as individuals, and did not affiliate their clubs.

Ed Rosenberg  
Editor, Free and Equal

Dear Editor:

In the October 21 issue of "Free and Equal," distributed by the Unity Council, the Sociology Society was listed as one of the founders of the Unity Council. We wish to correct this false statement.

Not only did the Sociology Society not send any representative to the meeting referred to in the story, but no individual member of the Society was present.

If the author of the story meant to refer to the Evening Session Sociology Society, he should have said so. As he wrote the story, the name "Sociology Society" was grouped together with organizations which are only in the Day Session. Because of this the reader would certainly take it to refer to the Day Session Society.

We strongly object to the name of our organization being used by any group in so obviously a false manner.

Phyllis Heitner  
Day Session, Sociology Soc.

selfish or altruistic does not at any point affect the validity of the charges. Knickerbocker either committed acts of anti-Semitism as Chairman of the Romance Languages Department or he did not—and the record clearly shows that he did.

We call upon the Administration to bring back those "healthy conditions" requested at the Forum by impressing upon him the urgent "need" for his retirement.

If the Administration or Mr. Knickerbocker wishes to answer the charges made here OP will grant them space equal to the above editorial.

# Mostly Faddle

By Arthur Uscher



Perseverance is a quality which can either make or break a fellow. Sometimes it can do both at the same time. This is not good. Perseverance can bring you fame and fortune, but it can also bring you a nervous breakdown. Then, you must be retired to an asylum and no matter how famous you are, you cannot hope to compete with the various "Almighty Gods," "Napoleons," and "Schmoes who claim to be Shmoos."

But, let's not take extreme cases. We have to look no further than our own college in order to see examples of perseverance. By and large, who are the most persevering people in this college? That's right, our leg-leg-declaring friends, the engineers.

It's very simple to spot engineering students; they're always so pale and undernourished. The only way they ever see the sun is when it is reflected from the pages of Kell's *Calculus* or Guff and Stuff's *Mechanical Engineering Made So Easy That Maybe You'll Sleep Tonight*. Another simple way to spot an engineering student; he always looks at you hungrily, as though you might be the answer to a physics problem.

But the acid test for determining whether or not the guy who is sitting next to you and eating his books while studying his lunch is or is not an engineer, is by using the political intelligence test. Ask him a political question—nothing that is too well known around the school—something like, "Have you ever heard the name Knickerbocker mentioned around this school?" If he is an engineer, he either answers, "Huh?" or "Leave me alone you-yea-yea unknown variable in X, you" (a rather violent expression of opinion for engineering student), or "Why don't you go back where you came from?" Any person who answers the above question in any other way could not possibly be an engineer, because other answers to that question require a certain amount of imagination.

Now don't get me wrong, I have nothing against engineering students. "Why, some of my best friends are engineering students." I even went so far as to invite one of them to my home (you can see that I'm really trying to make democracy work). He had a grand time—there were so many radios, typewriters, and other gadgets that he was able to putter around with. To this day, he bows and thanks me.

Another time, I made a date with an engineer friend of mine to go out drinking. He told me that he was down in the dumps and needed something to pick him up. I told him that he was the doctor. He took me down to some classy looking place on Broadway. I think it was called Walgreen's. It was then I realized how bad off the guy really was, because as soon as we sat down, he ordered six double shots of Pepsi-Cola—without chasers, no less. He downed these one after another, hardly pausing for breath. I could see his eyes begin to glaze and his voice became as thick as an old fashioned split-pea soup. It was then that he began to open up. I don't know whether it was his gas content or an explosion of his long-repressed emotions, but he sure poured his heart out to me.

He told me how his life was just one integration after another. He cried when he told me that he had studied perfect curves for so long that no girl can appeal to him anymore. His voice cracked as he related the sad tale of his favorite T-square. After the T-square had outlived its usefulness, this tender engineer laid it away in the family treasure chest. He used to look at it every night, recalling the memories of beautiful nights spent together over a hot drawing board. Then, one night he discovered that the T-square was missing. Some "money hungry" member of his family had sold the T-square to a junk dealer. And to this day, this engineer cannot stand to see a box of toothpicks, because he is reminded of the probable fate of his most beloved T-square. Life is a rough road to travel sometimes.

If you are an engineering student and are angry about what I have written, it's O.K. This article was not aimed at you. It's pointed toward the engineering student who really lives for nothing but the next day's formula—the guy who takes great pride in sneering at anything which doesn't pertain strictly to engineering.

## Message Handling Service Resumed by College Amateur Radio Station W2HJ

The Amateur Radio Society is resuming its message handling service through Station W2HJ. Students and college organizations. Messages will be transmitted to persons in all parts of this country, Canada, Cuba, Peru, and to the members of the occupation forces overseas. There is no charge for this service.

The communications will be delivered directly by amateur radio stations or, when necessary, relayed by intermediary stations. Also, messages received at the College will be delivered to the student or organization for whom they are intended.

Messages should be deposited in the mailbox provided on the Society's bulletin board near Room 2, Main. Message blanks are also available on this bulletin board. The Society's 500 watt transmitter makes the College's station, W2HJ, which is subsidized by the Fee plan (Day), one of the most powerful college amateur stations.

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## SC Honors Awards

Starting October 22nd, the Honors and Awards Committee of Student Council will accept applications for the Major and Minor Insignia. If any student feels that he has given outstanding service to the college, the members of the committee strongly urge him to apply.

All that is asked is that the briefs handed in have the name, address and class of the applicant. It should also contain a complete list of activities including offices held and length of service in each activity.

No applications will be received after Friday, November 5th.

## TIIC Annual Party Will Be Gala Smoker

The annual social function of the TIIC this semester will be gala smoker. The primary function of the affair will be to present the TIIC and the engineering societies to the members of the Freshman and Sophomore classes. Men of these classes are not aware of the activities of the Tech school, and it is felt that they should begin to take interest as early as possible. The smoker is now still in the planning stage. It is hoped that the societies will cooperate in entertaining at each society's smoker. Wednesday, November 24, has been set as a tentative date.

The Employment committee has been very active since the beginning of the semester. Many of its activities are not ready for publication as yet, but will be announced in the next few weeks. One of its outstanding plans is a brochure prepared for seniors to aid them in making applications for jobs. It will contain the names of many of the industrial firms in and near New York, their addresses, and, for firms having offices in other cities, the names of the personnel managers. Aid will also be given in the preparation of resumes.

The TIIC reaffirmed its desire to protest the indiscriminate use of its name at the October 14 meeting. Protest to Dean Peace is planned.

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# CLUB NEWS

### A.I.E.E.

Lt. Commander Carleton, USN, who is stationed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, will deliver a talk to the American Institute of Electrical Engineers on Thursday, October 28th, at 12:30 P.M. in Room 205 Main. He will speak on "Electronic Developments in the Navy."

### A.V.C.

A.V.C. will hold a membership meeting on November 4th at 12:30 P.M. in room 208 Main. At this meeting it will be decided whether or not A.V.C. will affiliate with the Unity Council. Confirmation or rejection of the Exec recommendation of William Fortunato to the O.P. Board of Directors will also be voted upon.

### Physics Society

The Atomic Energy Center of Long Island at Brookhaven is once again to be host to the members of the Physics Society on November 26th. Only members of the Society will be admitted. The Society is encouraging members to attend lectures, and write articles for their magazine, which is to come out in late December, since graduates have found that prospective employers are interested in their extra-curricular as well as their academic work.

### Sociology Society

The Sociology Society is fairly buzzing with plans for an active program for this semester. This new program provides for the active participation of the organization in the newly formed Joint Council of Social Sciences, which intends to issue a publication.

According to the present schedule a discussion of that ever exciting subject known as "Courtship" will take place on November 4th. Future plans include a lecture on "Propaganda Analysis" by Joseph Klapper, an authority in the field, on November 18th. The club is especially enthusiastic about the Symposium to be conducted under its auspices on December 2nd concerning "Vocational Opportunities in Sociology and Related Fields," with the participation of all the members of the Sociology department.

### Kappa Delta Pi

Kappa Delta Pi, honor society in education, will have its initiation meeting in the Webb Room on November 5th at 8 p.m. Dean Turner, faculty advisor of KDP, has great hopes for a successful year under the administration of Samuel Cohen '48 and Ed Marcantonio '48.

### Hillel

Two cans of condensed milk and fifty cents was the admission price to Hillel's J.P.C. benefit in the Drill Hall Saturday night. Entertainment was provided by Broadway dancers Samja and Sascha, and the Ames Brothers quartet.

### Economics Society

Peter K. Hawley, Executive Director of Local 95 UOPWA, will speak to the Economics Society on, "The Effect of the Taft-Hartley Law on Trade Unions." The meeting will be held in Room 202 at 12:15 P.M. on Thursday, October 28th.

### Gamma Sigma Kappa

Rushing will begin the week of November 1st for Gamma Sigma Kappa, the oldest sorority on the campus. All interested female seniors, juniors, and sophomores leave their name and class in the mail box in Room 20 Main.

### Journal of Social Studies

The staff of the Journal of Social Studies, the organ of the Joint Council of Social Sciences, will meet Thursdays in Room 15A from 12-2 P.M. All those interested in writing for the magazine or contributing to its publication, please contact the Joint Council in its new offices in Room 15A Main.

### BASKERVILLE CHEM.

How to get into Graduate School and to get jobs in industry will be the topics of a forum this Thursday, Nov. 4, sponsored by the Baskerville Chem. Soc., at which members of the Faculty will speak.

Last week the Society showed an interesting documentary film on the medical profession.

# CLUB OFFICERS: Increase Your Membership Activate Your Old Members

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# Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I'm stuck up here for a while waiting for an operation or two, but today a friend sent me a copy of O.P. It was swell seeing a CCNY newspaper and I was glad to see that there are some students who are still fighting for what so many veterans of both world wars lost their legs, arms or half of their faces.

It's easy to forget that democracy and justice were paid for in blood and suffering by so many. It's only a little more than three years since the last war ended, but when it comes to united student action to fight anti-Semitism and Jimcrow, indifference is the attitude shown.

I'm ashamed that all veteran-students of CCNY didn't demand

that justice be dealt out to men like Knickerbocker and Davis. Do they forget that Americans, black and white, Christian and Jew, died, were maimed, or are now in psychopathic wards here at the hospital? It's easy to talk democratically, but are they ready to live democratically?

Students, speak for all of us here who would demand justice! Veterans, join your AVC Chapter and demand that something be done to justify our buddies' deaths! Think of the remaining veterans who are still suffering here at the hospital.

Think, make a determined stand, and ACT NOW!

—Francis Kramer, U. Jr. 3  
Kingsbridge Veterans Hospital  
Bronx, New York

To the Editor:

Should students at this college be allowed to take part in political activity? And should they be given a voice in the administration of the school?

Recently, there was a demonstration in this college in which the students attempted to exercise a veto power on a decision of the Board of Higher Education. A group of children sat down in Lincoln Corridor, and enjoyed themselves over the prospect of cutting their classes. This behavior was completely distasteful to me for the simple reason that I was forced to miss a class.

The heat of the present election campaign would make it impossible to cut off all political activity, but after November 3 we won't have this problem. Therefore, I'm suggesting that after election day the students of the City College simply refrain from political activity. This does not mean the end of all discussion, for we can

have plenty of arguments without passing out leaflets or making stump speeches.

The whole machinery of student government should be abolished. The Student Council has never accomplished anything and, unlike the United Nations, its debates aren't even enlightening.

If carried out, this suggestion will force and/or enable many students to get down to the business of learning. As such it will run into a lot of opposition, but it's worth some thought.

—Henry Scherer  
P.S. — If anyone resents the remarks made, or the inferences drawn in this letter, they can get in touch with me at the Hillel Foundation, where we can settle this.

(Editor's Note: We'll reserve comment on the proposals in this letter, but in the meantime we'd warn our readers that Mr. Scherer is 6 feet tall and weighs about 100 lbs.)

## Senior Prom

The deadline for Senior Prom pledges has been extended to Friday, November 5. Pledges may be obtained in 100 Army Hall between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

# College's NSA Asks Status OK

By Nat Halabaky

Proposals will be presented to Student Council within the next week or two to give the College's NSA delegation a permanent and clearly-defined position on the campus,

Observation Post learned yesterday.

At present, the NGA delegates are administrative "orphans," without a regular organization of their own, and without a definite set of rules to govern their activities.

To end this condition, the five delegates and four alternates will introduce a proposal to SC that provides for the chairman of the NSA group to be automatically a member of the Student Council Executive Committee with voting privileges. They will also ask that the delegates be made ex-officio members of SC, with speaking, but not voting, rights.

According to the delegates, most of the work that should be done by the NSA on the College campus is now being covered by the SC's Inter-collegiate Affairs Committee. This not only keeps the student body ignorant of the activities of their NSA delegates, but also tends to demoralize the representatives, whose attempts to start independent activity on campus are met with cries that they would only be duplicating another group's functions.

The proposals of the NSA representatives will provide for a College NSA Committee, which will be in charge of all local activities that are connected with the regional or national NSA organizations.

## Wallace Ahead in Student Poll

Henry A. Wallace is the Presidential choice of the students of the City College, according to a random poll taken last week on the campus. The survey was conducted by Walter Harvett of Paris Polls.

A breakdown of the statistics gathered shows the following student preferences:

	Men	Women	Total
Wallace	97	26	123
Truman	61	24	85
Dewey	45	21	66
Thomas	41	10	51
Others	6	8	14
Undecided	14	11	25
<b>Totals</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>360</b>

According to Harvett, if Franklin D. Roosevelt were alive today and running for office, the poll shows he would receive more votes than any three other candidates. In the absence of Roosevelt, however, his supporters have split their ranks and are today favoring such divergent views as those expressed by Wallace, Truman and Dewey, as well as those of Thomas.

The students polled were not necessarily voters.

## Elections

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ing for a heavy turnout of votes, individual members working in unison with district Democratic chapters.

The man who, for the fifth time, is running for the office of president, Norman Thomas, is ably backed by a compact body of students organized under the name of Students for Thomas. Leon Milman is the President of this group which works efficiently for the furtherance of the aims of Socialism. Their representative at the Economics Society Forum spoke in opposition to the Democratic and Republican parties as well as Henry Wallace's movement, calling his program a "formless heap of reforms."

### Young Republicans

"The Young Republicans wish to show the public that City College is not the Communist college that people unjustly call it," Vincent Gurahian, President of the Young Republicans, said in presenting the aims of his organization. The Young Republicans, with a membership of forty, believes that only through personal contact, as opposed to the leaflet method, can real political progress be made. The supporters of Thomas E. Dewey for the presidency, last Friday night presented Senator Owen Brewster (Rep.-Me.), Congressman Jacob K. Javits and John Ellis, candidate for Congress against Vito Marcantonio (ALP) in New York's 18th District, who spoke at a gathering in Army Hall.

The History Society conducted their forum with outside speakers representing the four major political parties.

## AH Residents In Vote Fight

Fifteen students residing in the Army Hall Dormitory have not been permitted to register for the November 2nd elections because the law does not consider college residents eligible to vote except at their home addresses, reports Nathan Ginsberg, Chairman of the City College Chapter of the American Veterans Committee.

The fifteen students, World War II veterans, five of whom have lived at Army Hall for one year and seven for two or more years, have appealed to the AVC to effect a reinstatement of their franchise.

Nat Ginsberg, Friday, rushed a telegram to the National Secretary of the AVC pointing out that the students in question have no other residence from which to cast their ballots.

A wire was also sent to the New York City Board of Elections explaining that some of the fifteen students "have even received bonuses from New York State proving that they are residents."

The story was first revealed on October 3rd when Jack R. Sherman, one of the fifteen, notified Arthur Schutzer, State Secretary of the American Labor Party, who pledged to wage a legal contest on behalf of the students.

## Big Demand on Tix for "Street Scene"

An unprecedented demand for tickets to the Theatre Workshop production of "Street Scene" has prompted the addition of a Sunday evening performance on November 14th. The "Standing Room Only" sign is being dusted off for use on Saturday, November 13th, since tix for that date are all gone. Excellent seats are still available, however, for the performance on the 12th and the 14th.

Mr. Wilson Lehr (Public Speaking), who is the General Director

of TW, has invited Erin O'Brien Moore, the famous actress who created the role of Rose Murrant, to attend a rehearsal. She has agreed to come and spread words of inspiration to the cast. Elmer Rice has consented to speak on a broadcast on WNYC which the workshop has arranged.

All seats are reserved and are selling for \$3.50 including tax. Discounts are available at the rear of the cafeteria and in Room 228A.

## OP Charter Excerpts

The following are excerpts from the Observation Post's new charter explaining how the Board of Directors, which decides the editorial policy of this paper, is organized.

### ARTICLE 4

Section II: The Board of Directors shall consist of:

- (1) Three representatives of the OP staff association.
- (2) One representative of a departmental organization of the School of Technology.
- (3) Two representatives of two departmental organizations of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and/or the School of Education.
- (4) One representative of the American Veterans Committee (National 796) provided the chapter operates in accordance with its charter and has 75 members in good standing.
- (5) And sufficient representatives of other organizations which are members of the Student Council, Day Session, Main Center.

Section III: Invitations to organizations for membership on the Board of Directors shall be made by the Managing Board of OP in accordance with the following criteria:

- (1) The organizations shall be members of the Student Council.
- (2) The organizations must have operated in accordance with the purposes outlined in their charter during the two terms preceding their possible representation on the Board of Directors.
- (3) Organizations must have at least 75 members in good standing to be eligible for consideration.

(4) No organization shall be a member of the board for more than once in three consecutive semesters except for the OP Staff Association and the A. V. C. (National 796).

(5) The managing board shall attempt to choose a Board of Directors which will represent the diversified interests of the student body. Main Center, Day Session.

Section IV: Except for the OP Staff Association and the AVC, the organizations shall be members of the Board of Directors for only one semester at a time and shall begin to exercise their powers at the beginning of the term following their confirmation by the Student Council.

Section V: A list of organizations invited to join the OP Board of Directors and proof of their eligibility shall be submitted to the Student Council, Day Session, Main Center, one month before the end of each term.

The Student Council will vote to confirm or reject this list only on the basis of compliance or non-compliance of the OP Managing Board with Article 4, Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, of this charter.

Section VI: The members of the Board of Directors and their representation shall be listed in the paper's masthead.

### ARTICLE 5

Section 1: The duties of the Board of Directors are:

To determine editorial policy, initiate and approve all editorials to be printed.

Section II: If a dispute as to editorial policy arises, any three members of the Board of Directors may constitute an organized minority and shall be provided with space equal to that given editorials on the same topic.

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# Pre-Season Met Hoop Forecast

By Dick Sommer

While we are anxiously awaiting the appearance of Nat Holman's latest squad, let's look into our cloudy crystal ball and discover which Met hoop squads will enter the Tournament next March.

Through the mist we see St. John's Manhattan, and City College emerge as Gothams best.

Here, as part of our pre-season review, are the lineups and outlook for some of the local teams.

**LIU**—Clair Bee's boys would ordinarily be a "sure thing," but the Blackbirds have a 30-game schedule which includes the champion St. Louis Billikins (twice), North Carolina State, Western Kentucky, Bowling Green, Utah, Duquesne, Seton Hall, Oregon (2), and Wittenberg (2). Eight of those thirty games are in the wild, wild, west.

**LIU** has all of last year's veterans (except for Bob Smith) and several outstanding newcomers, most impressive of whom is 6'8" Sherman White of Englewood, N. J. Teamed with Ed Gard, Jack French, Herb Scherer, Andy Anderson, Nat Miller, et al., the Blackbirds emerge with a team of tremendous height and fight. All this and Lipman too looks like LIU may end up knocking on the invitation door.

**MANHATTAN**—That rumble in the North Bronx is the Manhattan Express. Ken Norton's Jaspers (20-5 last year) have lost Veryzer and Burke from the NAIB Tourney Squad of '47-'48. Gerald Cokane is slated to return after a season of ineligibility. Added to this 6'7" Mike Joyce, one of the most improved ball players we've seen. Jack Byrnes, Bob Kelly, Hank Poppe, Bill Woods, and Freddie Schwartz figure to be highly effective in keeping Manhattan high in the ratings.

**ST. JOHN'S**—The Tolans, Westons, and McGuires are making the Redmen a family entry. The McGuires, Frank (coach), Tricky Dicky (number one, grade A type) and Al M. (brother) may spark the Redmen to a championship. Frank Plantamura is lost from last year's war party, but the Redmen are calling up Al McGuire, Ray Dombrosky, and others from an undefeated frosh squad.

by Sommer, and policeman Tom Tolan are around and the much heralded, yet little seen, Gerry Calabrese (he of the trick knees) can make the Redmen big chiefs.

**NYU** — The witted Violets look deceptively weak having lost Forman, Lump, Schayes, Kelly, Bonis and Derderian. Word from our agents around Howie Cann indicate that the new team is al-

ready down to eleven men. NYU faces a relatively tame 19-game schedule. What with Abe Becker, John O'Boyle, Milt Sumin and long Walt Hendry teaming with veterans Joe Bolhon, Joel Kaufman, John Barry, Dan Quilty and Dick Kor the disaster which so many have predicted for the Violets may not come about.

## Kid La Starza Undefeated As Pro Fighter

By Dave Weinstein

Roland La Starza is a name to remember. Just fifteen months ago he left our friendly campus on a leave of absence and today he is the toast of Jacob's Beach. Only twenty-one years of age, the Kid, as he is affectionately called, is a former Golden Glove Light Heavyweight Champ, Sub-Novice Class. Since turning pro, he has had some twenty-eight fights and won them all, 10 by knockouts and five by TKO's. Ring Magazine has tabbed him as a prospect who improves with every fight and calls him a can, miss heavyweight contender of the future.

Only 5'10", he is a fighter who punches with all the ferocity that his slim 189-pound frame will allow. A fighter of the Joe Louis school he possesses a similar methodically shuffling pace. He cocks his fists a la Lee Savold, but is rarely inclined to throw wild punches. Always cool throughout the fight, Roland has the savoir faire of keeping the crowd on the edge of their seats by capitalizing on the smallest slips that his opponent makes. Never overanxious when he gets his adversary in trouble, Roland sizes up carefully and makes all punches count.

All veteran fightmen predict a great future for their ex-Beaver. Managed by Jimmy DiAngelo, Roland has defeated, among his unbroken, such competent fighters as Don Moore, Mel Jacobs (that's right) Mel McKinney, Teddy George, Oscar Goode, and Claude McIntosh. "With more young boxers like Roland La Starza coming up," says Pic Magazine, "boxing will regain the eminence it attained in the sports world in the Golden Twenties."

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### Lichtman Stars In Ping Pong Tourney

Milton Lichtman, triumphant in last term's ping pong intramural competition, successfully defended his title against a field of 20 entrants, in South Hall last Thursday.

Lichtman, displaying a superlative hook and a battering drive, overwhelmed Ben Green, in a savagely fought contest which culminated with Lichtman winning by the scores of 21-17 and 21-18. David Kramer and Martin Rothman finished third and fourth respectively.

Plans are underway to hold a Beat Brooklyn Rally on our Campus a few days before the Beaver-Kingsmen football game in November.

A huge bonfire and a torchlit parade will highlight the affair which promises to be one of the greatest demonstrations of student faith in the Lavender grid squad.

# Stars Celebrate Homecoming Day

A varied sports program consisting of athletic meetings and contests was offered to the many alumni who attended the College's first Alumni Homecoming Day last Saturday.

The Day was sponsored by the Intercollegiate Athletic Association and Dr. Sam Winograd, Faculty Manager of Athletics planned the program.

The afternoon's activities were initiated with a business meeting of the Varsity Alumni Association held in the Main Gym.

Next on the agenda was the dedication of the Herbert Miles Holton '99 Trophy Case, donated by the Class of '48. (Mr. Holton, who played lacrosse here, now holds a position on the Faculty Athletic Committee.)

#### Olympic Trophy

Henry Wittenberg, Class of 1940, presented to President Wright the case's first trophy. It was the Gold Medal which Wittenberg won as light heavyweight wrestling champ at the XIV Olympiad in London last summer.

Later in the afternoon, Nat Holman's newest varsity squad engaged the freshmen five in an exhibition of Lavender basketball skill. The Homecoming officially concluded at 8:30 P.M. at which time the Alumni were invited to witness the Beaver-Wagner football game.

## Wittenberg, Olympic Champ, Began Wrestling Career Here

Few of Gothams sports scribes mentioned City College as a factor in developing the finest U. S. amateur wrestler, when they reported Henry Wittenberg's victory in the Olympics last summer in London. It was Joe Sapora who persuaded Henry to become a wrestler rather than a varsity swimmer here. No one around here has ever been sorry over Hank's decision. For since graduation in 1940 Wittenberg has not been beaten in over 320 matches.

When we speak of wrestlers today, we are apt to visualize the brainless (they must be, to take such a beating) brutes who earn their living by engaging in pre-arranged contests (?) mocking this great sport.

Henry, as well as the other

amateur wrestlers in the world, unable as to put the lie to this generalization and to see wrestling as an honorable pastime. Like most of the athletes at our college, Wittenberg is not only brawn. He has a sheepskin from Columbia Teachers College to certify this. After teaching school a while, he joined New York's finest, and is now a twice decorated detective. He once barehanded apprehended two armed thugs. At another time he saved two children from a burning building.

Besides wrestling on it, Henry has another use for canvas. He paints in oils. That reminds us of little Joe Brown, boxing instructor at Princeton, who gives classes there in the art of sculpturing as well as fisticuffs. But that's another story.

### Chess

Competition is keen in the weekly matches of the Chess Club. Much of the incentive this term is due to the fact that the top players of the Club will be the team members to defend the National Intercollegiate Team title in the Biennial U. S. Intercollegiate Team Championship held by the U. S. Chess Federation.

#### Chess Scores

Current leaders in the Chess Ladder of more than 40 participants are:

- Howard Harrisom ... 1303
- Kevin Plesset ... 1255
- Richard ... 1235
- Israel Rothman ... 1233
- Eugene Shapiro ... 1199
- Lionel Wisneff ... 1195
- Richard Vogel ... 1172
- Adolph Stern ... 1155

The newly elected officers for this term are H. Harrisom, President; K. Plesset, Vice-President; I. Rothman, Secretary; and Eugene Shapiro, Treasurer.

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