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Knickerbocker Defies City Council Order; Dr. Bergeron's Retirement Announced

Fee Plan Bids Set for Oct. 1; Forms Go Out

With October 1 set as the deadline for all applications to the Student-Faculty Fee Committee, Student Council, last Tuesday, began distribution of the necessary forms. All clubs and organizations registered within the Dept. of Student Life and in existence for one regular school semester are eligible to submit budgetary requests.

The Fee Committee, composed of three members of the faculty and six student representatives appointed by SC, allocated approximately \$4,500 to forty-one organizations last semester. Since all funds are derived from student registration fees, it is still too early to know how much will be at the disposal of the committee this term. The committee must also settle the matter of a \$2,500 loan advanced by President Wright through the President's Fund. This loan, which was credited with saving the Fee Plan setup last term, came as a result of the Veteran Administration's inability to make immediate payment for its share of the student activities fee. The College still has had no definite word from the VA on payment for last term. To further complicate the matter, it is yet too early to tell whether the plan for sending 400 business students to the downtown center will permit a larger enrollment here.

Budget Requests

All budgetary requests must first be presented to the S.C. Finance Committee which will be in charge of preliminary screening. Final action, however, will be taken by the Student Faculty Fee Committee under the chairmanship of Dean Peace. Dean Crawley, who chaired the committee last semester, expressed the hope that the original faculty committee—Prof. Boiek, Prof. Harold Wolfe, and Dr. George Haetner—would continue in their positions. Student representatives, appointed at the last regular session of S.C. are: Henry Katz, Stan Miller, Jerry Wirrad, Hare Shjowitz, Walter Krot, and Morris Ashinsky.

Twenty copies of the budgetary requests are required. The necessary forms are on hand in Room 20.

The retirement of Dr. Maxime L. Bergeron, professor of romance languages, has been announced by President Harry N. Wright. Dr. Bergeron's retirement was effective September 1, 1948.

A member of the City College since September 1905, Dr. Bergeron was made a full professor in January 1937.

Claims Council Lacks Authority; Alumni Assn. Backs Council Action; Student Group Organizes Fight

By ALAN E. GOLDBERG

Professor William E. Knickerbocker, Chairman of the Department of Romance Languages, whom the New York City Council branded as "unfit to hold his position" in view of his alleged slander of persons of the Jewish faith, asserted on Sept. 14 that he intends to stay on at the college in the face of a recommendation for his retirement made by the City Council on June 22, 1948. He further stated in an interview with Observation Post

that "the City Council has no authority over me."

Prof. Maxime L. Bergeron, Romance Languages, also involved with Prof. Knickerbocker in alleged anti-semitic conduct against colleagues and students, has applied for retirement as of Sept. 1, 1948, according to President Wright's office.

The City Council approved by a vote of 16-0 the report of an investigating sub-committee which recommended that "Prof. Knickerbocker be requested to apply for retirement prior to the commencement of the next semester and upon his failure to do so within a reasonable time that he be relieved of his duties."

A meeting of the Board of Higher Education on Sept. 27 may produce action which will bolster the recommendations of the Council, according to Rabbi Zuckerman, faculty advisor of Hillel.

In the light of Prof. Knickerbocker's refusal to ask for retirement, a new student anti-discrimination organization, formed in August, 1948, is preparing to inaugurate a campaign to implement the removal of Knickerbocker. The new group was formed by A.Y.D., Students for Wallace, with Hillel, AVC and the Douglass Society participating. Lenny Strauss, Vice President of Students for Wallace, declared that it is also the purpose of the group to assure the end of Jim Crow practices in Army Hall and to relieve from his duties W. C. Davis, ousted Army Hall administrator, at present with the Economics Department.

The City Council is being supported by the Board of Directors of the Associate Alumni which, at its 158th meeting on June 23, 1948, voted faith and confidence in the Council report and endorsed the recommendation to retire Prof. Knickerbocker.

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N. S. A. Congress Okays Exec. Veto on I. U. S.

By NAT HALERSKY

After two days of discussion and parliamentary activity, the first annual National Student Congress, meeting at Madison, Wisconsin last month, voted not to affiliate with the International Union of Students, but agreed to work with the IUS on individual projects of a non-political nature.

In a later action, the 650 delegates elected Eugene G. Schwartz '49, a delegate

NEW FEE CHAIRMAN



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Phillipine Vets!

The Veterans Administration advises all veterans who served on MINDORO, MINDANAO or LEYTE to apply for an examination to determine whether they are affected by the parasite which causes a disease known as schistosomiasis (Japanese variety).

If the disease is not checked in time, no immediate results will be felt, but considerable disability in later life will probably result. Vets are advised to go to a clinical laboratory or see their own doctors as soon as possible.

from City College, as one of its three national vice presidents, to take charge of educational opportunities. Schwartz, a former chairman of the O.P. Board of Directors, will take a leave of absence from his duties for the next year in order to work full time at the national congress in Madison.

The Congress climaxed a year of organization activity by the National Student Association which began at its Constitutional Convention last summer, a year in which NSA achieved a membership of close to 750,000 students in colleges all over the country.

The Congress, after five and one-half days of activity:

Took the action indicated above on IUS:

Voted to oppose the idea of a "Western Bloc" of students in opposition to the International Union of Students;

Voted to bar the NSA from participating in "partisan-political" and "religious sectarian" activities;

Did not adopt as official policy any recommendation on discrimination and segregation in the nation's schools;

Took no official action on academic freedom for students and faculty;

Did not consider in the plenary session proposals for strengthening the Bill of Rights;

Made no clarification of the NSA's attitude on Federal aid to education.

The failure of the Congress to act on these matters was due to the rush of business in its last few plenary sessions. Members of the City College delegation claimed

this on the poor organization of the convention.

Previous Plans

The NSA's National Executive Committee had previously broken down the work of the convention into many classifications, such as student government functions, academic freedom and discrimination and segregation, cultural activities, and international exchange. Each of these classifications was organized into separate workshops, which had the task of developing an activity program based around the specific problems of that field.

The National Executive Committee, to prevent policy decisions made by the unrepresentative workshops, reserved all policy matters to the plenary sessions. As a result, several of the workshops found themselves severely handicapped.

In the workshop on academic freedom and discrimination and segregation, for instance, the dele-

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Opinion

NSA-Fiasco or ???

One thing was proven at the recent NSA (National Student Association) meeting at Madison. In 5 1/2 days of conversation, 700 people following a so-called non-directional technique in the committee meetings, showed that they can come up with practically no program, no plan, and no instructions for their executive committee to follow.

750,000 college students whom these delegates allegedly represented ought to be pretty disgusted with representatives who tie, or allow themselves to be tied up in parliamentary knots which block any effective action.

A brief review (see news story on page one and comments of the delegate on page four) of the tentative agenda provided by the National Executive Committee and some of the action taken on these measures by the convention clearly indicates how tragic a failure the Madison meeting really was.

All policy discussion on discrimination and segregation were shelved and none of the procedural suggestions on these issues made by the convention's workshop committees were officially adopted.

The Convention:

... failed to adopt any official policy on academic freedom for students and faculty, and failed to strengthen the Student Bill of Rights or make provisions to see that the Bill of Rights would be effectively enforced.

... Failed to clarify the NSA's policy towards Federal aid to education, especially in regard to whether such aid should be granted for purely secretarian religious courses, and whether federal assistance should be granted only to publically supported schools.

... Voted overwhelmingly to oppose the idea of a "western bloc" of students in opposition to the International Union of Students.

... Voted to bar the NSA from participating in "partisan political" and "religious-secretarian" activities (whatever that means).

This is not a record to be proud of!

All these issues, on which the convention failed to establish policy, fall into the hands of the National Executive Committee which is now forced to act on them without any direction from the "representatives" of the nations' college students.

There have been many charges leveled at the convention. Some of them assert that the convention's failure to act was due to a concerted effort by "interests" to prevent any action from being taken which was in the least progressive.

No proof has been presented to validate any of these charges, so OP and its Board of Directors can only wait and see what the National Exec. will do. If it takes definite action on the measures listed above all these charges can be discounted, but, if the Exec. accomplishes no more than the convention did, we can only wonder and strongly suspect.

We've Said It Before But...

For the past several terms, we have given part of our editorial space in the first issue to what we term "the freshman editorial." In the past, this literary work has had a relatively stable composition. We've sympathized with the hapless who've been bewildered by the registration rat-race and the book-store endurance test. We've warned of the boring college lectures; of the ferocious *ils ne passeronts pas* policy of the Romance Languages Department. We've invited entering freshmen to become involved in the many and varied extra-curricular activities that await them. And running through our editorial has usually been an elevated-nose, condescending attitude.

Last term, the New York City administration cut the budget of the City College by some \$127,000. At that time, we predicted that students would get the raw end of the deal. Our prediction, unhappily, came true. Although most Day Session students remain unaffected, tuition fees for special students have been raised \$1 per credit. This first raise, concerning evening students primarily, will undoubtedly be followed soon by other increases that will hit day students.

Also during the spring term, we commented on the ban on certain speakers at the College, declaring that the growing restrictions on the basic rights of student organizations could prove disastrous to all of us, regardless of our political opinions, or lack of them.

We found cause to say, in another editorial, that we considered dangerous a situation in which certain professors declined to become faculty adviser to Students for Welfare, because they feared for their jobs. We still feel the

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cial Action of the American Jewish Congress is contemplating action in the case on the basis of the Council report, pending the outcome of the meeting of the Board of Higher Education.

The investigating committee further recommended that the Ward Medal be publicly awarded to Morton Gurewich, that the Board of Higher Education review the present system of faculty promotions and "make changes which will allow those best qualified to become the final authority in making promotions," and that the names of Dr. Bachy Rita and Prof. Pollinger be restored to the list of recommendations for promotions.

First Complaints

These late developments come after months of investigation of Prof. Knickerbocker, spurred on by the Hillel Foundation, the American Jewish Congress, student organizations and faculty members.

The first complaints against Dr. Knickerbocker were made on April 9, 1945 in a letter to President Wright. A preliminary hearing, labeled a "farce" by Prof. Ephraim Cross, Romance Languages, one of the original complainants, was conducted by a sub-committee of the Board of Higher Education. The committee reported on Sept. 12, 1946 that it found "some evidence of careless and derogatory conversation used by certain members of the Romance Languages Department but otherwise found the charges without merit."

Council Acts

The case was later referred to a special investigating committee of the City Council headed by Chairman Hart, (Dem., B'klyn), of the Anti-Discrimination Committee. The charges made were that Prof. Knickerbocker uttered anti-semitic remarks, that the Ward Medal for proficiency in French was, in 1942, "discriminatorily denied to Morton Gurewich solely because he is a Jew," that "the complainants, two of whom are Jews, were discriminatorily denied promotions."

Testimony

In October, November and December of 1947 the complainants, Professors Bach y Rita, Cross, Muller and Pollinger (Romance Languages) and Prof. Knickerbocker and Dean Gittschall were examined in private hearings.

Chairman Hart declared that Prof. Knickerbocker's testimony consisted mainly of denials of the statements attributed to him.

The Council report issued June 22, 1948 states that "testimony indicates that the question of his students religion was a factor in Prof. Knickerbocker's mind determining whether or not the student should be trusted or treated like a 'gentleman'."

In the case of the Ward Medal, the Committee found that the failure to make the award to Gurewich was due to Prof. Knickerbocker's attitude as revealed in his alleged statement: "That fellow Gurewich may be an excellent student but he is a Jew."

The Council report asserts that Prof. Knickerbocker's conduct was "reprehensible and unworthy of the Chairman of the Romance Languages Department of the College of the City of New York."

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gates were unable to reach any substantial agreement on an acceptable program that could oppose discrimination and segregation because the NSA's position on the matter had not been precisely formulated. When the policy question reached the convention floor, it was shelved because there wasn't enough time to discuss it fully. The new National Staff, therefore, has the minimum recommendations of the workshop, but no specific mandate to carry them, or any other program, out during the next year.

The discussion on the International Union of Students took the form of reports from the vice president in charge of international activities, the NSA representative to the IUS in Prague, and the international team that went overseas in June to investigate the

possibilities of continuing negotiations for affiliation. These reports discussion from the floor and the vote was taken.

Many students spoke on the question of helping to establish a "Western Bloc" of students to parallel to the "Western Union" now being set up on a national level in Europe. The general consensus of opinion, as expressed in the vote and in the election of an international activities vice president, was to avoid any action that would tend to split students in the West any farther away from Eastern students than they are already.

During the discussion of IUS, several students objected to the procedure, declaring that only opinions opposing IUS were being presented from the platform. Although motions to allow a pro-IUS speaker were defeated several

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Publicity releases are welcome. Address them to the "Club News Editor."

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Student Leader Departs For SMU Law School

Ted Kostos, one of the College's most active students has gone West. Southwest, to be exact. Ted, who, at one time or another, chaired AVC, the Student Centennial Fund, and the membership Committee of Student Council, has been accepted by the Southern Methodist University of Texas for three years of Law School work. Ted, who was registered as an Upper Senior, will receive nine regular college credits for his work at SMU, and he will make up the remaining nine credits and receive his BSS degree from City College during the summer session of 1949.

"I spoke to a friend in the Government and Law Society about the possibilities of getting into SMU Law School," Ted said.

"I knew about it from the time I spent in that area during my army captivity, but my acceptance came as a complete surprise," he added modestly.

"My ambition," Ted stated, "is to be a lawyer that makes money." He added reflectively, "I'd like to practice law in Dallas or somewhere in the Southwest."

Ted was known in the College as a crusader. In his capacity as Sports Editor of OP, he campaigned for a better football team at the school, and his voice was often raised for more student activities at Student Council, where he was a member of the Executive Committee.

OP's 1948 Mayride Hero (he stopped a team of wild horses) has received major and minor awards from Student Council, and was elected a member of Lock and Key (Knot for taming horses).

He also received the Alumni Award from Student Council, and a commendation from the Law Society for "activities in the Social Sciences."

OP's Associate Editor (for this semester) was also Prexy of the Joint Council of Social Sciences and Vice President of the Government-Law Society and of the Class of '49.

The College says farewell to a swell guy and a hard worker. His invaluable contribution to the improvement of student activities will not soon be forgotten. Good luck, Ted!

New Coach

Sid Trubowitz, former All-American basketball star here, has been appointed an assistant coach of basketball and coach of the Beaver Jayvee hoop squad, it was announced last week by Dr. Frank S. Lloyd, chairman of the college's Hygiene Department.

Considered one of the greatest players to perform under Nat Holman in recent years, Trubowitz had his best year during the 1943-1944 season. The New York basketball writers voted him a berth on their all-Met team after a season which saw him establish two new Lavender scoring marks while playing outstanding basketball.

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Seniors Plan Gala Occasions

Commencing with a gala Senior reception to be held in the lounge on October 15, the Class of '49 will head into a whirlwind of activity climaxed by its Senior Prom on the Astor Roof.

In view of the fact that there are 2,000 graduates and only 350 tickets available for the Prom, members of the class are urged to secure their ducats while they last. This may be done in Room 109, Army Hall, daily from 10-3.

Included in the term's activities are a beer party on November 10 for those gentlemen who care to tilt a foaming stein, and a Senior Week, that of November 29 to December 4, at which time the Seniors will rule supreme on the school campus.

On the evening of December 23, the '49ers turn thespian with their Senior Class Night play. The Big Night will roll around on the 28th day of the new year, after final exams.

Pascal to Be Dramsoc Prexy

Mona Pascal, who last term was elected Vice President of the Dramsoc Society for the Fall semester, has succeeded Howard Caine, President-elect, following his resignation, it was announced today.

Caine, who portrayed the Duke of York in last year's production of "Edward II," is leaving the College to attend the Fine Arts School of Columbia University.

The new president, who appeared in "Apotheosis of Harry" and "Hammock on the Green," announced that Dramsoc is planning one major production for the coming semester, but the play has not yet been chosen.

Students interested in the various phases of stage production (acting, stagecraft, publicity, etc.) are urged by Miss Pascal to attend the first meeting of Dramsoc, which will be held in Room 306 Main on Thursday, September 23, at 12:30 P.M.

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were followed by a question period, and on the following day there was times on the floor, the Steering Committee permitted the opinion of the students for affiliation to be presented on the second day of discussion. The speaker was Walter Wallace, former president of the Metropolitan New York Region of NSA, and one of the founders of the national organization.

8 City Students

Six delegates and two alternates from this session of the College were members of the 55-man Metropolitan New York delegation to the Congress. They are: Eugene Schwartz, Bill Fortunato, Lloyd McAulay, Jim Morgan, Fred Halpern and Charles Lipow. The alternates, who travelled at their own expense, were Charlotte Weissman and Nat Halebsky.

On the last day of its five-day-long deliberations, the Congress held elections for NSA national officers for the coming year. Ted Harris, a student from LaSalle College, Philadelphia, was elected president. The three vice presidents are: Bob West, of Yale University, in charge of international activities; Schwartz, educational opportunities; and Dick Heggie, of the University of California, in charge of student rights and student government. Miss Helen Jean Rogers, of Mundelein College, Chicago, was chosen secretary-treasurer.

TW in College Drama Festival; Rice's "Street Scene" Planned

"Street Scene," Elmer Rice's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, will be presented by Theatre Workshop as the third in a series of productions being given by the colleges and universities of Greater New York in conjunction with the New York City Golden Jubilee celebration.

Rice's panorama of life in New York, which will be shown the evenings of November 12, 13, and 14 at the Pauline Edwards Theatre, will be the first of three major Theatre Workshop productions for this semester.

"Street Scene" is the only official entry for the College in this "College Drama Festival," which is to be a series of plays exemplifying New York life.

Theatre Workshop, although a curricular organization under the aegis of the Public Speaking Department, will welcome students wishing to participate in the productions on an extra-curricular basis. There are openings in the acting, stage crew, publicity, and business divisions.

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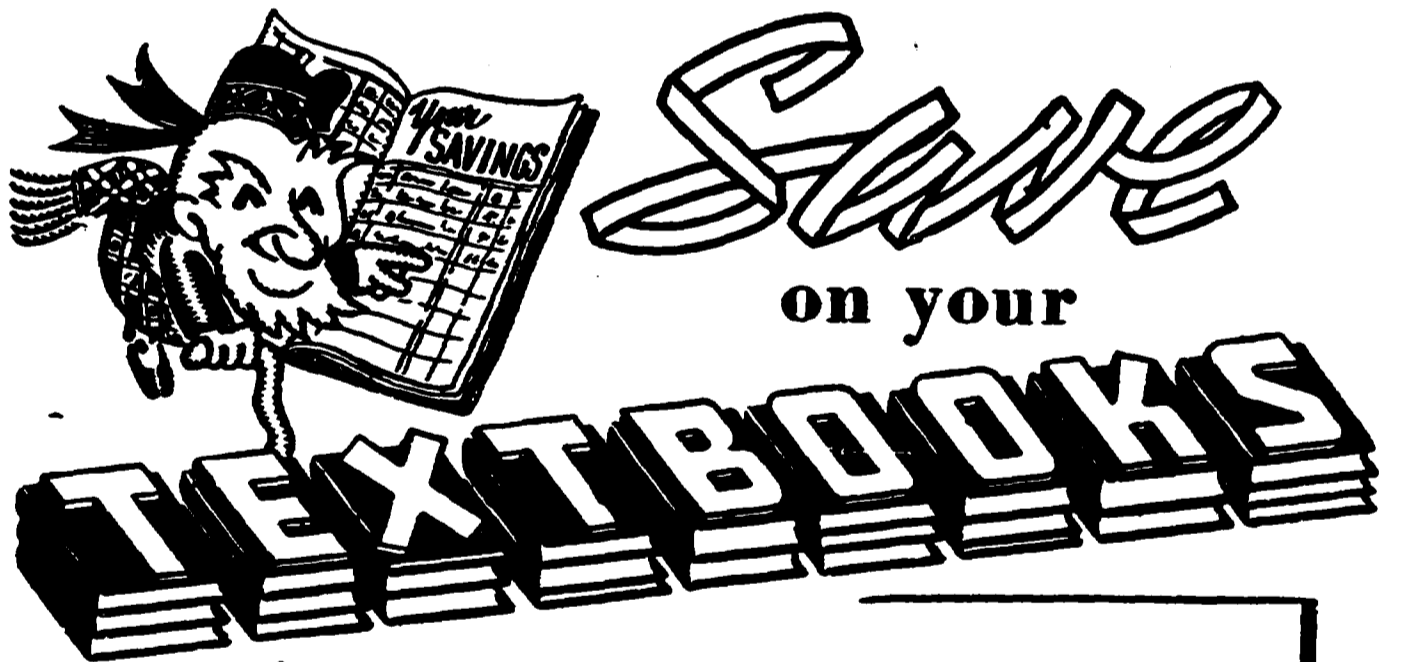
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The Delegates Say...

OP presents here the statements requested from the College's delegates to the recent National Student Congress in Madison, Wisconsin. We deeply regret that those which were submitted had to be cut rather drastically. However, we have endeavored to cut only where there was repetition of facts. The Editors of OP feel that these statements present a fairly accurate cross-section of your delegates' opinions on the Congress.

by Eugene G. Schwartz

National Student Unions exist in almost all other nations in the world. The American student, on the other hand, has traditionally avoided such intercollegiate organizations with either indifference or suspicion. After the last war a group of American student leaders returning from the international youth festival in Prague saw the need for breaking this tradition. At that time they saw through the formation of a representative American student organization an instrument for the furthering of international exchange and understanding between America's future leaders and the young college people in other lands.

Perhaps this was sort of a back door approach, but as NSA took shape at the Chicago Student Conference in 1946, and then in the formative years of 1947-48 its domestic function loomed high upon the horizon in primary importance.

The USNSA may be said to be dedicated to two major domestic functions. The first is service to the American student. NSA is pledged to obtaining greater eco-

by Nat Halebsky

The record of the National Student Congress adds up to one big p-f-f-t. Nothing was done to guarantee the basic rights of young Americans for an education free from discrimination and segregation. Nothing was done to protect students and faculties from the "hit-and-smear" raids of the un-Americans. Nothing was done to counteract the disastrous infringements on the rights and privileges of student organizations. Nothing was done to stop the militarization of American students and youth. Nothing was done to prevent American students from contributing to the suicidal drift towards war.

... I think that the reasons for which the NSA voted to affiliate with the IUS last year are doubly important this year, especially in view of the rapidly growing tensions on the international scene. Any action by the NSA that does not endeavor to strengthen the presently weak ties between American students and the students of the rest of the world can only be considered as detrimental to the cause of peace. . . .

... The negative actions of the National Student Congress, although they tend to weaken the organization, need not prove to be mortal blows. Positive progressive action by the component organizations of the NSA can counteract the weaknesses of the Congress, and can lay the ground-work for a convention next summer that will be able to really accomplish something. . . .

nomie aids for the individual student and institution; the elimination of discrimination and unfair educational practices; the promotion of intercollegiate cultural and educational exchange; the preservation of student rights and academic freedom and the betterment of student welfare and student life.

Its second purpose is a less tangible one. We recognize the college community as the prime source of our nation's leadership in the Arts, Sciences, Professions and Government. We recognize the great need for developing an awareness of contemporary problems and of the real issues which confront the American people every day amongst these future leaders. I see in NSA an instrument which by its very existence will awaken the college student to his role and responsibility to the community at large, largely through such programs as encouragement of active student government, modernized curricula and increased student self-determination.

by Charles Lipow

... The less said about the weak points of the handling of the convention, the better for the future of the NSA. It is obvious that little positive work was accomplished. In the field of domestic relations, discrimination, student rights, federal aid and its restriction in the case of schools which discriminate, the best that was accomplished was the retention by default of the fine NSA program that was adopted last year, a program that was unfortunately not carried out in practice.

It will be our job to force the NSA, through concrete actions taken by the regional organizations around these questions, to take definite stands on a policy level.

Certain positive stands were taken by the convention regarding the IUS. We went on record against joining or participating in any Western Bloc of students acting in competition with the IUS. We also agreed tacitly to accept cooperation on specific issues with the IUS.

Our region must immediately put into effect programs that will implement and clothe the fine, but

Lipow

rather abstract, policy stands. I think the following should immediately be put into effect: a) a purchase card system; b) preparation for the proposed investigation of the schools by the un-American committee; and c) organization of at least two overseas tours — one to Scandinavia and one to the Balkans, in cooperation with the International Union of Students.

by Bill Fortunato

In evaluating the National Student Congress, consideration must be given not only to the problems confronting the American student, but to the problems of organization and coordination encountered by the assembly.

There is no doubt that the unwieldiness of the body and the limitations of time and space helped to reduce the output of the Congress. The chief weakness of the Congress was its inability to formulate policy by which the National Executive Committee and the Staff could implement the programs made in the workshops.

On the credit side, however, hearty commendation must be made of the floor decision on IUS, the election of Ted Harris as National President, the active role of the N.Y. Met Region's members in the various workshops, and the leadership displayed by Gene Schwartz as Met president, in the NEC, and on the floor. Mr. Schwartz' election as one of the national vice presidents reflects great credit both on NSA and this college. The IUS decision on the whole left the door open for international student cooperation at the same time preventing the victimizing of NSA by the political orientation of the IUS. Harris' election was perhaps the greatest single blow against discrimination in student life which the NSA could possibly have unleashed.

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by Fred Halpern

Determining the accomplishments and the validity of the NSA Congress of 1948 will be impossible for a long time, in as much as it was a policy making conference and a business session.

As a policy making body, it can be stated though that little actual policy was set in plenary session with the entire body meeting. Instead it will be the job of the Staff and executive committee to go through the workshop reports and take from them indications of general sentiment.

Mechanically there were many problems at the Congress. In an effort to allow complete free discussion, I feel that the Exec. went to the other extreme with its "non-directive" techniques.

In the final analysis, the region and the school campus itself are the measure of how successful the Congress was. If the constituent schools of the N.S.A. feel the effect of the Congress in their programs

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then the Congress would have been a success. If not, the mechanics of the Congress would have to be changed. From here on in, it is up to us.

B. Gelbfarb, '48 Grad Drowns At Camp

Bernard Gelbfarb, '48, who was active in the Hillel Foundation during his years at the College, was drowned this summer at Camp Cejwin, Port Jervis, New York.

Gelbfarb, who graduated as a Chemical Engineer, was President of Tau Beta, and was awarded a Student Council key for his activities.

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same way, and maintain that an instructor who works in an atmosphere of fear cannot be expected to help young Americans to properly develop freedom of thought and conscience.

During this past summer, the New York Star carried an exclusive article on its front page stating that the next objective of the House un-American committee would be the college campus, especially City College and the other institutions in New York. OP feels that it is the duty of every student to rally to the defense of his school, instructors and student organizations, regardless of their political beliefs.

And—while we're down from our ivory towers, we OP editors would like to add, in a friendly way: we extend our sympathy to the suffering freshmen. We'd like to warn them of the boring lectures and predatory instructors who prey on freshmen. And by all means, we'd like to invite them to join student organizations—especially the ones that will fight to keep City College a free college.

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Beaver Football Season Starts Saturday; Plan 'T' Formation Against Susquehanna

Lack of Strong Reserves Seen Chief Weakness of Gridders

One of the strongest Beaver football squads in recent years will take the field against the Susquehanna University eleven this Saturday afternoon in the college town of Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania. The contest will mark the seventy-fifth year that the Lavender has participated in intercollegiate football.

Having trained at the Napanoch Country Club, and later at Bear Mountain Inn the past three weeks, the Beavers ended their pre-season drill by meeting Montclair in a scrimmage session last Saturday.

Pessimism, the usual football coach outlook is not to be found in this year's Beaver camp. On the contrary, Head Coach Harold J. Parker is quite enthusiastic about the '48 team which he rates superior to last season's, which won two and tied one in eight contests. Coach Parker has abandoned last year's short punt-formation, with which he was not overly satisfied, for the T-formation.

Among the nineteen veterans of the '47 squad who have returned, are — Co-captains Sam Welcome and Bob Ratner, end. Sam has been switched from center to tackle, where he will be of more value. Halfback Lee Wagner, leading ground gainer, will see plenty of action now that the mysterious ankle ailment, which kept him out of play most of last season seems to have left him. Speedy Tony Lasak and Sam Newman will join Wagner in the backfield. Among the newcomers, however, Monroe Morris, hard-driving fullback star of last season's junior squad, is picked by many observers to share most of the behind-the-line work with Wagner.

Italo Fabro and Doug (Red) Dengeles, have returned to man the end positions. Dengeles, who was high scorer last year, is an excellent pass receiver.

The biggest damper put on the Beaver spirits has been the hand injury sustained by guard Claud 'Vic' Winter. The fracture will keep Vic sidelined for at least the first two games. The squad is weak in depth, and excessive mishaps could be the major cause for a Beaver Waterloo.

In 1873, the first Varsity game

Havell, New Soccer Coach Has Champs Train Early

With high hopes and a brand new coach, an almost all-veteran City College Soccer team will open its season on October 6 at Lewisohn Stadium against Panzer College.

Top Athletes Win Awards

More honors were bestowed upon HILTY SHAPIRO when he received the Felix Kramer Award recently. Selected as the Most Valuable Player on the baseball squad, Hilty hit .403 for the season (.389 in Met Conference games) and batted in an average of better than one run per game to clinch the title.

The Stan Lomax Baseball Award "in recognition of fine spirit of sportsmanship" was presented to RICHARD ELKIND (catcher), ERNEST LEVY (first base), and HILTY SHAPIRO (outfield). All three were selected for the All-Star Team of the Metropolitan Collegiate Baseball Conference.

BOB GLASSE received the Pinus Sober Award which named him as the outstanding member of the college outdoor track and field brigade. Glasse took three firsts in the 100, and four firsts in the 220 competition last spring; and was No. 1 man on the mile relay team which set a Beaver record of 3:23.9 in the Met Championships.

was played with Stevens. It was the only contest on the schedule. This college was among the first ten in the nation to have a gridiron

Richard C. Havell has taken over the reigns of a Beaver juggernaut which won the city championship last year with a record of six wins and only three setbacks. Havell is an old hand at soccer, having played with the national collegiate championship Springfield eleven in 1943. He won his letters in Soccer and Lacrosse at Springfield and was chosen for the All-New England Lacrosse team in 1942. In the recent war, Havell served as a deck officer in the Navy.

Another banner soccer season for City seems to be indicated by a host of returning veterans. First stringers Otto Berger, Irving Heller, Frank Bertolotti, Irv Schwartz, Walt Politzer, Frank Goldhirsch, Werner Rothschild, Rocco Ammorosso, and George and Vic Niebuhr are back. Their return minimizes the loss of Max Adler and co-captains Eddie Teron and Normie Fager.

The starting lineup for the Panzer clash will probably consist of Berger, in the goal; Heller and Bertolotti, at the fullback posts; the Niebuhr twins, Schwartz, and Scheinthal, on the halfback line; and Politzer, Goldhirsch, Rothschild, and Ammorosso on the forward line.

In the Wynn Column

By Wynn Lowenthal

Gung Ho!

HAVING SPORTS COURSES in the curriculum means more than an extension of athletic participation on the part of our students. It illustrates the ability of the students to cooperate successfully with the faculty of the Hygiene Department in the planning of the school's curricula. The needs of the students were brought to the attention of the professors by undergraduates Fred Sonenfeld and Ted Kostos, former OP Sports Editor. After consideration and discussion by both groups, classes in sports have become a reality on the campus.

This cooperation should not stop now, but should be continued by a group organized for such a purpose. By this we mean the establishing of a Student-Faculty Athletic Committee which would join the other committees composed of instructors and students that have proved so successful in fields such as the Lunchroom, Fee Plan, Bookstore, and Student Affairs.

Don Cohen, '48, last semester's Editor-in-Chief of the OBSERVATION POST, initiated a movement toward this SFAC. Although he was joined by other student representatives, his first attempts met with failure.

The faculty of the Hygiene Department who, we believe, sincerely desire to see every able student obtain the benefits of engaging in sports and gymnastics should realize that they can best reach this goal through a system best promoting student enthusiasm for sports.

In addition to cooperating on curricula planning, there is a pressing need for active student participation in the entire varsity sports program.

The question of why our students, while quite alive on earth, are financially forced to sit virtually in heaven to watch their favorite team should be of enough interest to arouse the Student Council's action. One answer may be that it would not look nice for our young students to sit near the gamblers and other disreputable characters who almost breathe down the necks of our athletes (from their expensive seats). How to place all our sports in a decent collegiate atmosphere, such as surrounds the football, lacrosse, and soccer game in a student problem worth solving.

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Nov. 6	Brooklyn College	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Nov. 13	Hofstra College	Hempstead, L. I.

* Night games — 8:30 P.M.

To Meet Panzer

Panzer has been added to the College's 1948 football schedule. It was announced last Friday by the AA Office. The game, scheduled for the night of Oct. 9, at Lewisohn Stadium, will initiate the home football season for the Beavers. It will be the first meeting between the two schools on the gridiron.

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