

Pres. Wright Hails Feinberg Law Ban

By Eugene Schwartz

Pres. Harry N. Wright yesterday hailed the decision of the New York State Supreme Court in declaring the controversial Feinberg Law unconstitutional.

The State court delivered its verdict Monday, after considering an appeal by the New York State Communist Party and by a group of teachers represented by State Senator Fred G. Moritt. The Court majority decision, written by Justice Harry E. Schireck, termed the Feinberg Law "a bill of attainder in violation of the State and Federal Constitutions and a dragnet which may enmesh anyone who agitates for a change of government."

Evincing his satisfaction with the ruling of the Court on the Law, which was adopted by the State Legislature last spring, President Wright said, "I am very well satisfied to see it declared unconstitutional."

'Subversive' List

Provisions of the act empowered the Board of Regents to draw up a list of organizations it considered subversive, and to promulgate such regulations as would be necessary to make membership in these organizations a bar to employment in the public school system of the State. The primary aim of the Law was to purge all Communists and "fellow-travelers" from teaching positions.

In his ruling, Justice Schireck held that the issue is not whether there actually exists a constitutional right to teach, but whether the legislature has a constitutional right to deny the privilege.

Attorney-General Nathan Goldstein announced immediately after the decision that the State would appeal to the highest tribunal in the State, the Court of Appeals.

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Sociology Report Shows Squalor in College Area

By Mildred Bershadker

The area immediately surrounding the College—commonly known as "Manhattanville" has been found to be a hotbed of juvenile delinquency, disease, filth and unbearable living conditions, according to a College report that was issued last week.

The report contains the results of a survey of the neighborhood which was supervised by Dr. Warren Brown (Sociology) and Aaron Lipman of the Social Research Laboratory, and was conducted by student members of the Lab. It encompasses the section from 124th Street to 134th Street from the Hudson River to Eighth Avenue, with a total of 13,000 dwell-

Families—5 Rooms
Most of the report was concerned with the inhuman living conditions that the residents of the area are forced to contend with every day. Several families were found to be crowded into single apartments, with every inch of housing space utilized. One example was cited of a family of twelve sharing one couch and three beds; the children ranged in age from three to 25 years.

Another case was reported in which four families were sharing a five-room apartment. In almost all cases cited, the apartment houses were described as over-crowded and run-down, and most of them have been found to be rat and vermin-infested. One woman told the investigators that her child died after being bitten by a rat.

The Laboratory's analysis has shown that Manhattanville is composed of 45% Negroes, 39% whites, 14% Puerto Ricans and 2% Orientals. The Puerto Rican families are the most crowded, living in the oldest and most dilapidated buildings, 37% of which have no refrigerators, 8% no private baths and 5% windowless rooms.

The report, in its summary, recommended that the entire area be re-developed, with adequate low-cost housing, new schools and recreational facilities. It also proposed that the residential neighborhoods be separated from industrial and commercial.

Free Films

The Film Society will co-sponsor the Student Council showing of "The Seventh Veil" this Thursday at 3 in 125 Main. The film is a psychological drama starring James Mason and Ann Todd.
Friday, Dec. 2, Oscar Weller's "The Kiss" will be exhibited by the Film Society. This will be the organization's first screening and will be admission free. All other film programs will be viewed by members of the Society only.

Adelphi College Host Saturday To NSA Students' Conference

The Metropolitan New York Region of the NSA is sponsoring an International Student Day Conference to be held at Adelphi College on Saturday, December 3, 1949.

The two-fold purpose in holding this meeting is to gain a better understanding of the problems facing the foreign students now studying in this country and to reaffirm friendship for students throughout the world.



Erskine Childers

Dr. Paul Dawson Eddy, president of Adelphi College, and Erskine Childers, NSA's vice-president in charge of International Affairs, will be the principal speakers.

Included in the program are panel discussions on such topics as exchange of ideas, reconstruction of European universities, and problems of foreign students in American universities. The program starts at 1:30 and allows time for an evening meal followed by entertainment.

An invitation to attend this conference is being extended to the administration, faculty and student bodies of all the Metropolitan New York colleges. Joseph Rosensweig, chairman of the City Delegation, urges all students to attend.

UBE Head

Prospective managers of the Used Book Exchange, eager to take on a three-week job, eight hours a day and five days a week, for \$50 a week, should submit their applications to Paul David Kagen in room 28.

SC Election Petitions Due

Tomorrow is the last day for submitting nominating petitions for the semester's Student Council elections. Party slates must be entered by Friday.

At its regular meeting last week, held Wednesday because of the holidays, Council voted to present a referendum to the student body on the admission of women to the College of Liberal Arts. The question will simply ask whether the voter is in favor of admitting women on the same basis as men.

A letter will also be sent to Hunter College, asking the Student Council there to hold a referendum on the same question. It is expected that a change in City's Liberal Arts charter will necessitate similar changes at Hunter.

APO Service

Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, Alpha Phi Omega will conduct a one-day sale of articles for the benefit of the New York Association for the Blind.

The sale, to be held in front of room 100, features craft products made by blind craftsmen. All proceeds will go to the Association.

Robber Lifts A. H. Receipts

In a hit-and-run daylight robbery last Tuesday afternoon, \$400, the day's receipts of the Army Hall Cafeteria, was snatched from Assistant Manager Stanley O'Brien as he was on his way to Main Building.

As Mr. O'Brien entered the Main Building from St. Nicholas Terrace at 2:45 P.M., he was struck on the side of the head and knocked to the ground. His assailant grabbed a briefcase containing the money and other papers and vanished into a crowd of students changing classes.

The only lead to the identity of the thief was a book left at the scene, entitled "The Organization and Management of Business Enterprises." All pages which might have borne an identifying name were ripped out.

Prof. Cross Will Not Testify Before Alumni Investigating Comm.

Professor Ephraim Cross (Romance Languages) has refused to testify before the Alumni Committee on Discrimination. In a letter to Mr. Harold Wisan, Chairman of the Committee, Professor Cross stated the following reasons for not appearing:

1. The request for a trial before the State Commissioner of Education would seem to preclude an investigation by the Committee.
2. The arrival of the Committee on the scene is "very late indeed."
3. The Committee is working under the handicap of being appointed by Alumni President Mead, the man who worked closely with the Administration in protecting Knickerbocker and



Professor Cross

discrediting the complainants. 4. The publicly and privately expressed sentiments of several of the committee members on items arising out of the Knickerbocker case.

In answer to Professor Cross, Harold Wisan, Committee chairman, said that he had sent the same letter to the 21 members of the Romance Languages Department, but that only Professor Cross had replied in a manner that was "so evidently aimed at keeping the pot boiling in the case." Mr. Wisan stated that while two of the other three complainants in the case had refused to testify, all three had written him that the views expressed by Professor Cross were definitely not their own.

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Prof. L. Snyder Hits Jackpot With Anthology of Reporting

By Henry Krisch and Seymour Richman

"Literature under pressure" has hit the financial jackpot. "A Treasury of Great Reporting," by Professor Louis L. Snyder (history) and Professor Richard B. Morris (history, Columbia) is so successful that even Walter Winchell wants to "open up a book shop and get on the gravy train."

The complete first printing of 10,000 copies was sold out the day after publication just two weeks ago. Plans are being made for a third printing next month, and the book is expected to hit the best seller lists any week now.

Professor Snyder, in an interview, quoted the surprised president of the publishers, Simon and Schuster, Mr. M. Lincoln Schuster, who stated that, "as far as the 'Treasury of Great Reporting' is concerned, we were caught with our linotypes down."

This anthology of journalistic writing includes selections by reporters dating from 1587 to 1948. Among the stories presented are items as varied as Walter Winchell's account of how the infamous Lepke surrendered to him; the N. Y. Times' report on the Tennessee "Monkey Trial"; the grim story of the death of Sacco and Vanzetti; the burning of a sixteenth-century witch.

There are stories by famous writers: Jack London on the San Francisco earthquake, Ernest Hemingway on the Spanish Civil War, Karl Marx on a London labor rally. The book covers wars, trials, lynchings, as well as sport stories such as Bob Considine's thrilling story of the second Louis-Schmeling fight, and human interest stories like H. G. Well's story on the International Unknown Soldier.

"Journalism and historical writing are closely related," feels Professor Snyder, "for journalism is the best source material for historians. This book is an attempt to popularize journalism as history."

Professors Snyder and Morris have drawn on radio as well as newspapers and magazines: Lowell Thomas broadcasting on the birth of Israel, William Schirer telling Americans about the surrender of France, Edward R. Murrow witnessing the "orchestrated hell" that was a raid on Berlin.

Hero and Hoodlum, trial and



Hitler did this victory jig after signing the "peace" treaty with France in 1940, but the Allies later made him dance to a different tune.

Acme photo.

battle, fire and eclipse, prize fight and prison conditions—all of it meat to the "interrogative state of mind" which is the mark of the reporter.

(A TREASURY OF GREAT REPORTING, edited by Professors Louis L. Snyder and Richard B. Morris. With a preface by Herbert Bayard Swope. 32 pages of celebrated news pictures. 786 pages, \$5.00. Simon and Schuster.)

Houpla Queen

Five Lavender ingenues will go into the finals of the Carnival Queen Contest Dec. 10 in the Main Building. The quintet, Cora Bowser '53, Rita Oksman '52, Stella Scharf '51, Roberta Persky '53, and Barbara Schumacker '53, were chosen at a Nov. 18 House Plan dance, proceeds of which went to the Morris Raphael Cohen Memorial Fund.

Previewing the Carnival Night of Stars, the House Plan Carnival Committee is planning a flagpole rally tomorrow at 12. A band will blare, a roulette wheel will be used for the drawing of free tickets to the affair, and a prairie schooner, commonly known as a Mule Train, will plod up Convent Avenue, carrying as its cargo the five Queen finalists.

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Judicial Salute . . .

THE STATE SUPREME Court's invalidating of the infamous Feinberg Law is to be welcomed by all students and faculty members.

Judge Schirick's forthright decision is a blow against the witch-hunt that could pervert and destroy the basis of free education in New York. By declaring that teachers, too, have rights, the Judge has done much to protect our schools from attacks that are motivated strictly by partisan politics—he they prescribed by law or imposed by gutter newspapers.

We salute Judge Schirick for his decision in our favor. We hope that the Attorney General's appeal to higher courts will receive the same treatment.

Moscow Gold . . .

WE GET A big kick out of the many rumors floating around the College attempting to explain how OP can publish on a three-times-a-week basis.

The current favorite is the "Moscow gold" fable which has OP as the recipient of checks from the Communist Party at regular intervals. This is so funny we're not laughing.

Let's clear up this business.

OP is using its remaining Fee Plan funds plus the money from its past advertising this semester as the starting point for its latest project.

But this money alone falls far short of the amount required if we are to end up in the "red" this semester.

That's why OP did not publish for two weeks prior to Monday's issue.

All of us, from the editors to the candidates, were out getting ads.

OP was one, big Business Staff.

Lots of elbow grease resulted in success; we were able to line up enough advertising to go ahead with the plan which is now bearing fruit.

Come to think of it, our formulae was free enterprise and ingenuity.

Bourgeois concepts!

No Comment . . .

MANHATTANVILLE College has still not been added to the City College campus. The Board of Higher Education, City Council and Mayor O'Dwyer have already approved the purchase.

The Board of Higher Education has still not filed its brief on the Knickerbocker case with the State Commissioner of Education. The Corporation Counsel, representing the BHE, has failed to comply with the State Commissioner's orders although its third time extension has already expired. The date: November 1.

MARVIN WEINBERG

Editor-in-Chief

Letters

To the Editor:

Our committee would like to express its very sincere appreciation for your splendid cooperation and excellent coverage in the items which appeared in your paper regarding the blood bank.

Even though the net results were not as satisfactory as had been hoped for, it is felt that the degree of success attained was largely due to the excellent publicity received.

When the bloodmobile returns to the campus in our next effort to obtain donations, may we count on you again?

Al Godaid, Chairman.

Blood Bank Committee.

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Next Year Clubs The Young Liberals

By Club Viewer

This is the first of a series of articles which will attempt to familiarize the student with the purposes and activities of the various college clubs.

Typical of the political organizations on campus is the Young Liberals, a student affiliate of the New York Liberal Party.

With an active membership of over seventy-five students, of which twenty-five are females, the Young Liberals have been instrumental in obtaining such well-known people as Franklin Roosevelt, Jr., Newbold Morris, Robert Wagner and Ben Davidson to participate in various political forums at the college.

In the near future the Young Liberals will sponsor a forum where they hope to have such speakers as F. D. R. Jr. and Jacob K. Javits.

During the past presidential and mayoralty campaigns, the Young Liberals were active as canvassers, speakers and leaflet distributors, and were aided by

their branches in Queens and Brooklyn Colleges.

The main purpose of the organization is "to provide a third force or alternative to reaction of both right and left." They have attempted to acquaint the students with their activities by forming a publicity committee to distribute leaflets and publish a bi-monthly paper.

But all of the group's activities aren't along a political vein, for the club sponsors a dance at least once a term.

Anyone interested in joining the Young Liberals should attend meetings held in Main 216 every other Thursday at 12:30. Further information can be obtained by consulting either Gerald Walpin or Marvin Maurer, co-chairmen of the organization.



Newbold Morris, defeated Mayoralty candidate and recent guest speaker at Young Liberals rally. (For other prominent guest speakers on the YL's calendar this semester, see story.)

Look Men: Choose Carnival 'King'

A "Carnival King" Contest, a new innovation to this year's Housh Carnival, is being sponsored by the Camp Marion Committee of House Plan. Every extra-curricular organization on campus is entitled to send one representative to participate in the contest.

Photographs of all contestants will be on display in the Cafeteria and in Army Hall during the week of December 5-9. Voting will be on a College-wide basis, and the winner of the contest, the first "Carnival King" in the history of the College, will be the student with the most money in the collection box beneath his photo.

All money collected during the contest will go towards the building of an out-of-town camp for City College students. The camp project has been undertaken by House Plan as a memorial for Marion Weinberg, a College sophomore who died last term after being struck by a bus on Convent Avenue.

Jan Pearce

Jan Pearce, Metropolitan Opera tenor, will sing at the second of the College Concert Series Sunday evening, Dec. 4, in the Great Hall. Tickets can be secured at the College Bookstore at 60 cents apiece.

Since only 400 seats are available to students, they'll be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

City In Review

By Ruth Polach

There's no doubt about it. Mr. Turkey, Santa Claus in Macy's parade, and the Weather Man have verified it. The Yuletide season is snowed in and caught us off guard, so let's enjoy it while we may before the two weeks of mad cramming following the New Year's hangover. We have one month more to mingle and be merry and ought to go all out to round out extra-curricular life.

The skiing season hasn't caught the American Youth Hostel Club unprepared. It's planning a ski trip now, and reservations must be in this week. Veterans of the sport promise to teach all beginners. And if you break a leg? So what? Then you'll have a valid excuse for not taking the finals. All further info may be obtained in 25 Main tomorrow at 12:30.

Sophs will do their merry-making this Saturday night at the Hotel Sutton. In fact, some Broadway entertainers (probably on "vacation") have been invited so that they may be cheered up too. Tables will be set up in cafe style and dress will be informal. Going in a group? Then reserve a table by contacting Ed Goldstein. All this gaiety for just 360 pennies per couple. And if this sales talk still leaves you undecided, you can always buy tickets at the door.

Ardent geopoliticians will hasten to the Geological Society's meeting tomorrow at 12:45 in 318 Main. A Hunter College femme will discuss the Geology of China.

The Ethical Club asks, "What of the Family?" (Good question.) Tomorrow's discussion should be helpful for those who want families and can't afford them, and those who have them and wish they hadn't. See you at 12:20 in 391 Harris. A leader in the New York Society for Ethical Culture, Henry Ripstein, will be the main speaker.

25 Main will serve as battleground for those who save pennies shopping at the A & P and the corner grocers'. The Public Welfare Committee of the Economics Society presents this discussion tomorrow at 12:15.



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Sophomores Begin Meshing in Queens Opener

Roman and Warner Shine; Dambrot Sets Beaver Mark

By Morty Levine

Last Saturday night the Beaver hoopsters opened the 1949-'50 season in a convincing manner as they ran roughshod over weak Queens College, 91-45, in the annual Stein

Fund Game. Even more important than the final score was the fact that in winning they gave an indication of what can be expected for the coming year, and who will be counted on to carry the load.

It may be a significant point, or just a coincidence, but it should be noted that the leading scorers for the evening were two sophomores, Ed Roman, with 16 points, and Ed Warner, with 13. Coach Holman himself has said the team will go as far as the sophomores can carry it, and from the Queens performance there's no doubting the wisdom of his words.

Sophs Shine

Norm Mager and Irwin Dambrot, two veterans, rang up 13 and 8 points respectively, but it was evident that the solid men throughout were the sophs, both in scoring and rebounding. Roman, Warner and Layne were terrific under the boards, and Herb Cohen played an excellent floor game while scoring 11 points himself.

However, the Beaver starting five is not set, and though there are only four days till the opening Garden tilt with Lafayette, the team is still in the experimental stage as far as set units go. It's presumed that Irwin Dambrot and Ed Roman will anchor one platoon, Joe Galiber and Norm Mager the other. But after that, no one knows how the others will be rotated.

It's not expected that the squad will be strenuously tested by Lafayette but the SMU game the following Thursday promises to furnish a better insight on the Beavers' chances for the season. SMU toppled the College in an upset last year so the Lavender should be out for revenge this time.

Irwin Sets Mark

Co-captain Irwin Dambrot, by scoring 8 points against Queens last Saturday night, has taken over the all-time College individual scoring record, formerly held by Sonny Jameson. Now in his fourth season, Irwin has accounted for a grand total of 690 points, surpassing Sonny's previous high by four. . . . Norm Mager, who has added considerable avoirdupois over the summer, has been playing excellent ball to date. Norm, who was fifth in scoring last season, is looking forward to a big year.

Allagarooters To Rock MSG

All leather-lunged, Allagarootin'-tootin'-shootin' Lavender-blooded men and women will clip the cheer below, bring it to the game Saturday and yell like hell for the Beavers.

To the Lafayette Leopards the Allagarooters say:

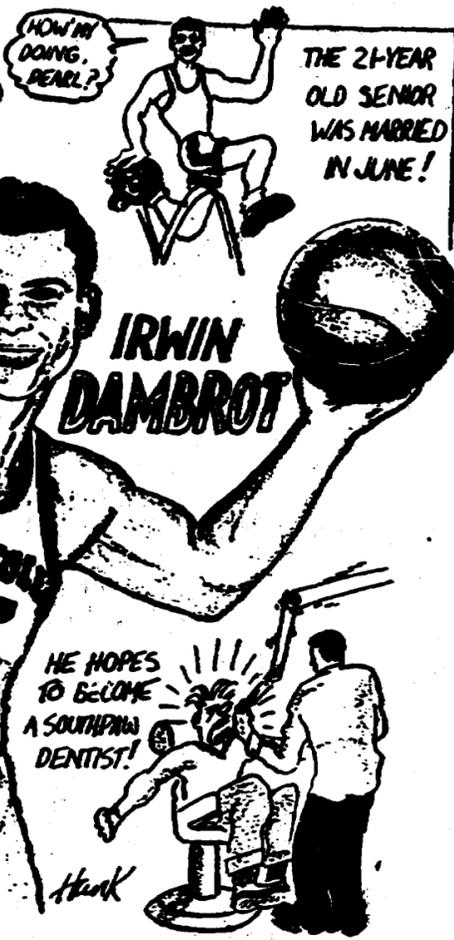
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'Cause you haven't . . .
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. . . And ya haven't got the juu . . .
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Hoop Tix Tomorrow

Tickets for the Dec. 9 Hoover-Lafayette basketball game will go on sale tomorrow from 12 to 4 outside the Army Hall Canteen. One AA card plus 50 cents will buy one ticket. AA cards, at \$3 each, will also be sold.

CAPTAIN KID By Hank Wexler

IRWIN HOLDS LAVENDER MARK FOR SEASON (276 PTS) AND GARDEN HIGH FOR SINGLE CONTEST (23 PTS)!



Matmen to Count On Vets Heller, Hillner

For the first time in four years, the Beaver wrestlers will take to the mats without the services of remarkable Dave Lesky when they meet powerful Hofstra and Westchester State Teachers College in their opening meets this season.

As Lesky's brilliant record of four years of undefeated college competition indicates, he could always be counted on to win his bout for the Lavender. However, the Beavers' followers need not



Hank Heller

be downcast, even though Lesky's loss would seem to weaken the squad considerably. In Coach Joe Sopora's opinion, the team will be a winning one, a prediction which is based on the presence of co-captains Joe Hillner and Hank Heller.

These two men have shown excellent form in pre-season prac-

Femme Cagers Prep for Year

Basketball has brought fame to our college, but there is one basketball team on the campus that is relatively unknown—the girls' basketball team.

Being the only intercollegiate sport that the girls participate in, the girls put their heart and soul into it. Although last year's record of three wins and six defeats was not very impressive, the team hopes to do better this season.

Girls' basketball is played with six athletes per side, three forwards and the same number on defense. Each are restricted to their half of the court. Two bounces are allowed in dribbling.

Squad veterans include Clara Young, Irene Fagelson, Gloria Mandel, Anita Friedman, Jean Zemlowitz, Elaine Schwartz, Connie Stokes and Lois Hinds. Newcomers are Roslyn Berkowitz, Barbara Rothman, Barbara Allen, Vera Greenidge, Jean Berger, Ann Ulrich and Pearl Zarember.

And the coach feels that they will begin where Lesky left off. Besides these veterans, the squad includes last year's captain Curt Ashcraft and returning lettermen Wood and Hirsch.

TOP SPORTS

By Dick Kaplan

Patriotism has been dragged into so many disputes lately that it's come to be an ideal rationalization for nearly every overzealous citizen. Misuse of the term has made it synonymous with conformity, even though Webster's Collegiate Dictionary shows the two words to be miles apart, and any departure from the norm falls under the heading of treason. There's no need to kick up a minor riot by drawing examples from the political world—just look at what transpired on our campus and NYU's two weeks ago.

Under the guise of school spirit, or patriotism in a specific form, an intrepid group of Lavender students made an impromptu sortie onto the NYU campus, painting in fine script a list of indignities which the Beaver football team would inflict on the Violets come Nov. 19. Ingeniously, a band of NYU guerrillas, armed with paint and brush, decided to repay the social call, and inscribed fraternal greetings on our Gothic walls, worn pavement, and pigeon-spattered Gen. Webb. As subsequent events proved, the Violet artists were the better grid prognosticators, since their football team waltzed to a 41-7 win, but nothing can justify their actions or those of our bright young men as anything but vandalism, pure and simple.

The boys who did the job have tried to rationalize their actions by claiming it was all done for school spirit's sake, since only a few hundred students showed up at a widely-publicized "Beat Brooklyn" pep rally. Apparently the sponsors of a similar "Beat NYU" movement were determined that they wouldn't fail twice and went out to drum up interest in the big game.

There's more than one way to skin a cat, though. By giving up on the rally system they showed their impatience with slow-but-sure methods and went plunging ahead like a bunch of kids on Hallowe'en. Arousing school spirit doesn't have to mean smearing school property with purple paint. North Carolina and Navy have their card tricks, Brooklyn College a smart corps of female marchers, Michigan and Minnesota the Little Brown Jug, ad infinitum. What must have proved a severe blow to their pride was the obvious flop of the art work, at least on this campus. The signs painted by NYU went nearly unnoticed and "if no one cares, and no one shares, where's the fun in a job well-done?"

Granted that the student body of this College has treated its football team shabbily; that's only too true. But the sooner certain juveniles learn that defacing property is no answer, the better. If the current trend persists, it's certain to grow in intensity until we reach the level of UCLA and USC, whose gentle practice it is to shave the heads of as many co-eds as they can grab. What this has to do with the winning and losing of a football game is a little occult.

To Video or Not to Video . . .

According to Ned Irish, executive vice-president of Madison Square Garden, there is a remote possibility that Saturday night basketball games may be televised. Heretofore, the prohibitively high asking price by the Garden had stymied all efforts to arrange any possible video deal.

As of last night, only one thing was definite: weekday games of college and professional basketball teams will not be televised at all. However, according to Mr. Irish, "the supply of tickets to all events is plentiful."

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