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Row J, End Balcony By Hank Wexler



Proving to Garden fans that the Lafayette slaughter was no fluke, the Beaver cagers soundly thrashed a fighting SMU five, 67-53.

The Lavender had a tough battle on their hands during the first half, but in the second half ran rough-shod over the Mustangs of SMU. High for the Beavers was Ed Warner who rammed home 18 points, with a combination of sensational right and left handed shots. As usual Eddy did a tremendous job off both backboards in the scintillating Beaver win.

The Lavender drew first blood, within five seconds of the opening whistle as Eddie Warner hit on a pop shot. Charlie Lutz of SMU came back with a one-hander, followed in rapid succession by Jack Brown and Lutz again. At this point the white-clad Beavers were not rebounding well, but paced by a sharp-shooting Irwin Dambrot, kept within a basket of the fast-moving Mustangs. Dambrot had miraculous luck with his shooting, making good six of ten shots from the field during the first twenty minutes. Wittlin evened things up at 14-14 with a running one-hander at 8:30 and the Lavender began to move from that point. Dambrot scored with a left-hander. Ed Roman dumped in a turn shot, and Pops Warner batted in rebound to give his team a 20-17 lead. Warner hit again on a driving shot and the teams traded baskets with Fred Freeman holding SMU in the game with a one-hand shot that seemed to come out of a hip-holster. City lead 35-28 at the half.

The overall pace set in the first twenty minutes of play was amazing. The Lavender made 46 per cent of its shots during this period, while the Mustangs were behind with 37 per cent. City committed four fouls; SMU was guilty of but one. It was unquestionably the finest single period of court play seen in the Garden this year.

Ed Warner opened the second half scoring with rebound and a pair of foul shots. The Beavers then seemed to become plagued with a continual inability to score, failing to capitalize on

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Sidelights On The SMU Fray

Nat Holman abandoned his two-platoon system for the first time this season, but he did substitute freely enabling the St. Nicks to get their rest. Although SMU had nothing near City in reserve power, the Mustangs stuck to the fast pace and made it a contest right up to the last five minutes . . . Ed Roman had a hard time in the bucket, what with two SMUers hanging on to him. Just trying to crawl out from under two Texans he was tagged with a surprise personal . . . Floyd Layne was excellent under both boards, being out-matched in that department only by teammate Warner . . . The boobies were shaking back stars for the 14-point spread . . . City's shooting average was a lousy 63%, hitting on 38 out of 60 shots from the field and seven out of 16 foul attempts.

Doc. Winograd Queries Fencing Group on Bias Policies; Musicians Union Bars College Bands at Madison Sq Garden

In a totally unprecedented ruling, the American Federation of Musicians decided Wednesday that it would no longer permit college bands to play at Madison Square Garden basketball games. The Union edict, based on the consideration that Garden basketball is a commercial proposition, directly affects only the Beaver and LIU bands, both of whom have been serenading MSG spectators the last few years.

The gist of the AFM statement was that the presence of college musicians was undermining the position of the local's rank and file, and advised Garden vice president Ned Irish to hire a permanent arena band if he wanted music at his athletic event—both college and professional.

Here at the College, Dean of Administration Leslie W. Engler, indicated that the Union decree would be taken as final, and that the band would not play. It is expected that further developments will stem from the meeting this Saturday of the Metropolitan College Band Association, since Dr. Walter Mallin (Music), is chairman of the group.



Dr. Sam Winograd Faculty Manager of Athletics is studying ban of Negro fencers

The American Fencing League Association's Board of Governors has before it a letter from Sam Winograd, the College's Faculty Manager of Athletics, requesting a statement of their policy on participation by Negroes in their meets.

Columbia University withdrew its membership from the AFLA after it had been told that the two Negro members of the University's fencing team could not compete in Association meets.

The AFLA is in a position where, because it lacks facilities to stage meets, it is forced to use those sites offered by the NYAC and similar athletic organizations. The present fracas started when members of the NYAC complained of the presence of Negro spectators at an AFLA meet held in the NYAC gym.

The Association's National President, Miquel DeCapriles (Associate Dean of NYU Law School), will meet with Prof. John F. Sullivan, Chairman of the NYU Board of Athletics, to consider the problem.

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Some Rootin', Please

AFTER BEING a part of the capacity crowd which turned out to enthusiastically welcome the '49-'50 Beaver hoopsters last Saturday night at the Garden, we would have to be fanatical perfectionists to complain about student support of Nat Holman's newest version of jet propulsion.

But it doesn't take a fanatic or a perfectionist to voice a strong protest over the manner in which College students have supported other College athletics.

Such sports as football, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, fencing, tennis and even baseball have, in the past, drawn but a handful of spectators to lend moral support.

Several of the aforementioned sports perennially produce high caliber squads; intercollegiate championships are not infrequent among them.

It would be a comparatively simple approach to the problem to argue that students of the College have the opportunity to view fine teams and should, consequently, use their chance to good advantage.

It would be simple—but inadequate.

The support of their athletic teams by College students should not be contingent upon the condition of the teams.

It's no secret that City College athletes get no help from the College for their exploits. This is as it should be. Athletes should compete for the love of sport and the glory bestowed upon them by student rooters.

Up to now, our "minor sport" athletes have exerted themselves strictly for love of sport.

It's time we provided some glory.

We would like to suggest that the Allagarooters start a campaign to boost attendance at contests other than the already well-attended basketball frays.

OP will pitch in. How about it?

Hats Off!

WHILE WE'RE on the subject of College sports we'd like to tip our hats to the Varsity Club for the swell job they've done on the Lasak Memorial Drive and the Stein Fund. Final tabulations indicate that the boys have collected a combined total of over \$2,000 in these worthy fund-raising drives.

Hat's off, fellas!

Remember Carnival

OBSERVATION POST urges every student to get tickets to tomorrow night's House Plan Carnival. As the Houpla publicity folks put it, it ought to be "real great."

Just think! Great Broadway stars, the famous Carnival booths, dancing and refreshments—they'll all be yours for just \$1.25! It's a bargain that can't be surpassed. And the Camp Marion Fund can sure use the dough.

All this goes on tomorrow evening, right here in the College. We'll see you there!

Daily Worker Editor John Gates Discovered Politics in Cafeteria

By Eugene G. Schwartz

At the age of 36, John Gates is the Editor-in-Chief of the Daily Worker and one of the nation's top Communist leaders. Of medium build with brown wavy hair and an affable personality, Gates attended CCNY from 1930 to 1932.

Today he sits in a neat, spare office at the end of a long narrow corridor on the eighth floor of Communist Party headquarters in New York.

Reflecting on his freshmen days at City, Gates recalled "The alcoves (now the cafeteria) were my first taste of politics. There I listened to the keen debates among Communists and Socialists." Like many students in the early days of the depression his attendance at college was largely aimless. Youth was groping for some tangible direction and goal.

Next to their concern for economic security, students were concerned with peace in Gates' time. While at college, a student was suspended by President Robinson for distributing an unapproved article opposing compulsory ROTC. John Gates was drawn in to the "cause celebre" which followed and served on the committee which was petitioning for reversal of the decision. He recalls working on that group with Joseph P. Lash, who later became an active and prominent youth leader.

This experience drew Gates into the Young Communist League (YCL) which was active in the campaign. With a new purpose in life, convinced that "the group offered a positive program" to which he could adhere, he began to see less and less of his classes. Finally he left school, mainly for financial rea-



John Gates

sons, without graduating. This was the beginning of the "revolutionary" career which now finds him among the twelve CP leaders convicted for conspiring to teach the overthrow of the government.

Years later he volunteered to fight for the Republican government in the Spanish Civil War. "I wished then that I had taken ROTC after all," he mused. His basic training consisted of firing three rounds of ammunition into the side of hill. Sent directly into battle, he later rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

When I asked about the effect of the recent trials on his personal life, he replied, "Of course it has been difficult on our wives and children, but the personal discomfort was of a minor nature. They are to be expected of anyone participating in such a movement, and we expect persecution." These were the remarks of a man whose life has been completely dedicated to a cause.

Despite his pleasant manner, the fixed smile in his soft brown

eyes, the man seemed obviously weary. His answers to my questions came in the measured tones of one who has spoken them many times before.

Once, though, he sat forward and his face hardened for a moment. This was at the mention of Tito, and my question of how The Worker justified its policy of not printing any original Yugoslavian statement concerning the Tito-Cominform feud. "We do not give coverage to what emanates from Belgrade any more than we would the Ku Klux Klan."

"What is involved here is not the expression of legitimate views, but those of a gang of murderers, spies and tools of Wall Street."

Returning to a more peaceful subject the Communist editor outlined what he felt the role of the college press to be. "They must oppose and urge the reversal of the 'creeping paralysis' setting in on the college campus as the result of the cold war, limitations of academic freedom, restrictions in science, loyalty oaths and militarization in education."

This was one interview in which the labored question, "What about conditions in Russia?", was not asked.

People may question whether there is any significance to the contributions of John Gates to society. One thing cannot fail of recognition however. That is, that this amiable, soft-spoken man was born partly of the challenging environment on St. Nick's campus, which has given impartially of its leadership to almost every diverse field of endeavor. In this the Communist Party has proved no exception.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

One would think that by this time the student body and the school newspapers would be fed up with the political windbags who as election time approaches suddenly decide that it might benefit them to take a swat at individuals who try no matter how little the success that greets their efforts, to aid the processes of student government. OP seems to have hit the jackpot in finding not only one but two of this type of being; one of whom hasn't even the courage to identify himself, but hides under the title of "an interested student."

Taking one at a time into consideration, I should like to suggest that if Mr. Hugh Schwartz, the esteemed reporter had stopped taking part in the tumult he helped to create and which he so fervently attacked in his unwritten article, he might have realized that some students consider important the fact that motions which would drastically revise the working of the fee plan were introduced to Student Council. But perhaps he considers the \$1.50 that the students dig out of their pocket each term too insignificant to mention. I wonder if the student body would agree with him?

If he had been listening he might also have noted that an honest effort was being made to improve conditions of athletes at the college. The very fact that this failed to achieve an absolute majority to put an Athletic Fee before the student body is a ref-

erendum is evidence of what the lack of publicity can do to this question. But perhaps Mr. Schwartz considers this too insignificant to mention. I wonder if the student body would agree with him.

If he had been listening he might have realized that a by-law strengthening the Coordinating Class Council was passed. The fact that this by-law will give the students an opportunity to derive real social benefits from their class councils, which have too long been made up of politicians instead of representatives, seems to have escaped him. But perhaps Mr. Schwartz considered a class social activities too insignificant to mention. I wonder if the student body would agree with him?

If he had been listening he might have realized that the by-law putting a halt to loaded membership lists was and is in danger of being repealed, despite its overwhelming passage by the student body. If this by-law is rescinded I shall always feel that it was his refusal to tell the student body what was happening that was directly responsible. But perhaps Mr. Schwartz considers this too insignificant to mention.

I would continue reporting what Mr. Schwartz didn't consider worth mentioning. However, I wouldn't like to steal Mr. Schwartz's by-line.

Now let's get down (way down) to the level of our so-called "interested student." Who is kidding who? Unless the individual writ-

ing that letter was one of the politicians he so fervently attacks or a member of your own staff, I for one cannot see how he managed to get a letter into Monday's issue when Council ended at 12 P.M. Friday, and as admitted by a member of your staff, the paper was put to bed by Saturday night. Poor, innocent, shocked student. I wonder, I am certain that identification would show him or her to be a name on the SC election ballot or in your staff box, just a frustrated political wheel trying to put one over on the student body.

If this person was so shocked why hasn't he or she come forth and offered to help correct the situation instead of remaining a cowardly, unidentified voice crying in the wind? If he or she had been in earnest, which I doubt, he might have discovered that the School Affairs Comm. under the leadership of Gerald Walpin has been working without hula-balloo to put the soap he so long for in the washroom. I doubt if there will be enough however to clean the slanderous filth this person spouts so easily.

With all the suggestions you gave SC, I feel it would be only fair for me to give you one. In the future if your paper has so hard a time finding anything to write about SC, I suggest you print the minutes point by point and motion by motion. I should also suggest you send a reporter without wax in his ears.

Anita Scherz

Secretary of Student Council

Grad Student Seeks Blood

Miss Shirley Lev, a fifth year Education Student, urgently needs blood for her mother. Because she is not an undergraduate, she is not entitled to draw blood from the CCNY Blood Bank. Whole blood of any kind is urgently requested.

Those who are willing to give both male and female over 18 are eligible should see Miss Kay Hughes at the Red Cross and tell her that the blood is in exchange for blood to be given to Mrs. Clara Lev (mother of Shirley Lev) at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

Blood will be taken on:
 Tuesday through Saturday from 10 to 4
 Thursday from 6 to 9
 Sunday from 1 to 5
 This matter is urgent. Please give if you can.

OP, NSA Hold Front Page Ball

A Front Page Ball, sponsored by the Main Day NSA delegation and the Observation Post Staff Association, will be held on Friday, Dec. 23, at the ROTC Drill Hall. This will be the first affair of its kind at the College.

The tickets, priced at 75 cents each, will be put on sale this afternoon in the OP office, 16A Main.

The Ball will be an informal dance, with refreshments and entertainment, and is being modeled after the famous "Page One" balls that have become an institution in the newspaper world.

Pick 'Em Up

We have been informed that the photographer located in 150 Army is going out of business today. Any students who still have pictures there are requested to pick them up on Monday between 1 and 5.

Fish Stories

By Jerry Fischman

A certain school was noted for its principal, who was a great originator of slogans. Every week, his students were given a different motto.

One day, a successful businessman gave a stirring speech to a school assembly. Not to be outdone, the principal arose, and facing the businessman, said: "Our boys learn the higher things in life." Turning to the audience, he asked, "What is the motto for today?"

With a roar that almost raised the roof the students screamed, "ETHICS!" The principal smiled confidently and asked "What does 'E' stand for?" A loud chorus sang out "Education." Again the smile. "T?" The reply was not as loud this time. "Training." He smiled.

"H?" A few voices spoke up. "Honesty." A stern look began to appear on the principal's face. "I," he said menacingly. There was hesitation for a moment, but a youthful duo called out in shaking tones: "Interest."

With danger edging his voice he came to "C." There was an expectant hush, and then a loud, clear, confident voice bellowed from the rear of the auditorium. "Kindness," it said.

This new-fangled system of penalizing wrong answers by taking off two points for each of them (when only one point is given for correct answers) often leads to peculiar situations.

A friend of ours told us this one. Seems the prof was handing back an exam which had consisted of fifty true-and-false questions. He droned off the marks. "Goldberg, minus ten . . . Williams, minus twelve; Young, minus eight . . . Goodman, zero." He paused and looked up. "Good work, Goodman. Keep it up."

The old Phys-Chem prof was proctoring one of his exams in his usual absent-minded manner, that is, he was reading an involved treatise intently and occasionally staring out of the window in deep abstraction. The exam was rough.

Norman, the brightest fellow in the class, had finished early, and while he was collecting his books, the paper stealthily slid off his desk and onto that of his neighbor. The neighbor checked his answer, made some rapid notations, and saw the bright chap's paper was passed on from student to student. Norm, in the meantime, was making frantic, but futile, efforts to recover it.

He made it, just as the bell rang. As he turned it in to the prof, the old gent looked up and smiled indulgently. "Had you worried for a while, didn't they?" he asked.

Ten Nights . . .

Because of our expanded basketball coverage in this issue, "Ten Nights in a Frat House," scheduled for today's Observation Post, has been postponed for a later edition. (As a matter of fact, the reporter hasn't fully recovered from the harrowing experience on which he'll base his series.)

NY NSA to Hold 'Student Gov't Lab' at Columbia Univ. Saturday

Operation, problems and functions of student government will receive a thorough analysis by the student representatives of some 30 colleges in the Metropolitan Area at a Student Government Clinic and Forum on Saturday, December 10.

Columbia University will host the Met. N. Y. Region (USNSA) meeting which will hear such speakers as Ted Perry, Vice-President of NSA in charge of Student Life, Professor Oscar Buck-Govt. department of CCNY, Beaman, Dean of Students at YU School of Education, and McCann, Secretary to President Eisenhower of Columbia.

Featuring five panel discussions, the topics for deliberation by the group include:

1. Machinery of Student Government
2. Operation of Student Government
3. Student Government Functions and Responsibilities
4. Student Apathy
5. Publications

At least five delegates from City day session will participate. Student Council will select the individuals at its meeting tonight.

This Student Government Clinic is one of several projects put into operation by the region this year. Among its other activities have been an intercollegiate observance of International Student Day on December 3 and the initiation of the NSA Purchase Card system at several of the city's colleges.

A meeting of the NSA Regional Assembly representing 110,000 N. Y. students will take place at Fordham College in the Bronx on Sunday, December 11. At that time the group will issue instructions to its two representatives on NSA's National Executive Committee (NEC). Interim governing body of the Association, the 30 member NEC is scheduled to meet in Madison, Wisconsin, from December 26 to 31.

Tech Celebrates 30th Anniversary

The Thirtieth Anniversary of the School of Technology will be celebrated at the College Jan. 27.

Early plans call for a large turnout of Technicians to participate in varied activities commemorating "Engineers' Day," as the occasion has been dubbed. The proceedings will run for the entire day, and will include entertainment as well as the more sedate collegiate exercises.

Candidates for Student Council Presidency



Leroy Galperin, incumbent Student Council president, who is seeking re-election on the Independent Coalition for Reform ticket. A member of the SC Strike Committee last semester, Galperin is a former News Editor of The Campus.



Stanley Queler, who is running for the top student government post as an independent. He is News Editor of The Campus now, and is also president of the College's Young Republican Club.



Phil Schaffer, running for the presidency on the S.O.S. ticket, has been Observation Post's Student Council rep for two semesters. He is Managing Editor of OP and is a former News Editor.

Letters

To the Editor:
 I was shocked to find in the December 5 issue of your paper a picture of a group of girls, including Marion Weinberg, in connection with the publicity for Carnival. The caption stated, in part: "Marion Weinberg would have appreciated the House Plan

Carnival" as she "was a fervent Houpla worker."

The poor taste that was exhibited in printing this picture has made me seriously reconsider my opinion that Observation Post was one of the more intellectual and mature papers on the campus.

As a director of the Camp Marion Memorial Fund, and as an executive of House Plan, I might add that individuals whom I've spoken to in these groups concur with my opinion and some phrase it even more strongly.

I am sure that the general reaction on the campus to this distasteful form of publicity will not do the fledgling tri-weekly any good.

I trust that no other such displays of poor taste will occur.
 Theodore Bernstein.

The picture was offered as a sincere attempt to help both the Camp Marion fund and the Houpla Carnival. If any injury was caused to either, we sincerely apologize. In the future, we'll make every effort to prevent a similar incident.—Editor.

To the Editor:
 Work has been proceeding in order to bring perfection to the crudely-conceived idea of a machine that would not only supply inverse reactive current for use in unilateral phase detractors but would also be capable of automatically synchronizing cardinal grammeters. Such a machine is the "Turbo-Encabulator."

The original machine had a base-plate of prefabricated amulite, surmounted by a malleable logarithmic casing in such a way that the two spurring bearings were in a direct line with the penta-metric fan. The main winding was of the normal lotus-odeta type, placed in panendemic semi-boloid slots in the stator, every seventh conductor being connected by a non-reversible

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tremic pipe to the differential girdlespring on the "up" end of the grammeters.

Forty-one manestically-spaced grouting bushes were arranged to feed into the rotor slip-stream a mixture of high S-value phenylhydrobenzamine and 5% remanitive tetryliodehexamine. Both of these liquids have specific pericosities given by P-2.5 Cn 6.7, where "n" is the diathetical evolute of retrograde temperature phase disposition and "C" is Cholmondely's annual grillage coefficient. Initially, "n" was measured with the aid of a metapolar refractive pilfrometer, but up to the present date nothing has been found to equal the transcendental hopped dadoscope.

Undoubtedly, the turbo-encabulator has now reached a very high level of technical development. It has been successfully used for operating nofer trunnions. In addition, whenever a barecent Skor motion is required, it may be employed in conjunction with a drawn reciprocating dingle arm to reduce sinusoidal depletionation.

Science Student.
 (Name withheld on request.)
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Beavers Rip SMU In MSG Tilt, 67-53

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three fast breaks. SMU likewise was off with their shooting and failed to hit until 4:15 when Brown rebounded successfully. Things livened up a bit as Brown converted a foul. Ed Roman tipped in a rebound and Paul Mitchell hit a jump shot. When the smoke had cleared the Beavers led 41-33.

SMU retaliated with their biggest scoring spree of the evening. Fred Freeman dropped in a brace of fouls and Lutz caged a nifty one-hander to bring the Mustangs within four points of the Lavender of 41 points. However, Floyd Layne broke the brief Texas scoring monopoly by scoring on a fast break play. He followed this goal up with a fine left-handed hook shot from behind the keyhole to make it 45-37.

SMU gallantly fought back, but they were far off their first half pace. Charlie Lutz's hook shot was their only score during a period in which they dominated the backboards, took six rebounds, and missed some easy shots, missing five consecutive attempts.

Eddie Warner then proceeded to stage one of the most dazzling one-man exhibitions seen in a Garden tilt. 'Pops' made two brilliant driving hook shots in a row, enabling the Beavers to go ahead by 14 points. The Texans couldn't recover from the Warner splurge, and although Mitchell caged a jump shot. Owens a right-handed hook, and Brown dunked in a foul, it was to no avail. Eddie Warner's great rebounding was the standout feature of the game at this point as he dominated both backboards, tapping in a rebound and caging a layup.

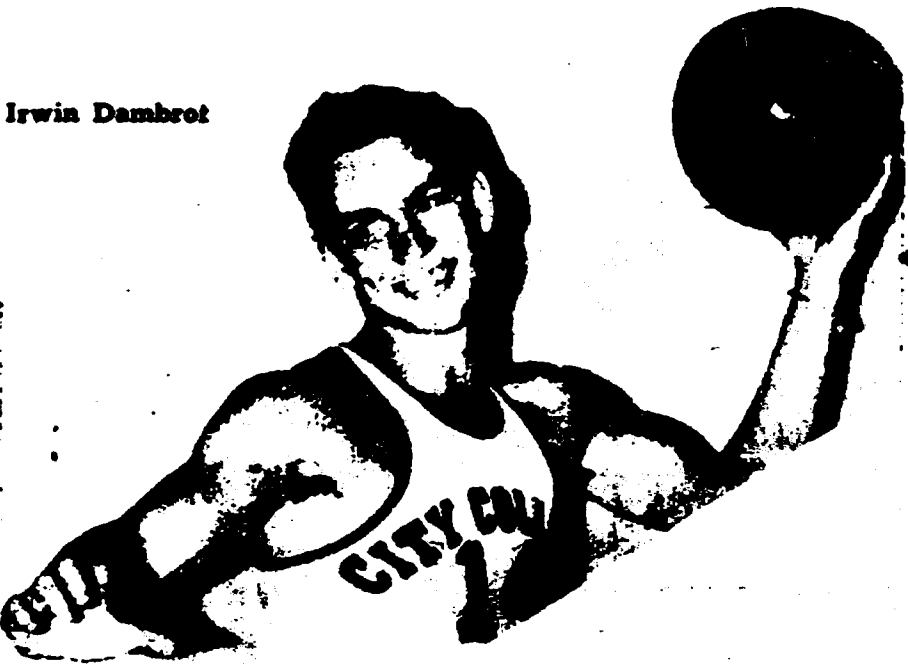
With one and a half minutes remaining, Warner tallied his 18th point on a layup tying the previous Beaver high mark of the year set by Ed Roman in the Lafayette fray. Jack Brown, the Texans' star forward converted a field goal and a foul, but to all intents and purposes the contest was over. The Beavers won going away, 67-53 for their second consecutive Garden triumph and their third straight win.

CCNY (67)			SMU (53)				
	G	F	TP	G	F	TP	
Dambrot lf	7	0	14	Brown lf	4	3	10
Warner rf	8	2	18	Lutz rf	4	0	8
Roman c	5	0	10	Mitchell c	4	1	9
Roth lg	3	2	8	Salmon rg	2	1	5
Wittlin rg	2	0	4	Freeman lg	5	2	12
Layne	3	1	7	Bohm	2	0	4
Galber	0	0	0	Wheeler	1	0	2
Cohen	1	1	3	Haynes	0	0	0
Nadell	1	0	3	Owen	1	0	2
Mager	0	0	0				
Totals	30	4	67	Totals	23	7	53

Women Win

The Lady Hoopsters opened their '49-'50 season with a win over the Alumni, 35-28. Lois Hinds and Irene Fagelson paced the Beaverette attack, with Miss Fagelson hitting the cords for 16 points.

Irwin Dambrot



Mike Wittlin, star Beaver ball-handler (left) and Nat Holman (above).

Merman Splash Against B'klyn Poly Tomorrow

By Marty Deutsch

With the object of balancing last Saturday's defeat at the hands of Seton Hall, the Lavendar swimming team will take to the water tomorrow against the mermen from Brooklyn Poly.

Phil Howard, Ralph Young and Joe Browdie will form the nucleus of the relay entry as the Beavers seek their fourth consecutive victory over the Brooklyn squad. Veteran Fred Hallaway, who placed second against the Seton Hall Pirates, and Marvin Herman will carry the Lavender hopes in the 50; former Capt. Lenny Goldstone and Bill Walker in the 220 and Goldstone in the 440, the Beavers' chances

for success are fairly good. Coach Jack Rider has indicated that Milt Baltas and Howie Singer will be the St. Nick entries in the springboard competition and that the backstroke department will be strongly represented by Phil Howard and "Gunner" Rodriguez.

The sensational Beaver freshman squad paced by standouts Morris Silberberg and Norman Klein will open competition at 12:30.

POP SPORTS

By Dick Kaplan

Kage Kernels...

It's dollars to doughnuts that LIU's thinly populated basketball team folds before the end of the season. No club in the country can hope to beat the slew of top fives on the Blackbird calendar with only nine players. Nat Holman tried this iron-man routine last year and it exploded in his face. He had his little men, Mike Wittlin, Hilly Shapiro and Sonny Jameson go without rest, on the grounds that they were the best he had, with the result that all three performed miserably from mid-February on. Each lost too much weight to maintain his early-season pace.

National Invitation champ San Francisco will have trouble this year. Lofgran or no Lofgran. The Dons weren't deep to start with and now that Herrerias is out should find the going difficult toward the end of each game. . . . Manhattan Coach Ken Norton took quite a chance by allowing his injured ace, Jack Byrnes, to go in against Siena. Byrnes, painfully hobbled, couldn't possibly have altered the course of the game. He could have put himself out for good, though.

NYU ought to thank its lucky stars for its customary soft-touch slate. The Violets haven't anything aside from Abe Becker, Joel Kaufman and perhaps Connie Schaff, none of whom are tall enough to handle the hinterlands' better big men. . . . Working a double pivot for the LIU frosh five, along with 7-1 Murray Tannenbaum, is 6-10 Ray Felix, former Met Vocational luminary. . . . Report has it that Ben Bluitt, 6-5 Loyola of Chicago outside man, is disenchanted by the set-up in the Windy City and may not play this year. . . . Artie Glass, low man on the totem pole here, played with the powerhouse DeWitt Clinton H. S. team of Schayes, Kaufman, Lampert, Klein and Greiss. Ed Warner was an obscure sub on that team.

Oklahoma was beaten by its alumni, 56-40, but so what? Said alumni include All-American Phillips, Oiler Gerry Tucker and '48 captain Paul Courty. . . . Football note: NSA delegate Jimmy Morgan went to high school in Gary, Ind., with George Taliaferro, All-American tailback of the AAC Los Angeles Dons. . . . During the '31-'32 campaign, Catholic U. set a record to beat all records by rolling up the sum total of three points in a basketball game with the Beavers, who scored 24. . . . Nat Holman has fostered two All-Americans in his tenure at the College—Red Holzman in '41-'42 and Sid Trubowitz in '43-'44. Truby is now a post-grad English major at Columbia.

The Beaver hoopsters played to 273,000 people at home and away last year. Together with NYU they're the Garden's best drawing card and that's why the two schools never appear on the same bill. . . . The new ruling that requires all fouls in the last two minutes of a game to be treated as technicals hasn't solved much. Now a team with a small spread is almost certain to defend it with a protracted freeze. When a man is fouled he not only takes his free toss but retains possession at mid-court. . . . Canisius has a highly-touted 6-5 soph named Herman Hedderick who hit for 18 markers in his first major contest.

Watch Fats Roth when he poises to set up a play: he twiddles the ball around in his hands just like Dick McGuire. . . . The fellows on the squad call Leroy Watkins "John". . . . Ed Warner is "Pops". . . . Floyd Layne is taking over where Mason Benson left off as club comic. . . . Holman's decision to elevate Mike Wittlin to the first platoon catalyzed that unit instantly. Mike is the best fast-break passer on the team.

College Fencers Aim to Regain Title Heights

A nine-man squad, paced by Co-captain Frank Kramer, will carry the College colors onto the fencing strips starting Jan. 4 when Columbia furnishes the opposition.

Fencing has in the last two years developed into a championship sport on campus. In 1948 Coach James Montague guided his forces to the Eastern and National titles, and last season, though they slid a notch or two down the ladder, Kramer and Co. placed third in the Easterns and second in the Nationals. The team's overall mark was four

Fencing squads are broken down three ways: saber, foil and epee. Co-captain Gene Natan-



Frank Kramer

blut, second place finisher last year, is top man in the saber class, followed by Ken Bassner and Irwin Ackerman. Frank Biadello, Hal Goldsmith and Robert Byrom are the ranking foilsmen, excluding Kramer, of course. Frank is the defending intercollegiate foils king. Met Junior champion Gene Bass heads the list of epee men, supported by Al Goldstein and Clarence Rober.

The prize addition of the lot is Goldsmith, who won the Met novice foil event last season while representing the New York Athletic Club.

Following the Columbia match, the Lavender takes on Princeton.

Intramurals

By Phil Kott

Basketball

As a result of yesterday's games, two more teams were eliminated from the basketball tournament, cutting down the list of eligible squads to a mere eight. That the boys are taking these games seriously, was evidenced by the steady stream of excited chatter issuing forth from the locker room before and after the games.

With the touch-tackle tournament concluded last week, basketball will be the featured item in this column.

Results:

Crotonas 'F' 27, Hoods 28
Trash A. C. 21, Newman Club

The eight teams that will go into the quarter-finals next week are:

- Crotonas "3"
- Trash A. C.
- Madison
- Knights
- Triboro
- Nippers
- Millels

Crotonas (not to be confused with Crotonas "3")

Officially the teams are not seeded, but if previous records are any criteria, then Madison should come out on top with Knights and Crotonas filling the place and show spots.

Starting next week, this column will feature interviews with many participating players. Two competing teams a week will be given complete personnel coverage.