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Taylor Fights Pay Cut Due 96 on Staff

By Marv Weinberg

As a result of a recent ruling by the City's Civil Service Commission, ninety-six provisional employees of the four city colleges face salary cuts ranging from \$250 to \$1210 a year.

The 96 clerical assistants affected by the ruling were declared "eligible" by Civil Service in November, 1948; when the results of the first examination in nearly ten years were made known. One hundred and twenty-nine others failed to qualify and will be dropped from their jobs early this month.

The eligible "provisionals" who wish to continue working at the colleges will have to accept a base salary of \$1,200, plus a cost-of-living bonus of \$660. The wage cut would mean a reduction of from twelve to thirty-nine percent in income, since the present pay level is from \$1,450 to \$2,410 in base pay, plus the same \$660 bonus.

The Commission's action brought disapproval from several quarters.

Taylor Objects

In a letter to Dr. Ordway Tead, Chairman of the Board of Higher Education, Robert L. Taylor, City College Registrar, criticized the ruling, stating that "obviously the shortsightedness that produced these circumstances serves to breed an unhappy relationship between the employee and the administration. As usual the public will suffer."

Protesting the unfairness of the
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Student Fined For Disorderly Conduct Charge

Four students were found guilty of disorderly conduct in Magistrates Court last Thursday. Three of them, Hal Orbach, S.C. (Eve.) President; Leon Reimer, former IZFA head; and Phil Lotter, were not fined. Jerome Fischer, a resident of Army Hall, was fined \$5.

Police Break Up Crowd

Summons were issued to them by two mounted policemen Tuesday about five minutes after the police had broken up a crowd around a missionary on the corner of Army Hall by riding through it. All but Orbach had been at the gathering.

The policemen charged the students refused to move when ordered and that Fischer had used abusive language. The students denied this and charged that one of the police had threatened them after he found they had taken his badge number. Orbach said that he had seen the gathering broken up and gone over to investigate. He was talking to others when the police took them in.

Day Session S.C. voted Friday night to send a letter to Mayor

NAT HOLMAN



Holman Feted at Garden For Contribution to Youth

By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

It was "Nat Holman night" at the Garden yesterday. Prior to the contest the Beaver coach was honored for his many years of service to City College and to basketball.

During a testimonial ceremony, Holman received several awards which included a plaque from the college in recognition of his "outstanding contributions to the education of the youth of the United States through basketball" and a testimonial award from the college alumni and his friends in the sports world.

The speakers included Joe Lapchick, coach of the New York Knickerbocker's, Nat's former teammate on the Original Celtics and Pres. Harry N. Wright.

The presentations were made by Cliff Anderson, chairman of the "Nat Holman" committee and basketball star for City in the early '20's.

It was a fine tribute to Nat Holman, now in his thirtieth year at the helm of the Beavers. His record of 253 victories against 122 setbacks compiled in three decades must be considered phenomenal since he had never been blessed until very recently with a flow of outstanding talent. It has often been said of him that he made his own stars.

Holman is slated to visit Palestine on invitation of the Israel Government in order to organize and develop a basketball team for the new State.

Nat is considered by many as the greatest basketball player of all time. An old timer who saw him perform many years ago, re-

calls that he always was a crowd pleaser and the fans affectionately tagged the nickname "Sugarfoot" on him.

He served as captain of the famous Original Celtics for ten years. The legendary quintet disbanded in 1929 because of a lack of opposition.

William O'Dwyer protesting the police action.

New SC Leaders Stress Publicity, Reorganization

Alan E. Goldberg

Student Council will reopen next semester under the leadership of a president and vice-president who, though differing in their approach to certain problems, are in general agreement as to over-all principles.

Bill Fortunato, who ran on an independent slate and was supported by this newspaper, was chosen to office along with Ed Spiner, of the Students Rights Coalition (S.R.C.), the faction in the forefront of the fight for the ouster of Professor William E. Knickerbocker (Romance Languages) and Mr. William C. Davis (Economics), instructors accused of discriminatory practices.

In a post election interview Fortunato pointed out that the basic problem of Student Council must be to sell itself to the student body and to the administration.

SC Censures Campus, Students for Wallace

By Bernard Rich

The threatened suspension of *The Campus* for its election day issue simmered down to a demand for an apology last Friday. Student Council unexpectedly condemned both

Book Mart Re-opening

By popular demand the Used Book Mart returns to City College. It will operate in the Student Lounge from January 31 to February 9 during registration and from February 14-18, the first week of school. The Mart's hours will be 1-5 and 6-9 P.M.

The Used Book Mart will operate with fixed price ranges so as to eliminate haggling and be fair to both buyer and seller. There will be two price ranges... 3/4 of the book store selling price for a good used book and 1/2 of selling price for a book with the following defects: torn pages, excessively dirty underlining and underscoring, damaged covers and writing on pages to an excessive amount, etc. Books that have broken bindings, missing pages and illegible pages or are damaged to an excessive degree will not be handled. A service charge of five cents per book will be charged for each book entered to be sold. The buyer will also pay a five cents charge for each book bought. The Mart is being operated on a non-profit basis and the charges are necessary to defray expenses.

Students are urged to bring their used books to the Mart when they register.

The Campus and Students for Wallace, which had initiated and pressed for the suspension of *The Campus*, on the grounds that both had violated the SC regulations by electioneering on election day.

The Council also voted to inform Mayor O'Dwyer of the arrest of four students and an evangelist who were discussing religion in front of Army Hall. The letter to be sent protesting the arrests will ask the Mayor to forestall similar occurrences.

Campus Concurs

Robert Zucherhandle, SC Representative and newly elected Editor-in-Chief of *The Campus*, voted for the resolution condemning both *The Campus* and Students for Wallace because "We violated the ruling, but we felt justified in doing this because of the waste in money that would have occurred if we had not appeared. We owe the students an apology."

The Campus had claimed that it could not appear before Friday, election day, because of difficulties with a new printer. Part of the difficulty lay in the decision Monday night to publish twelve pages instead of the eight that were planned.

Wallacites Protest

When it became generally known Thursday, the day preceding the elections, that *The Campus* would not appear, a number of students asked the elections committee to declare distribution of newspapers containing articles supporting various candidates and issues in the election a violation of the SC election regulation which states that there will be no electioneering on the day of the election.

The Elections Committee so ruled late Thursday afternoon and informed *The Campus* of its action.

On the appearance of *The Campus* Friday, a few members of the executive committee of Students for Wallace issued a leaflet at

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Empty Lockers!

The Hygiene Department has announced that all student lockers must be vacated by Friday, January 21. All locks found on lockers after this date will be clipped and any material inside will be confiscated.

They are also in favor of a publicity campaign to force a
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OBSERVATION POST

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

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

OP Board of Directors

OP wishes to announce that it is accepting applications from organizations for membership on the Board of Directors (the editorial making body of *Observation Post*) for the Spring term of 1949.

Organizations must have at least fifty members and must have been chartered by Student Council for at least two terms by February '49.

Applications must be typed and signed by the organization President and should include the following: name of organization, number of members, number of terms it will have been in existence by February '49, the names of the organization's officers, a list of the organization's activities for the past term and of those planned for next term.

Submit applications in duplicate to *Observation Post*, Undergraduate Newspaper, Box 207.

Tauber's Book Mart

It is through the efforts of men like Al Tauber, former UWF leader, that the College will have the Book Mart set up again. Functioning in the Student (Knittle) Lounge it will provide used texts at a rate more in line with the general financial condition of the students.

During the summer, Tauber worked out a system which would keep the Book Mart working effectively.

All the students, who during the election campaign called for free books issued by the City, can, until that time comes, work with Tauber to provide at least some saving for the students.

New York's Finest

Last Tuesday two mounted policemen broke up a crowd of students who were listening to an evangelist preaching in front of Army Hall.

Antagonized by passing students who stopped to watch them walking their horses on the sidewalk, the policemen resorted to issuing summons to several of them for "disturbing the peace."

Apparently, if a group of students congregate in front of Army Hall to take in the spectacle of two Napoleons on horseback, they are disturbing the peace.

Apology

The Board of Directors wishes to extend its apologies to Ira Goldstein, recently elected to NSA, for having omitted his name from the list of OP Endorsements in the election issue.

The OP Staff Association had instructed its representatives on the Board of Directors to include Goldstein's name in the endorsements.

The name was left out due to the arbitrary action of several members of the Board.

Subsequently the Staff reprimanded the Board.

Dramsoc's 'Joy' A Fitting Finish For Term of Excellent Theatre

By Paul E. Eisenman

"I love you, Alec," said Dr. Ann Wood in her softest, most endearing tones to Alexander Soren, Vice-President in charge of production at Atlas Continental Pictures; he leaned over her, but the curtain fell before she got a chance to prove it.

Letters to the Editor

Raps 'OP' Story On NSA Activity

To the Editor:

I consider *Observation Post* one of the finest college newspapers to come into the NSA office, but I must say that the December 7th edition is an example of irresponsible journalism. It not only appears on your Forum page under the title of "Resume: NSA This Year," but even seeps into your editorial columns.

Under the title of "A Pretty Good Record" appears the statement "well, much has been done; some bad, but mostly good." "Some bad" looks good in print, but where in the paper do you point to sufficient justification to use such terminology in the gauging of an overall program?

You say that it is not to our credit that we cooperate with the present discriminatory DP laws. Has it come to your mind that there may be some good in assuring that, with what we have at the time, the great educational wealth of this nation be made available to at least some of the sufferers of the recent war. Poverty does not take a holiday while the Congress debates legislation. It is to the credit of the NSA that it has succeeded in bringing together all of the major religious and welfare groups to cooperate in the equitable placement of DP students.

You say, "NSA still bogs down in parliamentary morass." Has the present delegation informed the student body that NSA consists of twenty-six regions and two hundred and seventy six colleges along with the twenty-two in the Met New York region? Is it known that more WSSF drives are being conducted under NSA auspices on the American campus than ever before? That more than fifty colleges are participating in Purchase Card Committees in every American city from Miami to Los Angeles, Boston to Louisville? That the Kentucky-Tennessee region has obtained one-half hour radio time every Sunday afternoon on the

Louisville station for college students? That the Pennsylvania region will hold a student cultural program at the Philadelphia Metropolitan Opera House?

While the erstwhile constructive critics of NSA were "interpreting" NSA News editorials out of context they might have quoted one which called upon the National Executive Committee to act upon the problems of Federal Aid to Education this Christmas. If the CCNY delegation had wished to heed that call they would have been informed (as will all of NSA in the December issue of NSA News) that a complete legislative program on this matter is being placed before the National Executive Committee this Christmas.

I write this as one who considers himself still a student at CCNY, though on inactive duty at the time, and who has never in his time at college refrained from fighting against distortions in the press. Those who have fought with me might look behind the other shoulder, too.

Gene Schwartz

Editor's note: Our editorial was written as an evaluation of the term's NSA activities — not as a supplement to an independent opinion published in the OP Forum.

We object to NSA's participation in the DP program not, as Mr. Schwartz intimates, because of callousness or innate cruelty, but because of the DP Bill's provisions that discriminate against Catholics, Jews and legitimate displaced persons. We can't see how Gene can ask NSA to support a program that brings into the United States the filth of humanity — quite often, according to newspaper accounts, concentration camp guards, assistants in the genocide program and other unvarnished characters. We think that NSA lowers itself by assisting — especially in the name of humanity — such a program.

The scattered activities that Gene enumerates do not diminish what we said about NSA's entanglement in red tape. We spoke (Continued on page 2)

This stirring love scene took place on the stage of the Pauline Edwards Theatre before almost sell-out houses on the evenings of December 17th and 18th as Dramsoc presented Allan Scott's Broadway hit, "Joy to the World."

The audience must have recovered from the disappointment of not seeing Dr. Wood, portrayed by Mona Pascal, follow up on her statement to Soren (Lee Goldberg) because the curtain call applause was thunderous on both evenings.

It was well-deserved, too. The acting in this comedy about an unconventional Hollywood producer who dares to oppose the big "money men" he works for was uniformly good, and F. Vincente Romea's set was as professional as any ever seen on Broadway. Miss Pascal turned in an excellent performance, and Lee Goldberg recovered from an early case of jitters to do the same. Morty Lawner, too, seems to be able to handle his part, was a sparkling Newt Alekeon. Shep Kerman and John Walsh, who played boyfriends in Theatre Workshop's "Edward II," were not quite as chummy in "Joy," but just as good. Abraham Blumberg handled a "natural" scene-stealing part with all the verve it called for.

Last but far from least was Howie Caine, who handled the small but important part of Sam Blumenfeld magnificently. His presence on the stage inspired such silence during a melodramatic scene that it seemed that City College theatre-goers had finally come of age.

The Dramsoc production put the lid on a year of fine drama from the College's Main Center. Three prize-winning one-acters started things off back in March after a contest jointly sponsored by Dramsoc and OP had selected the plays.

Theatre Workshop

Theatre Workshop then produced Don Haggerty's "Hammock on the Green," and, a little later, Christopher Marlowe's "Edward II." "Dark of the Moon" was Dramsoc's next success, with basketballer Sid Trubowitz taking part. Then came Elmer Rice's excellent play "Street Scene," with which TW did a bang-up job.

Plans for the future look encouraging. TW will, on January 14th and 15th, present the annual Richard Coeugh Memorial Production at the Pauline Edwards Theatre. This year's production will be Samson Raphaelson's comedy, "Jason," which seems to be shaping up very well. Meanwhile, Dramsoc announces that their Spring semester offering will be a former Broadway hit musical comedy.

While I'm at my smoking typewriter, I'd like to say an long Robby Sand (Box 2) willing. I'll graduate in a few days. It's been a nice place, City College has, but I'm not going to miss it — because I'll keep coming back. The work on the newspaper has been especially gratifying, especially after last December's referendum: it was hard work, but the vote of confidence you gave us made it worthwhile.

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Federal Aid to Schools Proposed by NSA Exec

By Nat Halebsky

The National Student Association has issued a call for federal aid to higher education, along the lines of the report of the President's Commission on Higher Education.

The action was taken at the NSA's National Executive Committee meeting in Chicago during the Christmas vacation.

Taking exception to the report's stand on religious instruction, the NSA asked that federal aid be given to private colleges for capital expansion only where such facilities are not used for religious instruction.

In other actions, the NSA: Sent a letter of congratulations to the Amherst chapter of Phi Kappa Psi for its stand against discrimination and the initiation of a Negro as a member.

Asked Olivet College to grant a hearing to Prof. Barton F. Akely, dismissed professor of sociology. The NSA learned his removal a "violation of academic freedom," and said that "there was no reason for the termination of contract."

No Bradley Stand
Took no "decent stand" on the case of Prof. Lyman R. Bradley of NYU, although they stated that there seemed to be a violation of academic freedom in the University's refusal to allow him to speak at a student meeting. The position was taken because NSA felt that there was not sufficient documentation available. A definite statement will be issued as soon as documentation is gathered.

Authorized national NSA staff to send a representative to Puerto Rico to help the University there to form a working Student Council and to bring the school into the NSA.

Authorized the NSA's International Commission to send a representative to the International Union of Students to arrange for two student tours to Europe this summer.

NSA's Metropolitan New York Region, at its last meeting before the Christmas vacation, voted to support the student body of City College in their demand for the removal of Prof. William E. Knickerbocker and Mr. William C. Davis. The action was taken on the basis of the student referendum in October.

The Regional Assembly will meet again during the intersession period.

No Promotions For Romance Language Dept.

Sixty-five members of the faculty, of the rank of instructor and professor, have been promoted one grade, it was announced last week by President Harry N. Wright.

Conspicuously absent from the list of promotions were four members of the Department of Romance Languages who had been recommended by Professor Knickerbocker, chairman of the department.

Under a set-up initiated several years ago, promotions are recommended by the members of the various departments. The lists are then approved first by the Committee on Personnel and Budget composed of the chairmen of all departments, second by the Committee on Review, made up of the President of the College and all Deans, third by the President alone, and finally by the Board of Higher Education.

One of the recommended men, Associate Professor Vaillant, was eliminated en route to the Board. The other three, Assistant Professor Luciani, Mr. Becerra, and Mr. Delson were refused promotion by the board as a result of the following resolution passed by the Board at their December "Resolution postponing, in view of the pending appeal to the New York State Commissioner of Education in the matter of the Romance Languages Department, consideration of promotions in that department until after rendition of the Commissioner's decision, without prejudicing in the slightest the position of the Higher Education in the matter."

New SC Leaders

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raise in the allocation to the College from the city budget. Bill Fortunato, with long experience in Student Council behind him, stresses the necessity of reforming S.C. and its procedural methods. He advocates placing a time limit on S.C. sessions to insure action on important issues. Reorganization, according to Ed Sparer, also means the elimination of the power of clubs in Council debates and decisions.

Booster Pin



The sports-minded little beaver above will appear on a new lavender and black pin to be sold at \$20 beginning next term at registration. Proceeds go to the Centennial Fund.

Pay Cuts

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ruling and the chaotic conditions it causes, Mr. Taylor said: "I must admit that I am beginning to feel somewhat beaten by a system that authorizes hitting below the belt as contrasted with fair play."

Mayer Receives Protest

From another source came an equally sharp attack. The Legislative Conference of the four city colleges, which is made up of staff representatives of City, Brooklyn, Hunter, and Queens Colleges, called on Mayor William O'Dwyer to intervene against the ruling.

The Conference asked the Mayor, in a letter dated December 30, 1948, to take prompt action in a situation that takes on "the proportions of a grave social injustice."

Fill SC Posts; Fee Plan In

Winning with 1,477 votes in the elections held on December 17, Bill Fortunato became the new president of Student Council. Ed Sparer and Shirley Lay were elected to the positions of S.C. vice-president and secretary respectively. The post of treasurer was filled by Harvey Karp.

The results of the referendum show that the student body overwhelmingly favors continuing the fee plan for three years at the rate of \$1.50 per semester. The vote was 3 1/2 to 1 for having both papers chartered and supported by the fee plan.

For a complete listing of elected candidates see the bulletin board in front of Room 20.

Oust Student for Political Activity at Mich. State

By Ed Rosenberg

James Zarichny, Michigan State College senior, was expelled from school on December 20 for listening to a speech by Carl Winter, chairman of the Communist Party of Michigan, this newspaper learned last week.

Zarichny attended, but did not speak at a meeting called by the Civil Rights Congress of Ingham County, which heard Winter attack the indictments of the twelve top leaders of the Communist Party for "teaching Marxism" and "organizing a Communist Party in 1945."

The expulsion of Zarichny followed by one year his being placed on probation for distributing an AYD leaflet on campus, calling for a Fair Employment Practices Commission. Although the College declined to give the terms of the probation in writing, it was understood that the 23-year-old senior would be prohibited from participating in any extracurricular activities.

YPA Delegation Sent

Dean S. E. Crowe of Michigan State, speaking to Lennie Strauss '50, vice-president of the College's Young Progressives of America chapter, and chairman of a national YPA delegation to protest the expulsion, said that Michigan State follows a policy that calls for the expulsion of probationary students who perform actions of which the College disapproves. When Strauss asked if this also applied to actions off campus, Dean Crowe replied that it did.

The YPA delegation had been chosen by the organization's national convention, which met in Detroit over Christmas. The group went to the campus at East Lansing to protest the expulsion and

to request immediate reinstatement.

Zarichny, who is being represented by the Civil Rights Congress in legal action to oblige the College to reinstate him, has appealed to students all over the country to come to his aid. He said that if his expulsion is allowed to stand without reinstatement, "there could result the most serious consequences." "This is an attack upon the true basis of academic freedom—the rights guaranteed to all citizens under the Constitution," he stated.

To Send Wires

At City College, several groups have already begun telegram and petition campaigns directed to President Hannah and Dean Crowe of Michigan State College and to Governor-elect E. Mennen Williams of Michigan.

Bill Fortunato and Ed Sparer, president and vice-president-elect of Student Council, have declared themselves in favor of Zarichny's reinstatement.

AVC Drive

Chairman Nat Ginsberg of the American Veterans' Committee (Room 16A), announces that a school-wide committee will be organized next semester to plan a campaign for higher veterans' subsistence scales. Subsistence questionnaires will be available at the AVC booth during registration.

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Raps 'OP' Story

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mainly of the New York Region, and can assure him that the parliamentary aerobatics in that organization are decidedly unique.

As we pointed out, NSA has excellent programs for excellent activities — but they are, unfortunately, still in the planning stage. An appeal to the National Exec to press for a Federal Aid to Education program does not constitute such a program. We'll still wait and see.

Reader Hits 'Wayward Press' on Bias Story

To the Editor:
I am very much concerned with an instance of what might be termed "The Wayward Press" at City College. Last Thursday I secured at the President's Office a pamphlet printed by the Board of Higher Education reviewing the facts in the Knickerbocker Case. This statement proved highly interesting, particularly since it attempts to refute, in calm, reserved manner, the incendiary charges that set off vehement demonstrations at the college earlier this term. I then awaited the circulation of this evidence and its effect on our student body. In particular, I watched for editorial comment in the student newspapers.

I am still waiting. Yes, two of the three undergraduate publications acknowledged the booklet's existence in small box items. But no stories were carried revealing that in the Gurewitch incident, "... an error had been made in the office of the Dean ... and ... This omission was in no way due to or connected with Professor Knickerbocker." (p. 6). The two affidavits that featured so prominently in the charges widely publicized this semester now appear far from conclusive when we read that one statement was made in 1943 regarding what some one allegedly heard in 1930. Nor did our newspapers summarize the evidence supporting Profes-

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nor Knickerbocker, attesting to his innocence.

I realize that these items cannot supply a cause for any campus group "to champion," nor are they suitable to be emblazoned on posters or handbills; but these facts are indispensable to those students who wish truly to evaluate both sides of the argument and judge a case that has rocked our college.

... such an omission is a sad indictment of the student press.
Bennett J. Parsteck, '49

SDA Prexy Knocks 'OP' Meet Coverage

To the Editor:
With reluctance, and after long consideration, the executive committee of the CCNY Students for Democratic Action has come to the conclusion that Observation Post has been guilty of discrimination in news coverage, against certain campus organizations.

SDA has approached Observation Post four times this term in regard to the printing of new items of interest to CCNY students. One item the OP staff claimed was handed in too late for publication. A second item was lost by your staff. The third item was printed. This was a dance notice. Your staff listed the wrong date, the wrong admission price and also forgot to mention where the dance was being held. The fourth item was handed to you staff a week prior to publication of OP. It concerned the fact that the New York state SDA had chosen City College as the school where the New York SDA convention would be held. It also pointed out that Senator elect Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota would address the convention. The latest issue of OP had eight pages. Nowhere could your News Editor find any space to print even a notice of this important event. If the appearance at City College of one of the outstanding liberal

figures in America today does not rate a notice in OP, then I am forced to come to the conclusion that OP does not have the necessary qualifications to exist as an undergraduate newspaper at City College.

Seymour Reisin
President, CCNY-SDA.

Editor's note: Observation Post regrets that Mr. Reisin does not feel that he and his organization have been fairly treated by this paper. We always have, and still do, make every effort to print all items of news that we possibly can. Because of space limitations, we have had numerous complaints from groups that claim to have been slighted. The answer, of course, is more pages per paper, which at the present time is impossible. Once more, our apologies.

S.— We covered the meeting, and ran a story on it in our following issue.

Mr. Stalb Questions AH Rent Increase

To the Editor:
I have observed an article appearing in the December 6th issue of Main Events under the by-line of a Mr. Ed Rosenberg. I also observed the same article, without a by-line, in the December 7th issue of The Observation Post. In the first named paper the headline states "Army Hall Rents Face Increase." In the Observation Post the same article is headed "A. H. Rent Raise Seen in Spring."

My office has held in high respect the constructive work done by the Army Hall Resident's Council as a body. However, I do wish to call to the attention of the Council that the implication of this article, as apparently

stated by "A member of the Army Hall Residents' Council" is grossly misleading.

We shall discuss and review our Army Hall costs situation with proper representatives of the council in advance of any increase in rents which may be necessary to continue adequate operation of this large building. Specifically, in contradiction to the implication of the above mentioned article, I have not recommended an increase of rents for the "Spring" term (February 1949), nor will there be an increase in rent for that term. There are other items mentioned in these publications which are a misstatement of facts.

Walter Stalb
Curator and Business Mgr.

Nowhere in my article do I quote Mr. Stalb. Mr. Bachner presented the Army Hall Residents Council with certain facts (which I included in my story) and then told the Council quite plainly that this was the basis for a possible rent increase.

It was an error on my part not

to have seen Mr. Stalb before reporting the story. However, knowing Mr. Bachner's position as Mr. Stalb's subordinate, it seemed evident to me that he knew whereof he speaks, and would not make such statement without the knowledge of Mr. Stalb.

Ed Rosenberg

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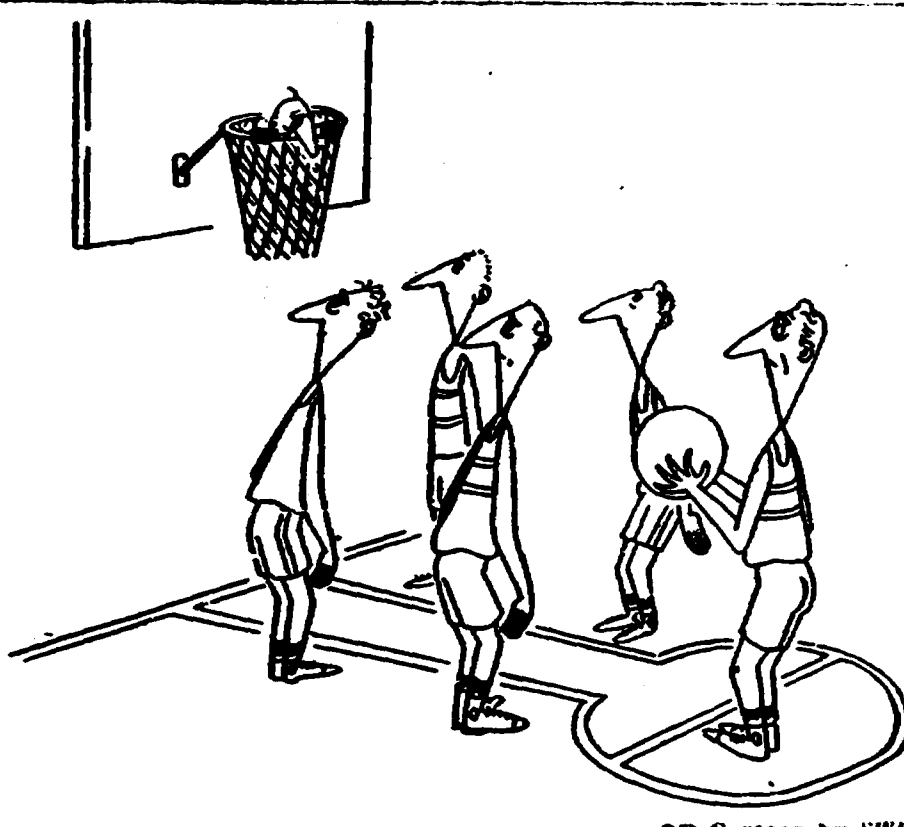
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Roth, Al	9	22	12	21
Smith, Arnie	9	22	9	11
Cohen, Sy	7	16	12	45
Berkowitz, S.	7	13	4	39
Wasserman, D.	6	14	6	24
Reichman, R.	5	10	2	13
Meyer, Larry	5	10	2	13
Weinstein, A.	5	7	2	13
Weinstein, W.	5	5	2	13
Hirshkowitz, M.	5	4	1	4
Storman, R.	4	0	4	4
Goldstein, H.	3	1	1	3
Greenwood, R.	2	1	0	1
Benetz, Ed	2	0	1	1
Kirshbaum, I.	2	0	0	0
Total	9	244	120	486

No longer on team

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Union Temple	64	
Washington, Jr.	64	
Queens, Jr.	24	
Manhattan, Jr.	62	
Brooklyn, Jr.	45	
Hudson, Jr.	39	
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Conover Center	32	
Bayonne, J.C.	30	

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Reader Hits 'Wayward Press' on Bias Story

To the Editor:
 I am very much concerned with the instance of what might be called "The Wayward Press" at City College. Last Thursday I saw a booklet printed by the Board of Education reviewing the Knickerbocker Case. The statement proved highly interesting, particularly since it attempts to refute, in calm, reserved tones, the incendiary charges that off vehement demonstrations at the college earlier this year. I then awaited the circulation of this evidence and its effect on our student body. In particular, I watched for editorial comment in the student newspapers.
 I am still waiting. Yes, two of the three undergraduate publications acknowledged the booklet's existence in small box items. But the stories were carried revealingly in the Gurewitch incident, where an error had been made in the office of the Dean . . . and this omission was in no way connected with Professor Knickerbocker. (p. 6). The affidavits that featured so prominently in the charges were publicized this semester now appear far from conclusive when I read that one statement was made in 1943 regarding what the one allegedly heard in 1930. If our newspapers summarize the evidence supporting Profes-

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... Knickerbocker, attesting to his innocence.
 I realize that these items cannot supply a cause for any campus group "to champion," nor are they suitable to be emblazoned on posters or handbills; but these facts are indispensable to those students who wish truly to evaluate both sides of the argument and judge a case that has rocked our college.
 . . . such an omission is a sad indictment of the student press.
 Bennett J. Parsteck, '49

SDA Prexy Knocks 'OP' Meet Coverage

To the Editor:
 With reluctance, and after long consideration, the executive committee of the CCNY Students for Democratic Action has come to the conclusion that Observation Post has been guilty of discrimination in news coverage, against certain campus organizations.
 SDA has approached Observation Post four times this term in regard to the printing of news items of interest to CCNY students. One item the OP staff claimed was handed in too late for publication. A second item was lost by your staff. The third item was printed. This was a dance notice. Your staff listed the wrong date, the wrong admission price and also forgot to mention where the dance was being held. The fourth item was handed to your staff a week prior to publication of OP. It concerned the fact that the New York state SDA had chosen City College as the school where the New York SDA convention would be held. It also pointed out that Senator elect Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota would address the convention. The latest issue of OP had eight pages. Nowhere could your News Editor find any space to print even a notice of this important event. If the appearance at City College of one of the outstanding liberal

figures in America today does not rate a notice in OP, then I am forced to come to the conclusion that OP does not have the necessary qualifications to exist as an undergraduate newspaper at City College.

Seymour Reisin
 President, CCNY-SDA.

Editor's note: Observation Post regrets that Mr. Reisin does not feel that he and his organization have been fairly treated by this paper. We always have, and still do, make every effort to print all items of news that we possibly can. Because of space limitations, we have had numerous complaints from groups that claim to have been slighted. The answer, of course, is more pages per paper, which at the present time is impossible. Once more, our apologies.
 S.— We covered the meeting, and ran a story on it in our following issue.

Mr. Stalb Questions AH Rent Increase

To the Editor:
 I have observed an article appearing in the December 6th issue of Main Events under the by-line of a Mr. Ed Rosenberg. I also observed the same article, without a by-line, in the December 7th issue of The Observation Post. In the first named paper the headline states "Army Hall Rents Face Increase." In the Observation Post the same article is headed "A. H. Rent Raise Seen in Spring."
 My office has held in high respect the constructive work done by the Army Hall Resident's Council as a body. However, I do wish to call to the attention of the Council that the implication of this article, as apparently

stated by "A member of the Army Hall Residents' Council" is grossly misleading.

We shall discuss and review our Army Hall costs situation with proper representatives of the council in advance of any increase in rents which may be necessary to continue adequate operation of this large building. Specifically, in contradiction to the implication of the above mentioned article, I have not recommended an increase of rents for the "Spring" term (February 1949), nor will there be an increase in rent for that term. There are other items mentioned in these publications which are a misstatement of facts.
 Walter Stalb
 Curator and Business Mgr.

Nowhere in my article do I quote Mr. Stalb. Mr. Bachner presented the Army Hall Residents Council with certain facts (which I included in my story) and then told the Council quite plainly that this was the basis for a possible rent increase.
 It was an error on my part not

to have seen Mr. Stalb before reporting the story. However, knowing Mr. Bachner's position as Mr. Stalb's subordinate, it seemed evident to me that he knew whereof he speaks, and would not make such statement without the knowledge of Mr. Stalb.
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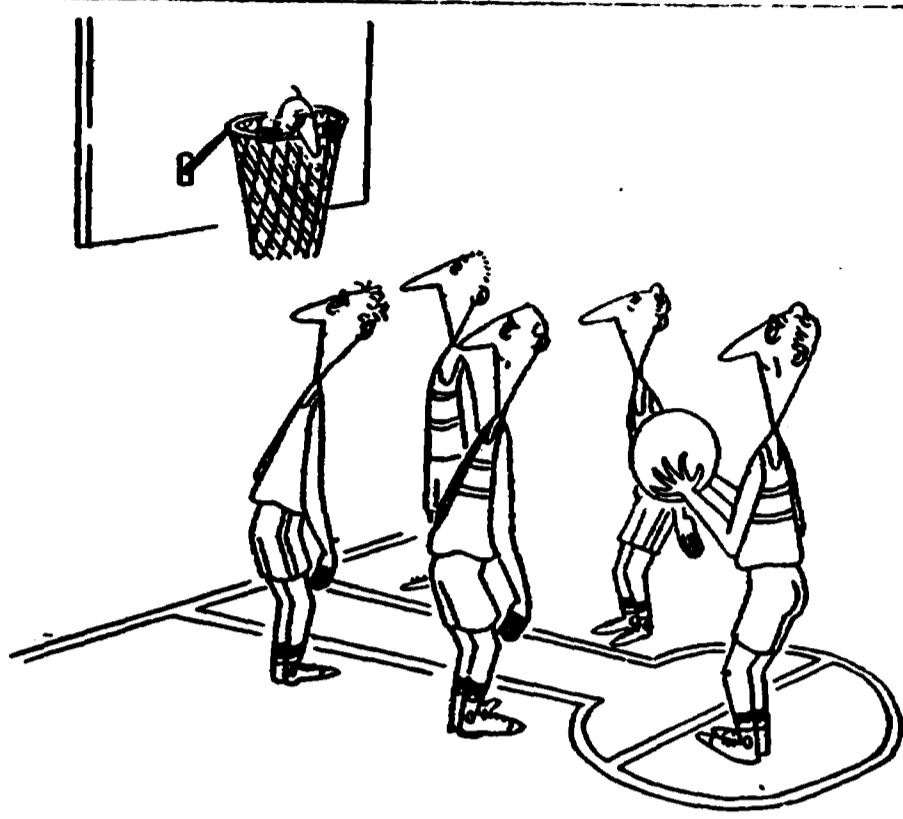
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by Ben Zeidman

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The Holmen started by following the Mountaineers downcourt to trail 10-2. From there on, the Beavers rallied to tie the score. The lead changed hands with every basket with the half ending; Lavender leading 29-27.

Come Out Fighting

During the half Holman must have really inspired the team. They came roaring out and ran West Virginia into the ground by rolling up a 52-32 score at the 9-minute mark. At that point, Holman substituted a full five.

West Virginia started to come near the end. Jameson, however, sewed up the contest with two final layups.

Schaus, Shapiro Tops

Fred Schaus, sparklet for the Mountaineers, scoring 27 points on a variety of shots; Sterling, a set-shot artist also hit the nets for 10 points.

Hilty Shapiro, played perhaps his best game of the year by scoring 18 points. Sonny Jameson dunked in 12 markers to be second high man on the Beaver squad.

Holman Honored

Before the start of the game, Holman was presented with two plaques commemorating his thirtieth year of coaching at the college. Noted speakers included President Harry N. Wright, Professor Frank S. Lloyd of the Hygiene Department and Joe Lapchick, now coaching the New York Knickerbockers. Also at the mike were Co-captains Sonny Jameson and Hilty Shapiro.

This game gave the Beavers a season's record so far of 11 wins and two losses. The two losses being sustained at the hands of St. M. U. and San Francisco. The Frisco five will be met on the Coast.

Go West

This was their last game before leaving for the Western Tour. After their last three outings, the prospects appear bright for the team to return after making a respectable showing. Their shooting has improved and the foul line appears to have lost some of its dangers.

Player	Pts	Reb	Ass
Dambrot	9	0	3
Mager	4	2	10
Jameson	6	0	12
Gulber	2	3	3
Watkins	1	0	2
Wittlin	3	1	2
Madel	0	0	0
Shapiro	3	2	14
Strickman	0	0	4
Milamed	0	0	4
Totals	29	5	64

Player	Pts	Reb	Ass
Schaus	27	11	27
Green	0	0	0
Ryan	0	0	0
Whitball	0	0	0
Duff	0	0	0
Wardle	0	0	0
Sterling	10	0	10
Parkie	0	0	0
Shank	0	0	0
Wheat	0	0	0
Green	0	0	0
Totals	37	11	37

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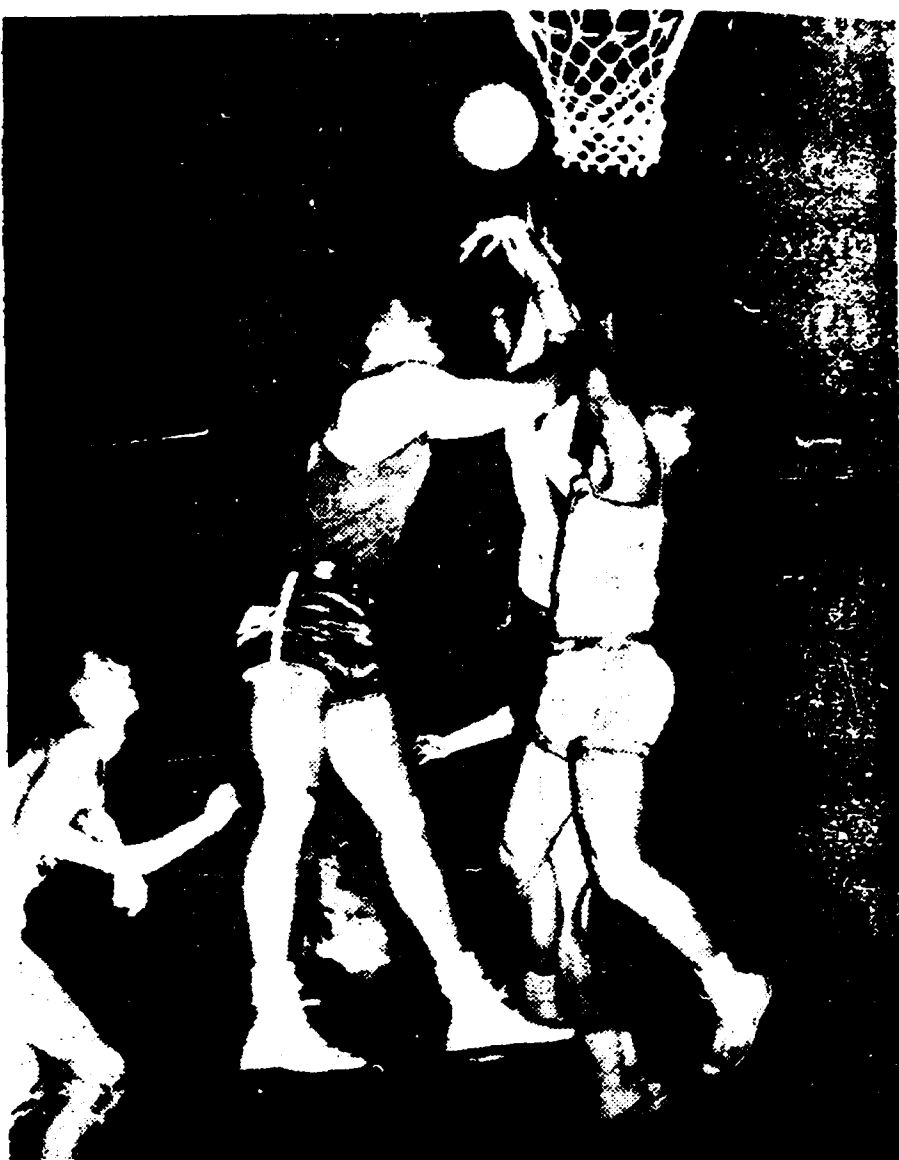
TOP SPORTS

Here's Hoping!

Hope is expressed that the bad ankle of Mason Benson (see photo at right) will recover in time for him to render service to the Beavers on the Coast trip. If it does, the next meeting with San Francisco might have a different verdict.

Benson, who was one of big men under the boards for City, was injured in a pre-season scrimmage. Since then he has hardly seen action.

Let's hope you can make it—Mason.



IRWIN DAMBROT, Beaver jump-shot expert, being fouled in a recent Garden encounter. Nat Holman named Dambrot "potentially one of the greatest players" he has ever coached, when Irwin was only a freshman. The 22-year old junior set a Lavender record of 8 points in 48 seconds against Bowling Green two years ago. This year Dambrot racked up 140 points in the first dozen contests.

Chess Club Cops U.S. Nationals

Faced by Howard Harrison, Richard Einhorn, Isidore Rothman, and Richard Vogel, the City College Chess team won the United States Collegiate Chess Championship Dec. 26-30 by a score of 21-7 and thereby retained possession of the H. M. Phillips trophy for another two years. Although seeded third behind Yale and Syracuse, the Lavender by playing steady chess after starting off slowly forged their way to first place by taking eleven and a half out of a possible twelve points in three matches, and swamped Syracuse with some of the greatest chess ever seen, 4-0 and were never headed thereafter.

Harrison of first board was the star of the tournament as he played through every round to finish with an amazing total of three wins, three ties, and one loss, competing against some of the best players in the country including the famed Robert Byrne of Yale. Einhorn of second board more than held his own by winning five out of a possible six games. Isidore Rothman won five out of five playing brilliant chess, including a fine game against Moe Ginsberg of

Syracuse. Reuben Klugman, Kevin Plesset, and Eugene Shapiro played good chess when called in as substitutes.

By winning the Phillips Trophy, it marked the fourteenth time that City College has won this award in the twenty three years that the trophy has been placed in competition.

Player	Pts	Reb	Ass
Dambrot	6	2	14
Mager	1	0	2
Strickman	0	1	1
Jameson	5	2	15
Gulber	2	1	3
Watkins	1	1	2
Wittlin	2	0	10
Madel	0	1	1
Shapiro	3	2	9
Milamed	0	0	4
Totals	21	13	64

Player	Pts	Reb	Ass
Isidore	5	1	11
Wish	3	1	25
Freid	2	0	7
James	1	0	1
Milamed	1	0	2
Lider	0	0	0
Totals	21	11	56

Officials—Matty Bogovich and...

Beavers Trip St. Joe's

Last Saturday night the Beavers beat the St. Joseph's five by a 60-53 count.

Playing at a breakneck pace, the Lavender five sprang into an early lead. St. Joe evened the score in the closing minutes of the initial period as City consistently miced easy baskets. The half ended with the score knotted 30-all.

Led by Irwin Dambrot and

Sonny Jameson, the Beavers began to hit the cords more consistently in the second half. When big Welsh fouled out, the entire St. Joe offense fell apart and the match was virtually over. City passed the Hawks, and at the final buzzer led by a count of 60-53.

Jack Welsh (23 points) and Paul Semesky (17 points) starred for the St. Joe Hawks.

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