

Cagers Seek 15th Straight Over B.C. Tonight

St. John's, Kentucky Head Bill; Beavers Await Oklahoma Mon.

By Dick Kaplan

Tonight is one of those rare occasions when Madison Square Garden entrepreneur Ned Irish doesn't have to put all his eggs in one basket banking on the crowd-pleasing Beaver courtsters to fill his coffers. Ned has the greatest attraction in college basketball, the Kentucky Wildcats, in town to meet St. John's in the feature game—and what a game—of a doubleheader that finds the Lavender playing Brooklyn College in the opener, starting at 8.

The big danger in the presence on the card of the high and mighty Kentucky quintet is that Nat Holman's pupils may forget that they too have a ball game on their hands. You can bet your bottom dollar that Brooklyn won't forget. The Kingsmen boast only one MSG date, tonight's fracas with those rich Manhattan cousins they've heard so much about, and nothing would please them more than to up-end, or at least frighten their peers. Coach Al Baggett has only to remind his men that all Alma Mater's gotten out of fourteen cracks at the Beavers is a 28-29 moral victory in 1935.

Chances are the improbable won't happen. Two-deep in tall, talented operatives, Nat Holman, deep down inside, isn't too worried about this game, even though it's axiomatic that anything can happen on the hardwood. The club that's occupying the Maestro's attention at the moment is Oklahoma, due in next Monday evening, so tonight's contest will probably serve as a proving ground for any experiments the coach may want to make.

DiTomasso Troublesome

The only really troublesome individual on the Brooklyn squad is diminutive Mike DiTomasso, a fine set-shot who scored embarrassingly well in last year's 79-58 Beaver victory. Mike's shooting pulled BC within four points of the Lavender midway through the second half. 6-7 Don Seigelaub is Baggett's big man, but he

Brooklyn College

27 D. Cohn	6-3	F.
28 H. Demsky	6-3	F.
28 M. DiTomasso	5-10½	G.
23 A. Elfant	5-9	G.
26 I. Garner	6-3	C.
36 S. Gold	6-1	G.
30 A. Goodlerner	6-0	G.
22 T. Holberg	6-4	C.
34 R. Hirsch	6-0	G.
21 J. Kaplan	5-10½	G.
24 J. Lanigan	6-1	F.
33 I. Minzer	5-11½	F.
32 J. Post	6-2	F.
29 A. Rose	5-10½	G.
37 D. Seigelaub	6-7½	C.
25 H. Sternheim	5-11	F.



Beaver Co-Captains, Irwin Dambrot (right) and Joe Galiber go into a huddle to discuss tonight's Beaver-Brooklyn tilt.

hasn't scored in double figures even against weak opposition. Other Kingsmen starters figure to be Al Goodlerner, Al Post and Buddy Lanigan.

Statistics show Eddie Roman to be far out in front of the scoring parade thus far. With four games under his belt, Eddie has 61 points to his credit, slightly more than 15 a contest. In second place is Eddie Warner, with 45 markers, averaging 11 per. Unless something unforeseen develops, Roman should soar past Irwin Dambrot's seasonal scoring record of 276, established last season.

Let's Go Kentucky

The second game this evening rates mention, if only because it involves St. John's, currently running neck and neck with the Beavers for metropolitan honors. Tonight Lavender supporters may have the opportunity to see 'Kaintuck' pin loss number one on the Redmen. The huge lords of the court arrive without Groza, Beard, Jones, and Barker, but retain Jim Line, Ed Hirsch and Dale Barnstable, plus the prize catch, seven-foot Bill Spivey. Any tears on Adolph Rupp's part are strictly of the crocodile variety.

That gigantic genetic edifice, 6-11 Marcus Freiberger, will be

Boxing

The boxing team begins practice today in the Tech Gym at 3. Practice sessions are Tuesday and Thursday. All students who would like to be taught the art of boxing are invited to attend.

OP SPORTS

By Morty Levine

... The NIT's New Policy ...

A few weeks back the Metropolitan Basketball Association released its plans for the 1950 National Invitation Tournament, to be held at the Garden March 11 through 18. The set-up is one that will undoubtedly please New York fans, who thrive on seeing one outstanding team after another display its wares on the Garden hardwood. Under the system inaugurated at the end of the '48-'49 season, there will now be twelve outstanding quintets in place of the eight teams previously chosen. However, there will be one important change in procedure.

In an attempt to insert a Metropolitan representative last year, the selection committee took the easy way out of a tough situation, increasing the number of teams from eight to twelve, and at the same time jamming four New York schools into the play-offs. Actually, none of the four local clubs had any right to be selected as far as their records were concerned. In the past, there had been at least one outstanding Met team to select for the competition, so action of that sort was not required. The outcome of these ridiculous choices ended in the speedy defeats of the New Yorkers.

But to get back to the before-mentioned improvement in the new plans. With the farce of last year still fresh in the minds of the committee, they retained the twelve year program with a stipulation that it would not be mandatory for a New York team to be one of the select few. This stipulation was an exceedingly wise one for a number of reasons. First of all, there will be an opportunity for excellent teams that were left out in the past due to limited openings, to vie for Invitation honors. More important though, is the fact that the committee will not be forced to repeat last year's embarrassing situation.

I, for one, would like to see a true tournament of champions, one in which the really great teams of the country would be fairly represented. We would like the Beavers to be one of the entries, but we want them to earn the right to participate and not be selected because our school happens to be located in New York, home of the tourney.

the center of all eyes as he leads the Sooners of Oklahoma U. against the Beavers at the Garden next Monday night, in what can't help but be a whale of a basketball game.

Oklahoma Powerful

Oklahoma, habitually strong, has one of its better fives this year, as witnessed by a 55-47 thrashing of Big 10 champion Illinois at Norman, Okla., and an early season 68-45 triumph over Texas. Coach Bruce Drake, who led the fight to limit the big man, has several of the same around this season. Besides Freiberger, he has 6-6, 230-pound Bill Waters, 6-5 Sherman Norton, and two fleet 6-3 forwards in Wayne Glasgow and Wayne Speegle.

Looking at Freiberger's '48 record, the tendency is to write him off as big, period. Marcus averaged only four points a game, picking up six against the Beavers as his team bowed in the last three seconds, 53-51. The big fellow was out most of the year though, and will be starting afresh.

Everyone in the Garden, especially Nat Holman, will be on guard for one of Coach Drake's super-duper trick plays. Last season his out-of-bounds variation almost pulled the game out of the fire, not to mention flustering Mr. Basketball into forgetting his rules long enough to protest the legality of the play.

Last year's squad scored an average of 62.5 points per game, to their opponents' 52.5.

Beaver-Oklahoma Line-Ups

City College

Player	No.	Ht.	Pos.
Irwin Dambrot	5	6-4	F.
Ed Roman	6	6-6	C.
Al Roth	7	6-1	G.
Ed Warner	8	6-3	F.
Floyd Layne	9	6-3	F.
Joe Galiber	12	6-4	F.
Ron Cohen	15	5-11	G.
Herb Nadeff	16	6-1	G.
Arnie Smith	17	6-1	F.
Mike Wittlin	20	5-10	G.
Norm Mager	33	6-5	C.
Leroy Watkins	34	6-7	C.
Whitney Levy	38	6-1	G.
Artie Glass	39	6-1	F.
Larry Meyer	21	5-9	G.

Oklahoma

Player	No.	Ht.	Pos.
Jim Terrell	20	6-1	F.
Paul Merchant	21	6-9	G.
Stan Grossman	22	5-11	G.
Charles Pughley	23	6-0	F.
Ted Owens	34	6-1	F.
Vern Turner	27	5-11	G.
Walter Morris	28	6-4	F.
Johnny Rogers	29	6-0	G.
Jack Hughes	30	5-9	G.
Wayne Speegle	31	6-3	F.
Jack Angel	32	5-11	G.
Sherm Norton	34	6-5	C.
Bill Waters	35	6-6	C.
Wayne Glasgow	43	6-3	F.
Don Locke	48	6-3	F.
Marcus Freiberger	50	6-11	C.

The Sports Mill

6-6 Eddie Roman is the tallest regular varsity center in the history of C. C. N. Y.

Lavender high scorers in a single contest in Madison Square Garden this season are Eddie Roman and Eddie Warner, with 18 points each.

During the 1948-49 season, Sonny Jameson was named to the first five of the New York Basketball Writers' All-Star team, the San Francisco Cow Palace All-Star five, and the Cleveland Arena All-Star team.

During the 1914-15 season, N. Y. U. beat City, 17-16.

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By MORTY LEVINE

They asked if the Beavers would come back in style after tasting defeat at the hands of Oklahoma. Well, they're not asking that any more, after the tremendous 76-46 victory by the Beavers over California University last night. The Beavers out-scored, outpassed, outdefended and literally ran away with the game, in which they were 15 point favorites. Any doubt of the Lavender's talent that was founded last week was dispelled by their scintillating performance.

At the outset California showed little in the way of offensive strength as they were blanked from the floor until four and a half minutes were gone. During this interval the Beavers went into a five-nothing lead, as Fats Roth threw in a short set, sandwiched by two fouls by Layne and another by Ed Roman. The Golden Bears of California came back with a foul shot and a pretty one-hander by Thompson. However, at this point the Beavers turned on their famed fast break and pulled into a nine-three lead by virtue of a Dambrot jump shot and a sensational pass by Pops Warner to Ed Roman which culminated in an easy lay-up. California fought back at the seven-minute mark and brought the score to ten-nine, at which time Coach Holman inserted his first replacements, Mike Wittlin

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Ed Warner

FAECT Referendum Removed From Ballot; New Vote Nixed

As a result of last-minute maneuvers, the proposed referendum to grant a charter to the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians (FAECT), was not put on the ballot for last Friday's student election.

The trouble began when the executive committee of Eta Kappa Nu, the Tech fraternity which had sponsored the amendment, withdrew its backing. Under ordinary conditions, the withdrawal of support would have been sufficient to remove the amendment from the ballot. However, the executive committee of KEN acted after all the required signatures had been obtained and properly presented to the SC Committee on Elections.

The reason given by EKN for the withdrawal of sponsorship was that it violated several sections of its national constitution. Upon receipt of the retraction of support, the SC Elections Committee proceeded to remove the referendum from the ballot. The Organizing Committee of FAECT then took this decision to the SC Judiciary Committee which ruled in their favor. Following this action, the Elections Committee overruled the Judiciary Committee, saying that the appeal was unlawful as it had not been pushed through the right channels, and FAECT was kept off the ballot.

The Organization Committee of FAECT, determined to have a student referendum on this question, went to the Student Council. At the Student Council, a motion for a special referendum received a majority of the votes present but not an absolute majority which would be necessary to order a special referendum.

Students Vote Ghosts for SC

A non-existent candidate came within four votes of being elected Student Council rep in elections at the College's Downtown Center. Harry Bloom was the imaginary student running for '52 rep; the equally imaginary Ben Abel got 18 per cent of the votes for '53 rep; a fictitious gentleman named Al Cohen drew 36.5 per cent of the votes for '52 secretary.

These three candidates were sponsored by the Ticker, the downtown newspaper, in a test of student apathy towards the elections. Their nominating petitions were signed by twenty-five students, their names spread around the school on banners, leaflets, written on blackboards, etc. The "candidates" drew a considerable number of votes, with Bloom, who drew 28.5 per cent of the votes, almost being elected.

In the latest issue of Basketball magazine, Nat Holman and Ev Shelton have bylines side by side. Sign of the times?

Ball Postponed

Many students, in response to the OP-NSA Front Page Ball, said that they had made previous engagements, but would like to come at another time. The OP-NSA dance committee has therefore decided to postpone the ball to a later date.

Javits Tells Gov't-Law Society, 'Government Needs Lawyers'

By Miriam Davis

"A lawyer is essentially a public servant and should fulfill his responsibility to the community by entering government service" was the theme of Congressman Jacob K. Javits' address to the Government and Law Society yesterday.

Mr. Javits believes that lawyers are especially well adapted to public life because they have been trained in debate, which is an important part of legislating, have ability in drafting legislation, and finally, have the capability to judge issues regardless of their own opinion. This however, doesn't mean that people from other fields don't make good public servants.

"The feeling that one has participated in the shaping of the course of his country's affairs can be the source of great personal satisfaction," said the Congressman. On the more practical side, a man will be a much better lawyer and will gain a more complete view of things after serving the government. Public service equips men to make their moral convictions socially useful.

For those interested in politics, Mr. Javits advises that they become active in their community so that they be well known. The traditional way of entering politics is by becoming active in an organized political party. In conclusion, Congressman Javits stated that a person should consider entering political life while he is still in his early twenties.

A question and answer period followed. Such questions as "Does a Congressman follow the wishes of his district or does he follow his opinions?" and "Why are you a Republican?" were asked.

Beaver-St. John's Tix

Tickets for the Beaver-St. John's basketball game scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 3, may be obtained today in the Army Hall basement from 12-4.

AA card holders will receive first crack at the choice seats but tickets will be sold to non-card holders during the last hour of sale. Ticket price, AA card holders, 1.50; non-card holders, \$1.00.

Be sure to present your E-library card as well as your AA card when purchasing tickets. Only one ticket will be sold on an AA card.

Students are advised to come only as a rapid sale of tickets is anticipated. This game is definitely BIG.

Name Managing Board For Observation Post

Nat Halebsky and Dave Weinstein have been elected Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor, respectively, of Observation Post for the Spring, 1950, semester. The election meeting, held yesterday afternoon, also chose the following staff members for the newspaper's Managing Board: Murray Eisenstein, Business Manager; Walter Porges, Advertising Manager; Henry Krisch, News Editor; Al Fiering, Features Editor; Dick Kaplan, Sports Editor; Shelly Kohen and Sim Kantin, Copy Editors, and Morty Levine and Hank Wexler, Associate Editors. Weinstein was chosen as OP's Student Council representative.

The new Managing Board will take office at the beginning of next semester.

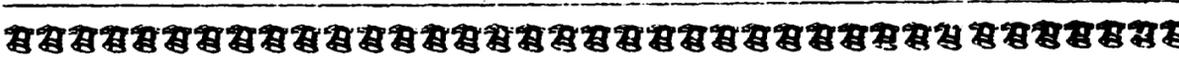
Beaver 1949-50 Hoop Schedule

- Dec. 27—UCLA MSG
- Jan. 3—St. Johns MSG
- Jan. 7—Loyola (Chicago) MSG
- Jan. 10—West Virginia ... MSG
- Jan. 28—Muhlenberg
- Allentown
- Feb. 2—Boston College, Boston
- Feb. 4—Princeton .. Princeton
- Feb. 8—St. Francis, Brooklyn
- Feb. 11—Canisius Buffalo
- Feb. 15—Wagner MSG
- Feb. 18—St. Joseph's ... Phila.
- Feb. 20—Fordham ... 68th RA
- Feb. 23—Syracuse MSG
- Mar. 2—Marhattan MSG
- Mar. 7—NYU MSG

The Beavers' 46 per cent shooting against SMU seems phenomenal, but last year against Canisius they made 52 per cent. of their shots count.

Gay Slappery

All the gaiety and color of circus life will be in evidence at the Pauline Edwards Theater on Jan. 6 and 7, when "He Who Gets Slapped" will be offered by Dramsoc. Tickets for the production, which promises to be excellent, may still be obtained at the rear of the cafeteria.



Season's Greetings

A collection of handwritten signatures and names, including: Murray Eisenstein, Walter Porges, Henry Krisch, Al Fiering, Dick Kaplan, Shelly Kohen, Sim Kantin, Morty Levine, Hank Wexler, Nat Halebsky, Dave Weinstein, and many others. The signatures are written in various styles and orientations, some overlapping.

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The Rat Race

LAST FRIDAY EVENING, Student Council took two votes that brought to an end the first nine months of one of the most fascinating rat-races that it has ever been our displeasure to watch. At that time, it was decided that the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians would not be allowed to ask the student body for the right to be a chartered organization on campus.

A LONG LIST of charges and counter charges has been made since FAECT first announced its intention to organize, but this is the way the facts boil down:

Last spring, a group of students submitted to SC a proposed constitution for a College chapter of the union. Whatever their objectives may be, we feel that they have a right to organize, and, at least, to have the students vote on their desirability.

The charter was shelved by the rush of other business until this term. Then the Student Council executive committee voted that the union was unnecessary, claiming that since no employer-employee relationship existed on campus, FAECT was out of the province of student affairs.

Council itself, however, felt that the right to organize any groups—if they are "approved" or not by student and administration authorities—is guaranteed by the provisions of the Student Bill of Rights, which are a part of the SC Constitution. The exec was over-ruled.

But a week later, Council, acting on a motion to reconsider, reversed itself!

Lacking SC approval, FAECT has no choice but to try to bring the matter before the student body in a College-wide referendum.

FAECT officers went to a meeting of Eta Kappa Nu, honorary Electrical Engineering Society, and got the approval of EKN's membership to issue the petition with the sponsorship of that body although the society made quite plain that they didn't necessarily agree with the aims of FAECT. With this assurance, the union committee went out and collected 825 signatures on their referendum petition, many more than the 10 per cent of the student body required to initiate a referendum.

Having accomplished this, they found that the Eta Kappa Nu executive committee, apparently under pressure from their national organization, had reversed their memberships' sponsorship of the FAECT petition. In spite of Dean Peace's assurance that all the legal requirements had been fulfilled, and that EKN had pulled out after the petition, collected in good faith, was submitted, the election committee struck the referendum from the ballot.

An appeal to the SC Judiciary Committee led to the overruling of the election group, but they voted to eliminate the question nonetheless. This was the reason that a heavy crayon line appeared through that section of the ballot last Friday.

Last week SC took the two votes that brought to a temporary close this little farce. The first vote upheld the Election Committee's action, and the second ruled that there would be no further referendum on FAECT.

THAT'S THE STORY. It's not very pretty, because it shows the most seamy side of student "self-government," a side that doesn't do us any credit. Observation Post, convinced that every organization—as long as it keeps within the framework of legality and decency—has the right to exist on an equal basis with all others, intends to fight for FAECT's right to be voted on by the student body. As long as a travesty of this sort can be visited on our fellow students, we don't feel satisfied.

Stop Drops + Nip Drips + Use Booze = Belles Wells

By Al Fiering

Although the city-wide water shortage is giving municipal officials recurrent headaches, the College is reaping praise for its role in the crisis. School authorities revealed yesterday that various conservation measures have resulted in a total water saving of 86.3%, thus adding an estimated 158,742.5 gallons to the City's water reserves.

According to College administrators, the water situation was first brought to their attention when numerous letters were received by the Department of Student Life congratulating them for the fine work that had been done to keep the showers under Townsend Harris Hall running to the satisfaction of the student body. This was a situation that couldn't be allowed, so the showers were repaired to only let extremely hot or unbearably cold water to flow through the nozzles.

They Fixed That!

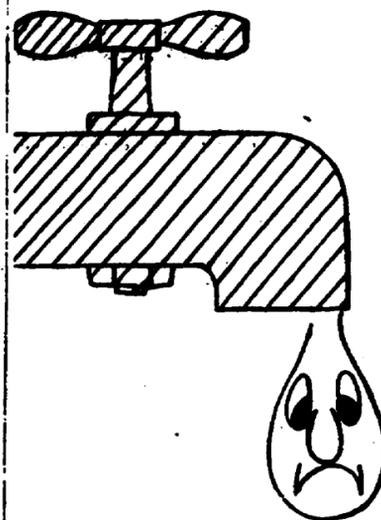
Student Life was satisfied with the change for a while, but persistent compliments soon led them to new, drastic action: they closed down all the showers but one, leaving the solitary nozzle as a working model for Tech students.

The next step in the water-saving campaign came not long after, in March. A new 750 horsepower heating device, costing \$60,000, was installed in every College building to heat the water fountains. This move was an unqualified success, as the liquid coming through the fountains was now at a guaranteed minimum temperature of 86 degrees Centigrade. Many a parched throat bears mute testimony to the genius of this venture.

(Of course, the cafeteria was given water-coolers, but only because it was felt that the proximity of the devices to the food counters would encourage business. In the long run, it was felt, increased revenue would allow the College to hire a full-time engineer to work on new conservation methods.)

Student Life officials told Observation Post that a number of new projects had been planned and, executed, to initiate new water-saving techniques:

- Meteorology students have been canvassing their local ice-cream parlors in search of surplus dry ice. This is being stored in a deep-freeze in Finley Hall until a suitable amount has been collected. When that time comes, the neophyte weather-men will have their



big fling, which will consist of a nocturnal pilgrimage to the Main Building Tower, chosen as the site from which the ice will be flung.

- The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has revealed that a new course, Witch-craft 15.1, will be offered in the Spring semester. A world-famous visiting professor, Dr. Heinrich von Morgan, will teach the latest technique of praying for rain and other methods of artificially inducing precipitation, none of which could be revealed as this edition goes to press.

- Geology students have been stripped of their notebooks and alpenstocks, and issued 1950-model, improved divining rods instead. Their instructions, overheard by an intrepid reporter watching a Geo 12 class leaving on a field trip, were explicit and terse: "If you don't find water, don't bother coming back!"

Assiduous conservation steps were reported in the office of Observation Post, although the paper's Managing Board claims that no wastage has been allowed for the past few years. A Board statement, issued last night, declared that the office floor had not been washed once during the

memory of any staff member of OP editor. This achievement, it was said, will be zealously guarded and held up as a model for future newspaper staffs.

In an exclusive interview with this reporter, Editor Marv Weinberg said that "all OP'ers are being required to hold their water. Let it never be said that we let down the College, Pres. Wright or Mayor O'Dwyer."

Letters

To the Editor:

Recognizing the very specific nature of student needs, a Conference on Democracy in Education was called, a few weeks ago by fifty student leaders in New York City. The Conference was to have discussed and planned action on the following:

- Academic Freedom.
- Discrimination.
- Peace.
- Economic Hardships.

The Conference was to have been held at Columbia University, but a few days before it began, the Columbia administration notified the organizing committee that the school's facilities would not be available. Arrangements were then made to hold the Conference at New York University, but at the last moment NYU also reversed itself.

Looking at the topics for discussion, one can easily see what the administrators of such schools as Columbia (with its jim crow quota system), or NYU (which refuses to ban fraternities which practice discrimination) fear

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Review

By Ruth Polsach

Did you ever believe that there was a Santa Claus living up on top of the world and making pretty toys for you all year round? Did visions of the old gentleman sliding down a chimney dance in your wee little head?

If you were as materialistic as I, you took this fantasy with a grain of salt. You ate your cereal and drank your milk regularly all through the first half of December. You didn't especially try to annoy your parents during those critical few weeks.

And on Christmas Day you thanked Santa Claus by kissing Mummy and Daddy. And Santa Claus was more than pleased.

But weren't you excited when you saw the big parade with all the floats of Christmas fairies and toys and balloons? Weren't you important when you waved at Santa and he waved back?

And standing in that long line was worthwhile if you could actually speak to the generous old gent for a few minutes. He wasn't as pretty as his picture, but he'd do.

Now you talk about this disgusting commercialism of Christmas, and how it has degenerated, and how the stock market will be affected if business doesn't improve during this season.

But you hunt around each Christmas for some neighbor's child to take to the Macy parade because you like to see him happy. And you stand on a long line with him so that he may speak to December's idol. You carefully hide his present till Christmas morning, and you sort of feel like singing "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" with him.

So we can fool ourselves the rest of the year, but on Christmas we can't hide the fact that we're just a bunch of kids. And who cares, if it's so much fun?

Well—Merry Christmas!

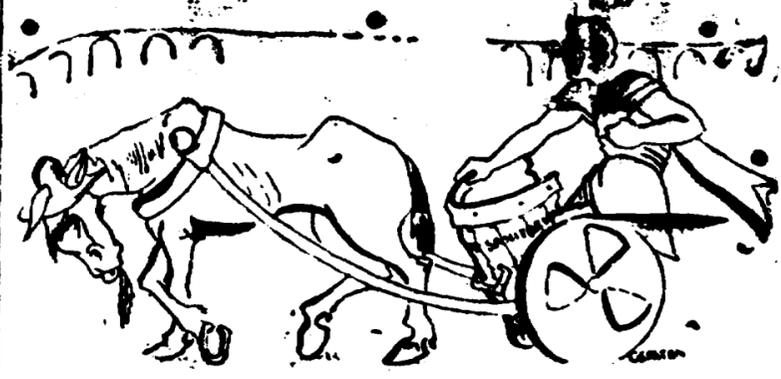
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conference of this sort. They have seen the united action that can be accomplished in the Davis-Knickerbocker case—such unity arouses fear in other schools.

We, the undersigned students (organizations are listed for identification purposes only), who know what discrimination really is, and who are feeling the pressures of economic insecurity, feel that we must continue to support this Conference. We hope that not only those organizations which already elected delegates and observers to the Conference (YPA, NAACP, House Plan, Student Council, Hillel, Beaverettes, Young Republicans, Young De-

Mule Train?



mocrats, Young Liberals), but all students, in all organizations, will support the Conference and attend it when it's finally held.

Jack Rubinstein, YPA
Arthur Riddick, YPA
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Eugene Shapiro, FAECT (un-chartered).

Nat Halebsky, OP
Sophie Widman, '50 SC Rep
Irving Torgoff, NAACP
Buckley Boyce
Tanya Schectel

Salome

The Theater Workshop Associates will present Oscar Wilde's "Salome" from Jan. 30 to Feb. 1, at the McBurney Playhouse, 23rd Street and 7th Avenue. This will be the third production since their birth, being preceded by Clifford Odets' "Awake and Sing" and "Jason" by Samson Raphaelson. The leading characters chosen are: Salome—Julie Bovasso, John the Baptist—Lee Goldberg, The king—Shepard Kerman. It will be directed by Donald Madden.

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