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Beaver Cagers Whip NYU, 64-61; Will Meet 'Frisco in NIT Saturday

By Dick Kaplan

Ned Irish's 1934-make Madison Square Garden playing surface will be bright and crystal-clean for the commencement of the National Invitation Tournament this Saturday afternoon. The two alphabetic intra-city sweethearts, NYU and CCNY, saw to that, wiping up the tan pineboards with their sweaty uniforms in the thirty-sixth revival of their blood war. Nat Holman's tourney-conscious Beavers emerged from the melee with the victory wedged precariously between their paws, 64-61. Had the game gone another few minutes Asa Bushnell would have had to flip a coin to decide the victor, so close and bitterly-fought was the struggle.

This was an exceptionally hard game for the Lavender to take. Fully aware that they had nothing of importance to lose except face, the black-clad St. Nicks had first to convince themselves that there was a ballgame in the fire. Howard Cann's Violets helped them to come to that conclusion soon after the opening buzzer. NYU, buffeted in all directions at once this year, really put out for the 15,000 fans in attendance. The customers came to see the two arch foemen stage a pier six'er and they weren't disappointed.

Roth Fouls Decide

Two foul throws by Al Roth in the final minute and a half, plus a frenzied freeze, won the game for the Lavender. Another free toss by Floyd Layne extended the Beaver margin to the final 64-61. The hero in every respect for the victors, though, was Ed Warner, whose 26 point sally shattered the previous all-time single game Garden high for a Beaver player. The mark had been held jointly by Irwin Dambrot and Ed Roman.

Warner was literally head and shoulders above everyone else last night. The elastic-legged soph climbed up time and again to pick off vital rebounds and his offensive play around the basket left nothing to be desired. "Pops" tallied on driving lay-ups, turn shots after glittering head and body fakes, and chipped in with a few hooks for good measure. It was a good thing Warner was on his game, because big Eddie Roman wasn't. "Goose" contributed only three field goals to the cause and reposed on the bench for long periods of time. He was supplanted by Norm Mager, who, while failing to score, did a commendable job on husky Mel Seeman, NYU's 6-6 center. Seeman canned 11.

Becker Gets 18

Abe Becker, old dependable, was the Violet's siege gun. Black-thatched Abe collected 18 points, most of them coming on soft righthand pushshots banked in off the boards.

No one can gainsay the fact (Please turn to Page Four)

Quintet to Meet Dons In Afternoon Contest

The Beaver basketball team, 17-5 for the year and a National Invitation Tournament choice for the second season in succession, will have to beat the champions in order to come out on top of the heap.

The boys are paired with San Francisco (18-6), last year's NIT victor, in an afternoon game tomorrow. If they should manage to squeeze by that obstacle they get to meet the Kentucky Wildcats, (25-4), and the defending NCAA ruler, in a quarter-final strap Tuesday night.

According to the precedent established by the twelve-team '49 tourney, four clubs have been seeded. The Bradley Braves (27-3), first in the AP poll, have been given a similar rating by the NIT committee, followed by Kentucky, St. John's (21-4) and Duquesne (22-3). Western Kentucky-Niagara winner is slated to meet St. John's, and the LIU-Syracuse survivor, Bradley, in the first quarter-final bracket Monday night. In the other quarter final section, to be run off Tuesday night, the City-Frisco victor takes on Kentucky and either La Salle or Arizona collides with Duquesne.

Some of the more appetizing deals which could develop out of the melee are LIU-Bradley, City-Kentucky and Western Kentucky-St. John's.

SC Raises \$330 For Libel Suit

Carrying out a previous pledge, Student Council voted last Friday to start a fund-raising drive to help defray part of the \$330 in court expenses needed for the successful prosecution of the suit against the New York Times and Professor Knickerbocker. Council also voted to contact the Associate Alumni and ask for support. Council reconsidered the voting procedure to be used at its discrimination conference. A motion brought to the floor characterized the representation as duplication, since, it was pointed out, organizations sending members to the discussion were already represented on SC. However, the motion was defeated as Council went along with President Phil Scheffler's idea that it was important not to limit voting, but rather to expand it in order to obtain a good cross-section of student opinion.

A motion to support an anticipated appeal by Observation Post for funds from the Student Faculty Fee Committee on an equal basis with Campus was brought forward. But Council voted to table the motion until it could hear the report of the investigation by the Interim Committee of News-

To Celebrate Masaryk's Birth

The hundredth anniversary of the birth of Thomas G. Masaryk will be celebrated tomorrow by a special gathering at the College. Dr. Hans Kohn (History), author of the recently-published "The Twentieth Century," will be the principal speaker. He will offer a tribute to Masaryk, who, with Dr. Edouard Benes founded the Czechoslovakian Republic in 1919 and is remembered as the father and first president of his country.

Prof. Joseph E. Wisan (Chairman, History) has announced that College President Harry N. Wright will introduce Prof. Kohn. The meeting is sponsored by the History Department, the History Society and Phi Alpha Theta, honorary history fraternity.

NIT -- Here We Come!

NYU (61)							
	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Pts.	A	PF
Kaufman, rf	0	2	1	1	1	1	1
Derderian	2	7	1	2	5	2	3
Jensen, lf	1	4	2	3	4	2	3
Seeman, c	5	11	1	5	11	2	4
Brasco, rg	4	5	0	0	8	1	4
Schaff	5	9	4	7	14	3	5
Becker, lg	7	13	4	5	18	5	5
Bunt	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Quilty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	52	13	24	61	16	26
CCNY (64)							
	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Pts.	A	PF
Dambrot, lf	4	11	2	5	10	4	2
Nadell	3	3	1	3	7	2	1
Warner, rf	9	18	8	13	26	2	2
Roman, c	3	8	0	0	6	1	4
Mager	0	5	0	0	0	0	2
Roth, lg	3	12	2	8	8	4	4
Wittlin	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Layne, rg	2	12	3	4	7	3	3
Totals	24	70	16	33	64	16	18

School-Wide Bias Meeting Sets Up Student Committee

By Mildred Bershadker

Sixty-three delegates representing thirty-two organizations on campus took concrete and positive action towards the elimination of discrimination in the College last Friday evening, at the Student Council-sponsored Conference on Discrimination. Featured non-student speakers were Judge Hubert T. Delany and Harold Wisan, former and present chairmen of the Associate Alumni's special committee on discrimination.

Passing a motion introduced by Al Geduld, representative of THC, the Conference formed a broad standing committee of students, plus corresponding groups of faculty, administration and alumni, to investigate, adjudicate and report the facts on charges of bias in hiring, firing and promotion policies at the College.

Eleven Students

It will be the duty of the committee to effect, through proper channels, some action on proven existing conditions of discrimination. The group is composed of eleven students elected at the Conference; the others will be composed of one senior, Dean of Administration, two members of the Department of Student Life, two members of the Alumni Association and two members of the General Faculty.

The students elected to serve on the committee for this semester are: Saul Dreyner, Al Geduld, Joe Galber (temporary chairman), Herb Greenberg, Ira Goldstein, Vince Harding, Sylvia Johnson, Jerry Leonard, Beverly Rubin, Irwin



Judge Hubert T. Delany
Raps Discrimination



Beverly Rubin
Chairs Bias Conference

Theatron

For the first time in its history, Theatron, 23rd St. dramatic group, will sell tickets on the uptown campus for its production of the musical comedy, "Good News." The performances will be held in the Pauline Edwards Theater, March 24, 25 and 26. Tickets, ranging in price from \$3.75 to \$12.50, are available at the Concert Bureau.

wis Schiffres and Lou Workman.

Judge Delany, who resigned from the chairmanship of the first alumni committee after 3 months, charging that no work had been done, also charged that after one year the present, succeeding committee has still not reported on the Davis and Knickerbocker cases. He'd file a report on the Lorch case stat-

San Francisco Tix

Tickets to the Beaver-San Francisco National Invitation Tournament game in the Garden Saturday afternoon will go on sale outside the Army Hall Cafeteria tomorrow from 12 to 4. The usual ticket prices—\$3.50 to AA members, \$1.50 to others—will prevail.

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Tourney Time!

SPEAKING AS FANS, we're tickled pink to see that the Beavers are in the National Invitation Tournament. For a while it looked like we wouldn't even make the Dog Catcher's Tournament, but here we are right back where we were last year. This kind of repetition is nothing short of terrific.

Now that everything's over but the shooting, we'd like to say that it's been an exciting season, too exciting at times. Highly rated from the start, the team hasn't let the school down. They lost five games, but in this age of monstrous schedules and scorching fast-breaks that's no great shame. On our parts, we've done our share of yelping, from that "Poor St. John's" business to some plaintive reminders to the boys that faint heart ne'er won tough ball game.

Saturday is T-Day. Everyone who possibly can ought to buy him or herself a ticket and get out and root. Win or lose, let's give our departing seniors, Irwin Dambrot, Joe Galiber, Leroy Watkins, Norm Mager, Mike Wittlin, and Art Glass a vocal send-off. And we could win it, y'know!

Two Conferences

WE WERE PLEASANTLY surprised at the large turnout at Student Council's Conference on Discrimination at the College. But even more surprising and gratifying was the excellent spirit of determination and unity which all the delegates displayed.

Confronted by the problem of unanswered allegations of discrimination in hiring, promotion and other policies of the administration, the delegates set about seriously examining the question and seeking for solutions. Their first deliberations, last Friday night, were hampered by the preliminary work that goes into any such conference, but steps were taken to insure positive action in the near future.

With more than forty student organizations represented, the Conference got off to a good start. It speaks for the entire student body, united around the single, all-important issue: the elimination of discriminatory practices from the College community. Let's hope that it stays that way.

We wish the city-wide Conference on Democracy in Education—similar to the one here at the College, but broader in composition—will move in the same direction. Scheduled to start this Saturday, it deserves the attention and presence of every democratic-minded student and organization. Groups which have not yet submitted their delegates' applications are urged to do so before the deadline—today—is past.

These conferences deserve the active support of every student at the College, regardless of differences they may have had before.

Manhattanville

MAYOR O'DWYER, we see by the papers, has time to run up to Albany to discuss a highway—to be completed in 1953—but can't seem to get around to the completion of the Manhattanville deal. There's apparently plenty of dough to build a thruway, but none to expand the education facilities of the world's greatest city. We propose you... a line to Hizzoner... let him know...

Personalities Are Being Rounded In College's Adult Ed Program

By Louise Yacobian

The opportunity to supplement a scholastic education during the day with vocational or recreational fulfillment at night is within the reach of students through the City College Program in Adult Education.

Courses in varied fields are offered in collaboration with the New York Public Library and generally last for two weeks. Although planned primarily for adults who are not attending school, there are classes which are of interest to students. The program covers such varied subjects as oil painting, camp counselling, folk dancing, speech improvement and job guidance, though languages, arts and crafts, psychology, and philosophy are most popular of all. All told, there are 215 different courses which fall under 55 headings.

Fees Nominal

There is a nominal fee charged for the courses, though actually the fee is much less than would be charged for a similar course at let's say NYU. The fees range from \$3 for the chorus to \$45 for the gem and stone engraving course with the average charge being approximately \$15. Courses taken through the Adult Education Division are offered independent of the College curriculum and do not carry credit towards a college degree.

Since the unique program's inception in 1944 its popularity has grown so that the original enrollment of 500 has increased to the present record registration of

Apologies to TW

Due to limitations in space we are unable to run a review of "Measure For Measure" in this issue, since we could not give it the attention it deserves. However, we hear that it was a fine production.

5,972. The tremendous success of the program has been attributed to the high caliber of the instructors and the convenient location of the classrooms—usually neighborhood libraries—with classes being held in the late afternoon or evening.

Ideas Copied

One innovation of the City College program which was quickly copied by other adult education centers is the parent-child course. It was originated by Professor Simon Lissim of the Art Department, Assistant Director of the program, at the Parkchester Library in the Bronx. The intention of the course was to afford an opportunity for parent and child to work together and establish a real family friendship. The results were so good and the original course in art so enthusiastically received, that classes in arts and crafts, French and folk dancing have been added.

Pamphlets describing the courses may be secured at any branch library or at the Adult Education office on the second floor of the Main Building.

City

In

Review

By Ruth Peisach

Annoyed a few N.Y.U.'ers last night by sitting amidst a Violet rooting section and screeching like a fire engine for our Beavers. Now we're back to normal, so we might as well pop in on a few clubs...

The Spanish Club, which meets in 201 Main every Thursday, is one of the least formal and most friendly school groups. At a typical meeting we have Norma, a cute, energetic president on the dais. Lazing about in the chairs we have jokesters, most of them male. Presently Professor Beserra roams in, seats himself next to a girl, winks at a couple of the fellows in the front row, and the fun begins. From that point on not even the Friendly Undertaker could refrain from yowling. And, believe it or not—a few things are accomplished. Best of all—you don't have to know the language...

Do you want to view history with that continental look? We've been told that this is done at the History Society meetings. This Thursday at 12:30 in the Faculty Room Thomas Masaryk shall be continentally contemplated. Even President Wright cannot resist this offer and will attend.

The Nuremberg Trials will be discussed at the Government and Law Society gathering on Thursday at 12:30 in 224 Main. The special legal adviser to the U. S. legal staff at the trials, Dr. John Fried, will be guest speaker.

Continentials take note... The British Labor Government has an economic system. It'll be explained by Chaim Rafael, eminent writer on British labor affairs, at the Economics Society meeting on Thursday in 210 Main.

Hillel must have elected a new corresponding secretary, because we received a most beautiful letter. This Thursday at 12:30 Hillel is holding a student symposium on "What can a student believe about Judaism?" Saul Brenner will speak on a constructive program for American Jewry; Claire Angstreich will express a Zionist's viewpoint, and Herbert Siegal will present the political secularist's conclusions.

This admirably active and ambitious association holds its annual Passover Seder on Sunday, March 26, at 3:30 in Knittle Lounge. Admission is free to Hillel members, but sign up for reservations at Hillel House soon. Deadline is March 24.

The Education Society is going to continue last week's very successful meeting where there was a panel discussion on "Why the Education Sequence?" Teachers who were present last week and promised to return to the panel were Dr. Harold Carter and Prof. Bertram Epstein. All students are invited to attend this Thursday in Room 312 at 12:30.

A Music Club is going to be formed this Thursday at 12:30 in Room 308 Harris. The purpose of the club will be to provide opportunity for discussion of both modern and classical music.

"Atomic Power in 1950" will be discussed by A. L. Baker at the next meeting of the ASME in 126 Main, Thursday, at 12:30. Some movies are on the agenda.

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To the Editor:

I noted with amusement the disappointment evinced by your staff in our basketball team and expressed so bitterly, and without quarter, by Mr. Weinstein's Ode (his apology to Keats was not strong enough), and by your sportswriters, Deutsch and Kaplan, in their picayune-petty-puny-try-to-be-a-little-original-on-this-one remarks concerning CCNY's chances of getting legitimately invited to the NIT. Permit me to quote them: Deutsch: "... the biggest travesty since the Indians sold Manhattan ..."; Kaplan: "... some grotesque miscarriage of justice ...". I regard it a travesty and a

miscarriage of journalism that space was allotted to such drivel. All I ask about this fuss is "So what?" You may as well spend your space vilifying nature for choosing green for grass.

The piece on Bertrand Russell was excellent, as was the forum on granting FAECT a charter. One line on Galperin's opinion. It is lamentable that he employs the disparaging phrase "left-wing group" in describing the organizers of the school's chapter and in the final "balance of positive and negative," which he so earnestly disguises as being a fair weighing of the facts, the only thing that doesn't balance is his mental capacity. Isadore Kohai.

To the Editor:

Your headline stated that President Wright would attend a Student Council Conference on Discrimination, as did a caption underneath his photograph.

Dr. Wright wishes to make it clear that he has not been invited to that Conference, and that, as a result, he couldn't possibly have accepted or refused this invitation.

Because this statement was so prominently displayed, we feel that you should inform your readers of the true facts in this situation.

Sincerely yours,

Lester M. Nichols,
Assistant to the President

Experimental Film on Agenda Of Friday's HP Bull Session

Hans Richter, Director of the Institute of Film Techniques, will show his controversial film, "Dreams That Money Can Buy," and will attempt to explain the ideas and techniques involved this Friday at 4:00 in the 1919 Room of House Plan.

Prof. Richter was originally a painter of the cubist school and he became interested in films when in 1921, along with another artist, he attempted to produce a film, experimenting with the rhythmical movement of geometrical objects.

Some Hanging

From this he proceeded to experiment with commercial and documentary films and was considered to be one of the members of the avant-garde. He continued painting and some of his works can be seen at the Museum of Modern Art.

The appearance of Prof. Richter is just a continuation of the Bull Session philosophy of House Plan, which is undertaking to create a closer relationship between students and faculty through informal discussions.

EE's to Hear Talk On Future of Video

"Television: Its Mechanism and Promise" will be the topic of discussion at tomorrow's meeting of the College chapter of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. The guest speaker will be Walter L. Lawrence of the RCA Victor Division.

All interested students are invited to attend the meeting which will start at 12:30 in Room 315 Main.

Varsity Club To Hear Talk By Dr. Plotkin

"Psychology and Athletics" will be discussed by Dr. Lawrence Plotkin of the Psychology Dept. tomorrow at 12:30 in Townsend Morris Hall, under the auspices of the Beaver Varsity Club.

Along with Dr. Plotkin's talk, training, motivation, emotion, personality, morale and their relation to athletes will be discussed. A question and answer period will follow. All students are invited to attend the meetings.

For future meetings the Varsity Club has prepared films on Olympic events, World Series highlights and college and pro basketball games. Talks by leading figures from metropolitan baseball clubs can also be expected.

Here's How to Get Money From UBE

Honest, this story is no bum steer. Having gotten our money from the UBE, we're only too happy to have others do the same. We were reminded that the Book Exchange, although officially closed for almost a month, refuses to leave the College scene when we ran into Sy Richman, erstwhile head of operations at Army Hall Lounge.

Sy, whose three-week job is stretching out into an all-term proposition, wearily informed OP that the correct procedure for getting that long-awaited cash is to bring your receipt stubs to Mr. Lewis Jackson, Central Treasurer, in Room 120, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 1 to 4 P. M.

Bias Conference

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ing that there was no anti-Semitism involved in Lorch's dismissal. He charged further, that the Alumni Committee was responsible for the action taken in the cases of Lorch and Knickerbocker.

"A student body which believes in democracy as a way of life must stop winking at discrimination in education. It must condemn it. The students must decide whether they believe in non-discrimination. One enemy is segregation and discrimination. We must fight those who condone it. We must all unite, and not stay divided on ideologies—our common enemy is discrimination."

Decries Emotion

Mr. Wisan told the assembled delegates that members of minority groups are sensitive, because they look at the issues of anti-Semitism and Jim Crow in a different way from others. College should teach us how to appreciate our emotional reactions and unthinking attitudes, he said.

Answering Judge Delany's charges, he declared, "In the eight months of Delany's chairmanship there were five or six meetings, perhaps 15 hours." His own committee in the past year has worked "a minimum of 500 hours because it is difficult to dig into the facts in such cases."

The Conference will reconvene on Friday, March 10 at 8, in the Faculty Room to take up the remaining points on the agenda. Student Council vice pres. Beverly Rubin, who chaired the meeting, urged that all campus organizations which have not yet sent delegates do so. The meeting will be open.



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Beavers Nip Violets, 64-61; Warner Breaks MSG Mark

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for once the Beavers didn't fumble in the clutch. Leading by 34-31, at the half, City saw the Violets claw away behind Becker and Connie Schaff, who scored for 14 points, and draw up to 38-36 at 3:30 of the second half. First one team and then the other would pour in a field goal, with Warner carrying the Lavender on his back. At 4:30, however, NYU moved ahead on Seeman's push shot. Two minutes later Ed Roman committed his fourth personal foul and the Beavers were really in hot water. Becker and Schaff slanted in a set and a rebound and Seeman a gorgeous fall-away hook to send the Palisaders in front, 45 at the ten minute mark.

Nail Coffin

The Beavers proceeded to nail down the NYU coffin in the next few minutes. Warner hit with a hook, was fouled and converted by Irwin Dambrot, who played well in tying Joel Kaufman into a little knots, rimmed his pet one-hander and Warner followed with a lefthand tap. The Violets never recovered.

Becker brought them close with a pair of one-handers and Masco chimed in with a set, but City kept pouring on until the turbulent last two minutes. At that, NYU had a chance to tie the score with 2:20 remaining. Becker had the ball in his grasp with the Beavers ahead 61-59, but Abe was caught traveling and the ball reverted to City, which played around until the two-minute rule went into effect. Then NYU came out to meet Seeman and the onlookers saw the final part of the game.

Foul Fats

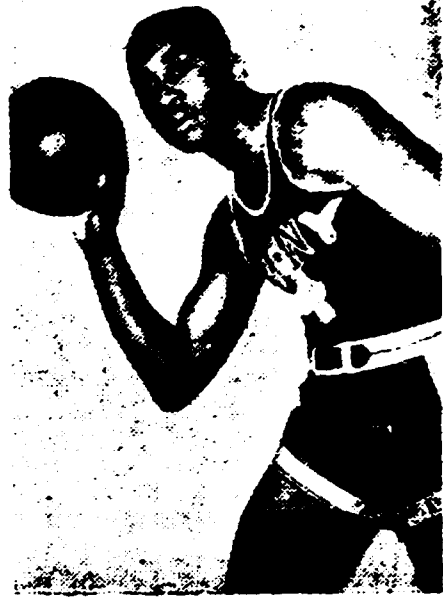
The Heightsmen struggled to get possession, fouling poor Al Roth six times in a row. To Al's embarrassment, he muffed four

Fencers Crush Violets, 16-11; Title Bouts Set for Mar. 17-18

Rolling to their most impressive victory of the season, the College fencing team turned back NYU, defending intercollegiate champion, 16-11, last Saturday. The success stands out even more brightly since NYU had previously beaten third-ranked Navy.

The next match for the Beavers is the big one—the 53rd Annual Intercollegiate Fencers Association Championships, March 17 and 18.

Coach James Montague's charges carved out their triumph the hard way. With Frank Kramer dropping one of his bouts, they lost the foil event, 5-4, and were forced to capture both the spee and saber, 6-3, to take the match. Gene Natanblut, the Lavender's top saber man, was defeated for the first time but still managed to take two out of three bouts.



Ed Warner

stration of the gentle art of self-defense occurred. Bob Derderian belted Roth with a body block, and in a jiffy they were exchanging some misdirected punches. Roth flubbed his shot but City clung to the ball for dear life as Warner outleaped Seeman. All the Violets could do in the paltry few seconds remaining to them was send Layne to the line to sink the crushing foul shot with thirty ticks left on the clock.

Roman Lifted

Nat Holman was forced to derick Roman early, when the big fellow accumulated two quick personal fouls guarding Seeman. From then on Roth and Warner flitted in and out of the pivot when they weren't fast-breaking. Schaff had the devil's own time figuring out Warner's movements and ultimately fouled out, closely pursued by Becker.

NYU tried using Seeman in the bucket but discovered that they weren't getting far. In the second half Coach Cann sent 6-3 Schaff into the lane and pulled his 6-6 center outside. The tactic proved to be a smashing success. Schaff tightened the Beavers up with some fine rebounding, paving the way for his mates' long shots.

of them before netting the fifth to put his team further ahead at 62-59. That charity flip proved crucially important. Ed Warner, jumping against Seeman despite Ed Roman's presence in the line-up, took the ensuing tap, but slapped over to Becker, who charged in for a lay-up. Floyd Layne came perilously close to hacking Abe but held back in time. That made it 62-61, as close as you'd want it to get.

Seconds later, the first demon-

Dambrot Is Second Cager Chosen To Play for Eastern All-Stars

Irwin Dambrot, only senior on the College's starting five, has been selected by Coach Doc Carlson for the East squad in the fifth annual East-West College All-Star Basketball Game to be played at Madison Square Garden on Saturday evening, April 1, for the benefit of the Fresh Air Fund.

Dambrot is the second player chosen by the Pittsburgh coach for his all-star squad, joining high-scoring Paul Arizin, of Villanova. Slats Gill, of Oregon State, the West coach, has picked Ohio State's Dick Schnittker so far.

This is Dambrot's fourth varsity season with the Beavers. When he broke in as a freshman in 1946, just out of Taft High School, Nat Holman called him "potentially the greatest player I've ever coached."

He is the greatest scorer in City College history, with 663 points in his career, although his single-season standard was exceeded by team-mate Ed Seeman this year. This season Dambrot has developed into a play-maker and tough defensive player while retaining his scoring thrust.



Irwin Dambrot (right) has been chosen to the Eastern All-Star team. He and co-captain Joe Gallber would like to beat Frisco first.

intends to study dentistry after graduation this spring. He has led the Beavers into the All-Star game, Lionel Malamed having won the Most Valuable Player trophy in the

OFF BOTH BACKBOARDS

By **DICK KAPLAN**

In all likelihood no such improbable thing will happen, but one of the three New York entries in the National Invitation Tournament starting Saturday afternoon could very well haul off and win the whole shebang. The recently-concluded regular-season rat race demonstrated that metropolitan basketball is at least on a par with that played in other climes. St. John's, LIU and CCNY did a thoroughly creditable job on most of the high-powered quints that came into town.

Critics of New York basketball insist that our schools wouldn't fare as well on the road as they do in friendly Madison Square Garden. It should be noted, though, that visiting teams unflinchingly come in all charged up and ready to pile into the city slickers. And if a club really has it, and most Garden guests do, they show their best game in the 6th Avenue arena.

The record book, which frequently lies facilely, speaks well for the chances of the met hopefuls, notably St. Johns and LIU. This is not meant to disparage the Beavers but is just a re-statement of the fact that they have not beaten many outstanding out-of-town teams this season. The Redmen and Blackbirds stopped San Francisco, Kentucky, Western Kentucky, North Carolina State and Bowling Green. The Beavers could turn the trick if Nat Holman shouts "Muhlenberg" and the team gives out with that Allentown sparkle.

Dragging Shakespeare into the argument, there's the rub. In a short, four-game series like the NIT the unlikely becomes the probable. An underdog team reaches a temporary zenith, clicks with shots from the back of beyond and walks off with whatever they give a National Invitation champion. Left to bemoan their outcast fate—more for the Bard—are the regents of the game, the name clubs with the seven-foot All-Americans. This upsetting of the applecart is typical of basketball, a sport that glorifies the inch—the fractional difference between a near miss and a two-pointer. That miserly inch can eliminate the best quintet.

Kentucky, most experts concede, had the top team in the land last year, yet the Wildcats lost to Loyola, 57-56, in their first NIT encounter. Loyola was good, but not that good. Back in 1947 Bowling Green found that the best team doesn't always win in the Inviation. The Falcons stormed into the Garden, paced by the gargantuan Don Otten, and breezed through the quarter-finals. Their semi-final opponent was Rhode (Island State, whose biggest man was 6-2 Ernie Calverly. Otten scored 31 points before fouling out. Calverly notched only 15, the last two coming on a mastodontic set-shot in the last few seconds. The heave tied the score and sent the game into overtime, where Rhody won, 82-79.

Last season's outcome was something of a surprise. Frisco had looked good but not great in beating City at the Garden and nobody really expected the Dons to go through unscathed. They did. Virtually the same San Fran team is back to see if they can make lightning strike twice in the same spot. Nobody believes they can do it, but neither does anybody have the nerve to pick against them.

This corner thinks the journey will boil down to semi-final brawls between St. John's, Western Kentucky, Kentucky and Bradley. You take it from there. Caveat emptor . . . let the buyer beware.

Beaver Baseball Team in Quest Of More Left Wing Strength

Tubridy Holds Grid Conclave

There was autumn in the air yesterday as football coach Frank Tubridy spoke to the pigskin candidates in an introductory meeting.

Details of spring practice were discussed at the meeting by the successor to Coach Harold J. Parker. Besides being greeted by Coach Tubridy, candidates had a chance to speak to him personally and were informed of the 1950 prospects.

Students who would like to play varsity football were urged to be at yesterday's afternoon session, but if any aspiring football "greats" could not attend, there is still time to contact Coach Tubridy.

Evening session students who expect to become members of the team are also invited to attend the meeting.

The frost is on the pumpkin but the boys who represent the College on the baseball diamond are desperately trying to thaw out in order to be ready for the 1950 season, which starts in less than three weeks. Even though the squad is still in its experimental stages, some definite conclusions can already be drawn. The team this year will be strong behind the plate in the outfield and on the hill with the infield looming as a question mark. Another factor which may be important is the team's batting strength. It will be entirely from the right-hand side of the plate. The Beavers are pathetically short of left-handed swingers, and chances are there will not be a single southpaw in the line-up. This may prove to be a handicap, because the team plays half its league games at Lewisohn Stadium, where the right-field wall is only a pebble's throw from home plate. With the addition of the permanent stage in the field, a tune of ringing his off the metal . . .