

# CCNY In Jolson's Will

As the Observation Post went to press last night, it was reported in the metropolitan press that Al Jolson has left a million dollars to be shared by City College, Columbia University and New York University. The money is to be used to aid needy students. Confirmation of this could not be had before press time.



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### Big Mayoralty Forum Hears Ross Today

By Art Rabin

Paul L. Ross, American Labor Party candidate for Mayor, and Vincent R. Impellitteri, Edward Corsi and Justice Ferdinand Pecora will speak at the College Thursday at 12:15 P.M. in the Townsend Harris Auditorium.

Stanley H. Lowell, assistant to Manhattan Borough President Wagner and former director of Americans for Democratic Action, will speak in behalf of the Liberal and Democratic nominee, Justice Pecora.

Appearing for Corsi will be John Ellis, 1948 Republican candidate for Congress in Vito Marcantonio's 18th District. A speaker has also been scheduled for Acting Mayor Impellitteri. Immediately after the speeches there will be a question period.

The forum is sponsored by the CCNY History Society in co-operation with the Government-Law Society, the Young Liberals, the Young Democrats, Young Republicans, Young Progressives



Paul Ross  
ALP

and Students for Democratic Action (SDA). Professor Samuel Hendl of the Government Dept. will be the moderator.

According to Walter L. Arnstein, president of the History Society, all the candidates were originally scheduled to appear in person. But late last week all except Ross decided to send their representatives instead. This forced the rally site to be changed from Great Hall to the smaller Harris Auditorium.

## Peace to Address Equal Rights Group Today at 12

By Shelly Kohen

Realizing that equal rights will not be granted to the women of the College merely through talk and editorials, an organization has been formed to work and fight against discrimination on the basis of sex. The organization for Equal Rights for Women is holding its first meeting today at 12:30 in Room 212 Main. Dean James S. Peace, of the Department of Student Life, will speak on the purposes and aims of the group.

The organization has planned an extensive program involving all the students of the College, the faculty, the high schools, parent-teacher associations, and Hunter College. Well-known personalities, including Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Dr. Harold Taylor, president of Sarah Lawrence College, and Hazel Scott, have been invited to address the group.

"Within our school discrimination on the basis of sex is practiced," stated Beverly Rubin and Eugene Alexander, president and secretary of the organization, respectively. "Elimination of this destructive bias is the job of

every student—male and female." Mr. Alexander, noting their recently approved charter, read this statement from it, "Women must have equal educational opportunities for the complete realization of their abilities so as to offer most to themselves, their families, and society."

The organization, "with the aid of all members of the College community," hopes to gain the admittance of women into the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, adequate hygiene facilities, dormitories, admittance into all courses listed in the catalogs of the schools to which they are admitted, and the elimination of segregation and discrimination in

classrooms.

"We know, the administration and the Board of Higher Education know, that the students at the College want the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences opened to women," Miss Rubin said. "Student referendums have proven this. Now is the time for all of us to fight for what we believe is right and just."



Bev Rubin  
Moderator

## YPA PUBLICITY SUSPENDED BY SFCSA

By David Weinstein

On charges of violating the College regulations, the CCNY chapter of the Young Progressives of America had their publicity privileges suspended for a two-week period. This action was announced last Tuesday evening after the Student Life Committee of Student Life heard the complaints against YPA and the organization's defense.

The charges against the organization were three in number. YPA received two warning notices from the Department of Student Life that it was littering the campus with its leaflet distribution. On October 18, YPA was warned after the second offense that "disciplinary action" would result if a third violation occurred.

According to a YPA statement released after the announcement of this penalty. The organization stated that it had no knowledge

of such a violation, and if this violation did occur, it was through action unauthorized by YPA. "One of the leaflets that was supposedly posted had a footprint mark on it and both were crumpled. The five persons that were authorized to distribute these leaflets denied having posted said leaflets."

The statement concluded, "It seems no mere coincidence that the suspension will last till the day after election. Certainly the Democratic administration of New York City which controls both the Board of Higher Education and the College administration would welcome any aid in

what promises to be a close election. Also, there are other campus groups eligible for suspension supporting parties other than the American Labor Party which have not yet been suspended."

"This harrassment is not a new thing to YPA. In the past our leaflets have been censored and attempts made to interfere with our choice of speakers. It seems that in this day of the McCarran Age, one City school is trying to outdo the other in the suspension of progressive and liberal organizations and publications."

A high administration spokesman who is also a member of the SFCSA told the Observation Post that these charges of YPA are "untrue." He stated that this penalty imposed upon YPA was done so by a unanimous vote of the committee including the five

student members. The club sustained this penalty because they violated the College regulation prohibiting the posting of signs, notices, pictures or any other illustrative material on walls or woodwork including wooden panels or doors or outside of rooms in any College buildings by means of thumb tacks, staples, or tape. He denied the charge that YPA was being singled out. He further added that YPA could have been penalized after the first offense and that after the second offense could have had all their campus privileges withdrawn. The fact of the matter is that the Department of Student Life has allowed these violations to go to three in number before requesting the SFCSA to take action.

### Civil Service . . .

All Senior and Graduate students are hereby notified that Mr. James Cunneen, a representative of the Department of Civil Service of the State of New York will speak at the College.

The day is Thursday at 12:30 in the Faculty Room, 2nd Floor, Men's Building. The topic will be "Opportunities in State Employment."

### Ruth Rubin, Folk Singer, Performs at Hillel Today

Ruth Rubin, internationally known folk singer, will appear at Hillel House today at 12:30 P.M. in a program entitled "A Hundred Years of Jewish Folksong."

Ruth Rubin will illustrate her folk with her exciting rendition of Hebrew and Yiddish folk songs—love songs, work songs, wedding songs, nursery rhymes and children's songs, lullabies, and struggle, Hassidic songs.

humorous songs, and holiday songs—projected against the background of the history of the Jewish people over the past century.

In Miss Rubin's words, "Folk songs are dreams, yearnings, love, joy, sorrow, pain. The songs of a people include their games and dances, bitterness and satire, wit and humor, wisdom and superstitions.

### Reid, Sulzberger Receive Finley Awards

Mrs. Helen Rogers Reid, publisher of the New York Herald Tribune, and Arthur Hays Sulzberger, publisher of the New York Times, will receive the 1950 John H. Finley Award for "significant services rendered to the City of New York."

Presentation of the joint award, given annually by the City College Alumni Association, will be made at the Association's annual dinner to be held on Saturday evening, November 4th, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

In honoring the publishers, the Alumni Association cited their long records of public welfare service to New York City. Mrs. Reid is chairman of the board of trustees of Barnard College, holder of the gold medal of the Hundred Year Association for outstanding cultural contributions to the city, and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Mr. Sulzberger is a member of the board of trustees of Columbia University and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and

has served on the board of directors on the New York chapters of the American Red Cross and the Heart Association. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and was a recipient of the Theodore Roosevelt medal for "distinguished service in the public interest." Both Mrs. Reid and Mr. Sulzberger have been active in the charitable activities of their newspapers, the Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund and the Times Needy Cases Fund.

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The opinions expressed in the editorials will be those of the Managing Board until a Board of Directors is elected.

## Junior Prom . . .

The combined Junior classes of the Uptown and Downtown centers will frolic at the beautiful Oak Room of the Hotel Capitol on Saturday night, December 16.

The Junior Class Committee is in the process of signing a name band to supply music for dancing. In addition there will be barrels of punch, tons of cookies and sandwiches. There will be a private adjoining bar for the guzzlers. (Juniors only will be served.)

A highlight of the Prom will be a Prom Queen contest.

Pledges can be obtained from Class Council Representatives or in the Cafeteria booth. Price: \$1, balance to be paid on or before November 22.

## OP Carnival Cutie . . .



**OP Queen**  
Cynthia Erdheim  
One of OP's choices for Carnival Queen, has brown hair and brown eyes. She is nineteen years old and she's a Junior. Five feet 5 1/2 inches in height she tips the scale at 118 pounds. Other items of interest are; hips 3 1/2 inches, waist 22 inches and bust 3 1/2 inches.

Cynthia's main interests are athletics and singing. She's an Ed major and expects to become an elementary school teacher.

## Letters

Dear Editor:

I do not wish at this time to argue the merits of the question of whether candidates should be protected from possibly libelous editorials at the time of Student Council elections. But I strongly protest the unfair slantings of your lead news article. The headline shouting "Council Demands Control," etc., was a gross misrepresentation of the facts. The resolutions passed by Council last Friday were a concrete step taken toward eliminating all censorship and control over leaflets. It is the belief of Council that all chartered organizations—and let us not forget that "OP" and "Campus" are also chartered student organizations subsidized by the students' money—should have the right to publish and distribute their opinions. We do not believe that either the Department of Student Life or the Student Council should have the right of pre-censorship. Organizations must be considered reliable; if they violate this trust, Judiciary should judge them after an open hearing. These major points were almost completely lost in your article because of the way in which you played up the fact that newspapers are to be subject to the same rules as organizational leaflets.

It must be pointed out also that under the resolutions passed by Council, no organization or newspaper could under any circumstances be stopped from publishing any opinion; they could only be warned of the consequences. This effort at liberalizing present SFCSA regulations concerning leaflets certainly cannot be called "demanding control."

Yours very truly,  
Irwin J. Schiffres  
Secretary  
Student Council

# IN THE LIMELIGHT!

By Henry Krisch  
OP Managing Editor

A man once had a fine, strong horse. As long as he gave it no loads too heavy, or tasks too difficult, it did its job faithfully and well. After a while, however, the horse was forced to do work for which it was not fitted, and eventually it broke down and died.

Higher education in America is going the way of the broken-down horse. Staggering under a burden which it should not have to carry, it has become, even in its very techniques, unable to fulfill its function: to produce the thinking, reasoning leaders without whom no democratic system can survive.

The three burdens, which the College (and our criticism might as well start at home) is forced to carry, involve perversion of its function, its student body, and its methods.

The College is forced to be a vocational school, an elementary school, and last and sometimes least, a college. The curricular setup is such that the overwhelming majority of your credits go for some vocational objective. The world is suffering from an excess of technicians, over thinkers, but the College goes right ahead in feverishly turning out hot-shot plastics engineers and demon social workers. Any concept of developing cultured, thinking individuals has vanished along with the idea of using graduate school to prepare for your job.

No one is denying the importance of the worker and the technician. Without them, our society would collapse. But with only such types, and with a lack of leaders, our society is like a well-oiled Queen Mary without a Captain or navigator. College is not meant for everyone in America. It cannot hope to do a good job if it has to work with intellectual misfits—a liberal arts school is no more for some students than West Point would be for some others. The effect of this dilution of the student body has been to hamper the instruction of those who could really profit by it. Too many BAs are only sheepskin deep, and they serve to clutter up the educational process. No student should be shut out on account of race, creed, or economic circumstance, but stricter scholastic standards are both just and necessary.

We have left to the last the most serious flaw of all. The educational process in our College is geared to the mass-swallowing of facts, facts, and more facts. Only a lucky handful ever manage to organize their knowledge into anything approaching a system. The memorization of facts is our achievement, but learning to think is what our goal should be. Most of what we learn is to be found in any standard reference book. Never do we learn to reason or to analyze. The unfortunate truth is that the overwhelming majority of students literally cannot think. We, remember, are to be the leaders of tomorrow, yet we will be as susceptible to propaganda and irrational appeals as the least educated in the nation.

In theory, there are several devices used to teach thinking. In practice, these devices are for the most part ineffective. A favorite method is the science lab. Here the bright young student is supposed to dissect like Koch or make bulbs flash like Faraday and by imitation or osmosis absorb the processes of analysis which these models used. Only Koch and Faraday never had lab manuals which directed their every move and did almost all of their thinking for them. Our labs turn out many excellent dissectors but few capable thinkers. Instead of having thirty-odd students go through their paces like trained monkeys, the lab should pose real problems which would require some thinking for their solution.

This then is the basic indictment of our higher education. It is true that not all of these conditions are higher education's own. On the question of money, for instance, it is the society which has failed the school. Nevertheless, the first step is for the institution of higher learning to return to its basic function of training the leadership for our society. Its basic purpose should be to develop a capacity for thought and reason in the minds of those who are not capacity. In this way the college or university can become the ac

## The YPA Story

The recent suspension of the publicity privileges of YPA places the SFCSA, the Department of Student Life and the College as a whole in a very precarious position.

No matter how justified the penalty inflicted on YPA was, it need hardly be stated that this disciplinary action is loaded with dynamite. It can and will be used as another example of the pattern that is pervading the American University today—the stifling of unpopular minority opinion.

However, we do not choose to believe that the College administration would deliberately contribute to the hypocrisy that formulated the McCarran Act.

We do not choose to believe that on the basis of the number of warnings by the Department of Student Life, that the administration deliberately chose to "get" YPA. We do not choose to believe that the administration was "gunning" for YPA and seized upon this rather innocuous violation to demonstrate its antipathy for them.

We do not choose to believe that City College has gone the way of the mass of the American universities with loyalty oaths, firing of professors for their political beliefs, and suspending all unpopular college groups that do not conform to the mores of the day.

In the emotional charged atmosphere of the day, the students at the College ought to be very proud and at the same time very humble to the fact that there is a YPA on this campus. It's hard to condemn an administration that has not yet given into the tenure of the times.

Our only complaint to this suspension is that the student agency that legally could have taken action did not do so. In the past the Facilities Committee has warned these organizations that they had violated the codes and we see no reason why this agency of Student Government does not again handle these matters. Perhaps the fault lies in the Facilities Committee itself. At any rate a wee session on the carpet tomorrow night at Student Council could do the Facilities Committee no harm and a great deal of good.

## The Jolson Story

The bulletin yesterday that Al Jolson had left one million dollars in his will to be distributed among NYU, Columbia and CCNY will be warmly received in these quarters. We could write of the man's greatness in tribute to this noble act, but it need not be done. Jolson was Jolson—greatness in itself. He was a man who started from the bottom and worked his way up to the top. He made millions during his lifetime, but he never forgot his struggle to make the top. A man who never completed secondary school, he realized the worth of a college education. He never forgot that other people were not as fortunate as he. Al Jolson will be remembered not only for his singing but for his generous heart.

## Our Hero

WAGNER has come and gone, and Mitty Luchan is still unredeemed. A prisoner of football frustration, he will have to wait for the Susquehanna game to end in its inevitable City victory before he can hold his head high again.

We only wish that more students at the College had the Luchan spirit. (At least in football matters.) Although this has hardly been a gala season, it is up to the student body to actively support their fellows on the team.

The body of Luchan no longer resides on the green grass of City College, but his spirit remains. At least until we win a game!

## Club Briefs . . .

The Psychology Society will engage the Faculty in a softball game on Thursday at 12:30 in Jasper Oval. All are invited to come out and analyze the affair.

The CCNY Meteorological Society, will show a film on Weather Phenomena on Thursday at 12:30, in Room 3, Finley Hall.

The Film Society will present two very fine documentary films on Thursday in Room 65AN at 12:15. The two films are, Battle of San Pietro and Does It Matter What You Think?

# Dr. Weinreich Advocates Larger 'Yiddish' Program

By Bob Gomerovo

The College can boast of many educational distinctions from the first to offer courses in radio engineering to the first to open a degree-granting evening session. But we may not know is that the College is also the first and only American institution of higher learning to offer permanent courses in the Yiddish language and literature.



Dr. Max Weinreich

Heading this unique program, which is now conveniently part of the German Department, is Prof. Max Weinreich whom many justifiably consider "one of the leading experts of the Yiddish language" and one who has been instrumental in its standardization and refinement.

Ever since 1923, when Prof. Weinreich received his doctorate at the University of Marburg (Germany), the Professor has been an active leader in the field of Yiddish philology and research. In 1925, he became the founder and co-director of the

Yiddish Scientific Institute (YIVO) of Vilna, Poland which, through its many branches, has become the central institution of Jewish social science. At the In-

stitute according to the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, "he was a teacher and inspiration of an entire generation of Jewish scientists in Yiddish through his activities as author, editor, teacher and guiding spirit of YIVO." Through the organization, Dr. Weinreich was able to conduct research work all over Europe from Oxford to Parma and Vienna, and to attend the leading linguistic conferences on the continent.

Commenting on his three years at the college, Dr. Weinreich remarked that he was happy to see the student body becoming more interested in the field of Yiddish studies. "German 61, 62 and the advanced seminars are more than just courses in Linguistics but rather a survey of Jewish history and culture. As such, they should be of interest to all those who would like to know more about the cultural background of the Jewish people." The professor also announced

## Facts . . . . . by Basch

### LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT



the formation of the Peretz Society, a student organization of which he is the faculty adviser, and strongly urged those interested in Yiddish culture to join the association by contacting him through the German Department Office, room 305 Main.

## YMHA Offers New Discounts For Concerts

The Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association offers an annual series of subscription concerts of chamber music, and song, poetry, and dance recitals. In order that the large majority of college students may enjoy these concerts, they have effected special student discounts. There are ten series of concerts; a new series each month at a discount of fifty per cent for most of the concerts and twenty-five per cent for a lesser number. Student rates are available for single events, and there are special group rates for ten or more people of a club or other organization. Along with the subscription, you receive a bonus concert for the nominal cost of sixty cents.

The concerts scheduled for this season promise to be particularly stimulating. The Dance Recitals at the Y are widely known and the Y is regarded as a center of modern dance. Several of the noted artists to appear are Richard Dyer-Bennet, Maggie Toyle, Patricia Neway, Ogden Nash, Robert Frost, T. S. Eliot, and Thornton Wilder.

The Y is very much aware of the student in the planning and execution of the concerts. Last semester, several Music I classes were asked by the Y, to fill out questionnaires concerning their likes and dislikes of concert material.

The concerts are sponsored by the education department of the Y as a public service. Further information may be obtained either at House Plan or at the Concert Bureau in the main lunchroom. Just ask for the YMHA Bulletin of Concert Activities.

George Greenfield

## Newman Club . . .

This semester the Newman club has abandoned the old traditional method of inviting a guest speaker and has initiated a group of "Bull Sessions." The purpose of these discussions will be to review different aspects of the Catholic religion. These meetings will be held four times a week in the Hillside basement. The days are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and all are urged to attend.

# Be Happy-Go Lucky!

In plain, bright, I make straight 'A's,  
I'll soon have my degree,  
I know the facts you've got to know—  
Like LS/M.F.T.

By Robert S. Kaiser  
Colorado School of Mines



Enjoy your cigarette! Enjoy truly fine tobacco that combines both perfect mildness and rich taste in one great cigarette - Lucky Strike!

Perfect mildness? You bet. Scientific tests, confirmed by three independent consulting laboratories, prove that Lucky Strike is milder than any other principal brand. Rich taste? Yes, the full, rich taste of truly fine tobacco.

Only fine tobacco gives you both real mildness and rich taste. And Lucky Strike means fine tobacco. So enjoy the happy blending that combines perfect mildness with a rich, true tobacco taste. Be Happy—Go Lucky!

Professors are a different lot,  
They teach us Lit. and Psych.  
But when it comes to cigarettes  
They all teach Lucky Strike!

By John D. Wilson  
Brown University

It's not in any book, I know,  
But just the same it's true.  
If you would like a perfect smoke  
It's Lucky Strike for you!

By Carolyn M. Lauer  
University of Michigan



## LS/M.F.T.-Lucky Strike Means Fine Tobacco



# Eleven Faces Susquehanna; Looks for First Win Saturday

By Ben Zeidman

Still seeking its first victory of the 1950 season, the City College Football Team will engage the Crusaders of Susquehanna this Saturday at Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania. The game will mark the eleventh meeting between the two schools, Susquehanna holding a 5-4 edge. The teams played a 9-9 tie in 1947.

## Quintet Good In Scrimmage With Scranton

With a month to go before the opening of the season, the 1950-'51 basketball squad put on its first display before the public in a scrimmage session with the Scranton Miners, champions of the American Basketball League. Scranton, loaded with former outstanding college ballplayers, such as Don Forman, Vinnie Verdeschi, Danny Ginn, Nat Militzok, Hank Rosenstein, and Dolly King proved a formidable opponent, though outplayed by the Beavers.

### Sand in Charge

Bobby Sand, at the helm with Holman absent, used all the boys on the club, looking for possible replacements for the returning regulars. The tentative starting five of Roman, Warner, Roth, Layne and Cohen, as could be expected, looked smooth and fast. The second and third crews impressed, but had difficulty in moving in close to the basket.

Outstanding performers were big Ed Roman and Floyd Layne, stalwarts of last year's team. Roman hit with amazing regularity with a variety of shots, while flashy Layne sparkled in his floor and backboard game. Of the remaining ten members of the club only a few looked outstanding in this the opening scrimmage. However, it must be taken into consideration that it is still too early in the exhibition season to discern true values.

### Chenetz Improved

Ed Chenetz, 6-5 substitute, looked impressive with his left and right handed hooks and is showing definite signs of developing into a valuable replacement. Arnie Smith and Jerry Gold displayed outstanding speed and may be useful in spelling members of the big five.

The Scranton team will again be seen November 4, Alumni Homecoming Day, in another scrimmage with the Varsity.



Co-captain Milt Scheff  
Maybe This Week!

## Girl Hoopsters Starting Team Still Unchosen

The girls basketball team commenced practice last Monday in preparation of its opening game against the Alumni on December 11. With all of her starting team lost from last season and with the addition of a few fleet members from the freshman team, Coach Marguerite Wulfers is in a state of perplexion as to who will constitute her first six. Returning from last term, but not previously on the starting six are Co-Captains Ann Unlick and Elaine Schwartz. Consuela Stokes, Rosalyn Berkowitz, Jean Zamlowitz, Barbara Allen, Rosmarie Greco, Vera Greenwich and Ann Oksman. From this group and the freshman squad, Coach Wulfers will eventually select a starting team.

Says Coach Wulfers: "This is the youngest squad I have worked with in a long time and we never take an easy schedule, but I think that this group of mine should duplicate, if not do better than, last year's squad. They're a wholesome, peppy and spirited group and given an opportunity may come through with amazing results."

The Crusaders of last year were a rather futile lot as was shown by their 1-7 record and the 59-0 pasting delivered to them by the Lavender. That there has been a definite improvement is evidenced by their record this season. In four games, Susquehanna has pulled two wins, one of which was a 6-0 victory over Wagner, conquerors of the Beavers last week.

Amos Alonzo Stagg, Jr., the coach of the Orange and Maroon, and his assistant coach, Football's Connie Mack, Amos Alonzo Stagg, Sr., have done a good job of renovating a squad that lost eight of last season's starters. The returning first stringers are guards Bob Pittelo and Felix Torromeo and end Walt Wolster. Altogether, the Crusaders have 15 lettermen from their old squad.

The attack has been hurt by the loss of Bob O'Gara, the passing star of last year's team. The Crusaders' offense is bolstered by the two veteran guards.

The Beavers hope to repeat last year's win, but any chances of a decisive victory seem very remote. Throughout the entire season, the woeful lack of reserves has crippled the Lavender in the late stages of their games. Last Saturday, this weakness was the obvious cause of defeat. After a scoreless first half, the stronger reserves of Wagner forced the Beavers to give more yardage with each play. This culminated in two touchdowns for the Seahawks.

Joe Mas' return to the lineup this Saturday gives the team an experienced halfback. Due to numerous injuries among members of the squad, the aggregation is still not at full strength.

## SPORT SHORTS

—by THE INSIDE DOPE—

That University of California sports budget that we mentioned the other day is used to support 35 teams in 20 sports. The \$355,000 football receipts are stretched to pay for a total of 375 contests yearly. According to claims made by the athletic office of the Golden Bears, this is the most expansive athletic program in the nation.

When the St. Johns University basketball team meets John Carroll University in Cleveland on February 8, it will be the most westerly appearance of the Redmen capes since 1940 when they met Bradley in Peoria, Illinois.

Henry Hatch, Michigan's equipment custodian, says it takes 1,500 pounds of paraphernalia to outfit a 36-man Wolverine football team. And back in days of the round football, all they did for protection was simply slip on a turtle-neck sweater!

When the Lavender freshmen basketballs oppose the yearlings from Long Island University this winter it will be the first time the two schools have ever met on a basketball court.

# OP Sports

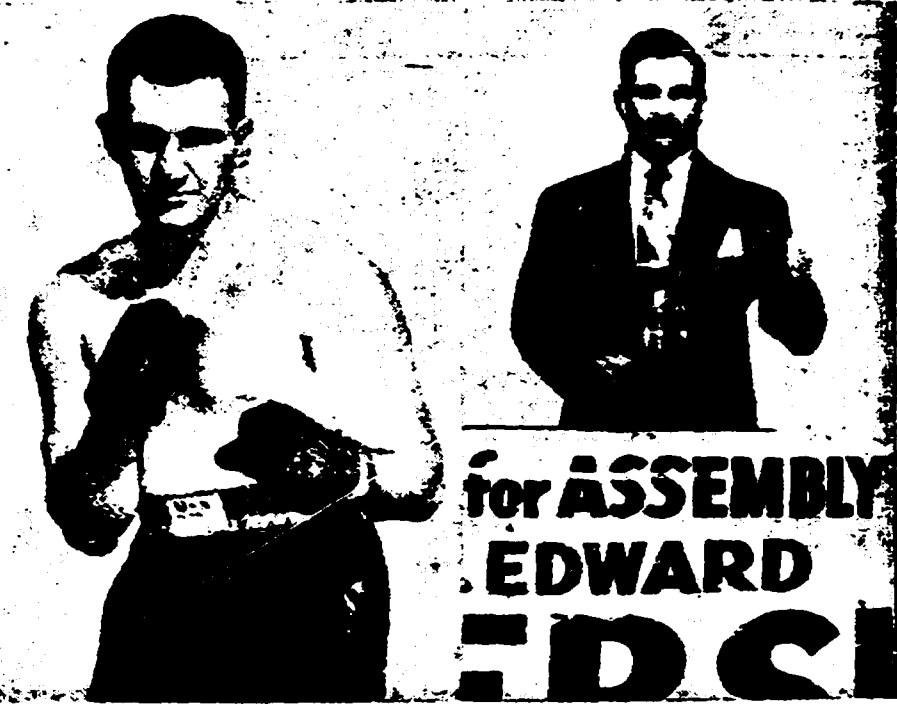


## Ed Gersh: Boxing, Teaching, Politics

By Hank Wexler

As that great contemporary philosopher, Sugar Ray Robinson says: "You don't get nothin' for nothin'." Ed Gersh, ex-boxing coach here at St. Nicholas Terrace and current lecturer for the Hygiene Department in the Evening Session is rapidly finding this out. Gersh, an extremely popular and capable young man by any standard of measurement, is now engaged in a political race. "There were a great many things lacking in my neighborhood," says the amiable six footer. "I spoke to some people in the area. 'You look like a fine upstanding citizen. Why don't you do something about it?' " He did: since the incumbent was a Democrat, Gersh sought, and received, the opposition Republican nomination for Assemblyman, Sixth A.D.

Doing it himself is no novelty to Gersh. He has, in the past, been a Golden Glove champion, a college football star, teacher of English, history, and hygiene, veteran, football and boxing coach, and boxing pro. His greatest thrill? That's easy: winning the Golden Glove Heavyweight Championship in 1943 (under the name of Eddie Erwin). And the strongest connection between Gersh's winning the Gloves and City College is, strangely enough, a wristwatch. "The idea of boxing first came to me through a friend who had won a



Ed Gersh

1943—Fighting

1950—Still Fighting

watch in an amateur boxing tournament. I needed a timepiece, but my financial condition prevented me from buying one. I didn't act on the urge to enter amateur boxing until 1942 when I incurred an injury to my knee which prevented me from playing football (Gersh was varsity tackle for NYU at the time). It didn't prevent me from boxing, however, and I thought I'd finally get that watch. After six weeks of training I finally engaged in my first bout. But the war was on and watches were replaced as gifts by medals! I finally got my watch in 1949. It was a gift from the boys of the CCNY boxing squad when my responsibilities as a coach were ended."

If politics and teaching weren't enough, the curly-haired, 200-pounder just received his boxing and wrestling referee's license from the New York State Athletic Commission. You can't escape him. If you watch television: he's there. You see him on the campus. And if you live in the Sixth Assembly District in the East Bronx, you catch his posters and sound trucks.

It's only natural that Gersh should be fighting again. He quit professional boxing because he had to choose between a fighting career and a teaching career. The transition was only superficial. Gersh has been fighting for many things ever since. He's written a great deal on the pros and cons of boxing, he's been active in civic affairs, and he has always worked with young men on and off the campus. Now that his hat is in the ring again, Gersh isn't bragging about murdering the bum. As usual he'll do his best. And that, as any one of his students will tell you, is damn good.

## Intramurals Are Underway

The following schedule for intramural athletic competition was released for this term:  
Oct. 5—Archery, South Hall.  
Fencing, South Hall.  
Tennis, South Hall.  
Wrestling, Tech Gym.  
Oct. 10—Basketball, Main and Tech Gyms.  
Hockey, Jasper Oval.  
Oct. 20—Football, Lewisohn Stadium.  
Table Tennis, Army Hall and South Hall.  
Nov. 2—Road Race Campus.  
Dec. 1—Bowling, Star Alleys.

Dec. 7—Swimming, Pool.  
Although some of the sports have seen competition begin, those who are still interested in joining should see Prof. Alon Richards in 109 Hygiene.

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## Holman to Lead College Stars in Benefit Game

Nat Holman will add to his long list of basketball achievements tonight when he leads a College All-Star aggregation, against the pro champion Minneapolis Lakers in Chicago Stadium.

Holman, who last week celebrated his fifty-fourth birthday, will coach such stellar operatives: as Irwin Dambrot, co-captain of City's NIT and NCAA championship team; Paul Arizin, Villanova's famous jump-shot specialist; Bob Cousy, record point scorer for Holy Cross; Chuck Cooper, Duquesne; Don Lofgren, San Francisco and Kevin O'Shea, Notre Dame.

The game, eleventh in the series of annual benefit contests, will be marked by the All-Stars attempt to end the Lakers' two year domination.

Assistant Coach Bobby Sand will handle City's squad in absence of...

## X-Country Team To Meet Fordham

Unbeaten in three contests to date, City College's Cross Country team will try to keep its string intact this Saturday afternoon against Fordham at Van Cortlandt Park.

The Beaver Harriers hold victories against the Long Island Aggies, Hofstra, and Adelphi, but swing into the tough part of the schedule with NYU and St. John's coming up after the Fordham meet.