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## AFTER CCNY... WHAT NEXT? Job Opportunities In.... The Year 1950

By Dave Weinstein

June 15, 1950, is a day that is full of foreboding for some 5,000 City College students. It will mean, first of all, the conclusion of four or more years of concentrated, high-calibre education. More important, it will signal the start of a new and infinitely more significant period.

For June 15 is Commencement Day at City College. Cast off from the responsibilities of scholastic life, the 5,000 will still be forced to rely almost completely on it for the start that they will need. Although there won't be any more studying or exams for many, this will be the only experience that they'll be bringing with them from City College.

For some the transition from College life to self-supporting status will be fairly easy. They'll have the advantage of "knowing people"—of having contacts in business or industry that will speed them on their way to careers in their chosen fields.

But the vast majority will be able to boast of no such knowledge; June 15 for them will signify the start of the rounds, the search for Civil Service data, the hopeful interviews and the impatient scanning of the Times' classified sections.

The prospect for these graduates is not a pretty one. Most of them have no experience whatever, either in their own fields or in any other. They lack the already-mentioned contacts. They will be competing with approximately 5,000,000 older, and perhaps wiser, citizens who are now also seeking jobs. They will seek jobs on the basis of college training that may or may not be adequate to the positions they seek.

Most important of all, however, is the fact that most of the 5,000 are Negroes, Jews, or Americans of Italian or East European descent.

A good many of the '50 graduates  
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## Enrollment Figures Show Slight Drop This Session

Following the same pattern which has manifested itself for the last few years, registration at the College declined slightly for the present semester.

According to the Registrar, this decline can be explained by the gradual elimination of the veteran population of the school. Robert L. Taylor, the Registrar, stated that he believes that by the fall of 1951 there will be a normal enrollment at the College of about 9,250. This number, which is 2,000 less than the abnormal war-time enrollments, is approximately 1,200 more than the pre-war totals.

Of the 18,100 students who completed registration last week for the day session, 6,730 will attend the Main Campus, and the remaining 11,370 will attend the School of Business. The slight decrease in enrollment in the School of Technology, Mr. Taylor noted, was balanced by an equal increase in the School of Education. This is due, he said, to the increasing demand for teachers in all branches of education, whereas the number of openings in the engineering field have declined since the end of the war.

The slight decrease in enrollment has been met by an equally slight reduction in the number of classes, which, the Registrar said, will keep the student-teacher ratio at approximately 14 to 1, which is the same as the ratio of the fall term.

## Swadesh, Lorch Rebuttals Sent to Comm. Spaulding

By Henry Krisch

As the latest step in his battle to win re-instatement as an Associate Professor of the College, Dr. Morris Swadesh filed a rebuttal last week with State Commissioner of Education Francis T. Spaulding. The rebuttal is in answer to the brief filed by the Corporation Counsel for the Board of Higher Education answering the original petition entered by Dr. Swadesh.

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### Wm. Kapell Concert Next

The next concert in the series will be held in the Great Hall on Friday evening, Feb. 10. William Kapell, the pianist, will perform. Tickets are available at special student discount rates through the Concert Bureau.



Morris Swadesh

(A rebuttal has also been filed in the case of Dr. Lee Lorch, former mathematics instructor at the College. He was not given a reason for his dismissal. His rebuttal claims to have evidence that anti-Semitism entered into the decision not to keep Lorch at the College in spite of his excellent record.)

### 4-Point Rebuttal

The rebuttal is based on four main points. It points out that the only reason given by the BHE for the dismissal was Dr. Swadesh's discussion of the Morgan case in class and in his encouragement of a student petition in the matter. (The Morgan case concerns the dismissal of an anthropologist at an Ohio museum.) It emphasizes the fact that Prof. John Collier, one of the complaining members of the department, did not sign the letter sent to a Review Committee because he was not present at the time the alleged acts, which were cause for non-reappointment, were committed.

The rebuttal points out that the case was handled with undue speed. Although Dr. Swadesh's reappointment was recommended in Dec. 1948, it was not forwarded to him until May 20, 1949, a day after a letter to the departmental chairman from members of the department asking Dr. Swadesh's non-reappointment. On May 25 the case was brought before the Board of Higher Education.

## Nix Effort to Drop Knickerbocker Text

By Nat Halebsky

Students of Spanish 2 will continue to use Prof. William E. Knickerbocker's (Chairman, Romance Languages) textbook, although instructors for the course had previously voted unanimously to substitute another book for it.

Observation Post learned last week that the decision to replace the text ("Spanish Composition and Grammar Drill" by Knickerbocker and Americo Camera) was made by the five instructors after sharp and detailed criticism of it had been expressed by many students and faculty members.

Department Overrules  
The Romance Languages Department, meeting in special session Friday afternoon, voted overwhelmingly to turn down the request that "Brief Spanish Review" by Adams be used for all Spanish 2 classes. The meeting also decided that no individual instructor—as had been requested by several professors—could make the change on his own.



Prof. Knickerbocker

The most severe criticism of the Knickerbocker book was made in a four-page mimeographed analysis that was distributed anonymously to members of the Department. This document was filed with the Department.

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## College Switches Date of Film Award from March to Sept.

The College's Film Award for "creative achievement in documentary film production" will not be given until September, it was announced by Hans Richter, director of the College's Film Institute and chairman of the board of judges.

Prof. Richter feels that too many awards are granted within a short period of time at the start of the year. "It would seem that, very often, there is more competition among the organizations offering prizes than among the films themselves," he stated. Established in 1948, the award was given last March to the producers of "The Quiet One." Under the new plan, the board of judges will spend the first six months of each year reviewing the documentary films produced during the preceding year. Films made everywhere in the world will be considered.

### HELP WANTED!

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See MORTY LEVINE, Associate Editor, in Room 16A Main

# Film Society to Expand Its Lecture and Movie Program

By Sholly Kohen

The College's Film Society has announced its program for the semester. The proposed schedule, which hinges on the \$18 Fee Plan appropriation, will offer the Society's members more than twice as many lectures and movies as were given last term.

The organization, organized last October, the Society hopes to give its members a chance to learn about film making and to help them heighten their appreciation of films. A group of students who organized the club felt that motion pictures were not very well known as an art medium nor as an effective educational tool.

"Many students moan when they hear the word 'documentary' because they haven't been given the opportunity to see good documentaries," said Daniel Alevy, vice-president. "We want to show the best there are and those that never quite made it, to provoke enlightening discussions and to whet student appetites."

The organization will show documentaries at most of their regular Thursday meetings and

will present five feature productions.

### "True Glory"

The first film showing, Friday, Feb. 17, will be open to all students and faculty members. "The True Glory," a film covering varied phases of World War II, and hailed as one of the better anti-war films, will be the initial offering. Two other features to be shown are Eisenstein's masterpiece, "Potemkin," and the Marx Brothers' hilarious "Duck Soup."

One of the documentaries to be shown is "Feeling of Hostility," made under the auspices of the National Film Board of Canada as part of its mental health program. It is the story of a girl who feels rejected when her widowed mother remarries and has a child. Attempting to win admiration she takes refuge in the only thing that has never hurt her and has always brought her praise—her intellectual capacity.

## After CCNY... What Next?

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Students will find that postgrad work is essential to finding a decent job. Here again, though, there are hurdles that must be cleared: schools are crowded already; a rush of applicants means that someone will get hurt; in some cases, students are shorn of credits they got at CCNY. "You can't fill the requirements," they're told.

Then again, invariably, those most likely to be rejected are from City—for the same reasons cited a few paragraphs earlier.

Students intend to go into some of the problems in future issues. Analyses of opportunities for CCNY students in graduate schools will be presented, covering medicine, engineering, dentistry, journalism, accountancy

and law. Education and Civil Service will be covered separately. Discrimination will be honestly assessed.

**NEXT WEEK: The first of a series of two articles on the handicaps to becoming a doctor.**

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## How the Mighty Have Fallen...

A survey of the post-graduate achievements of College alumni who majored in Economics will be presented at the first meeting of the Economics Society this Thursday afternoon. The meeting will be held in Room 210 at 12:30.

The progress report, to be delivered by an officer of the Society, will trace the careers of graduates from the years 1927 to 1947. Detailed figures will be given to show how many of the alumni have been able to find

jobs in their chosen field. In addition, the Society will hear just how high the grads have risen.

All students are invited to the meeting.

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### Student Council Needs You!

At its first meeting of the term next Friday night, Student Council will go about the job of staffing its many committees. These committees are the actual working bodies of student government, and upon their success depends the plans of the Council. These committees need people to help. How about you? Volunteer now!

## Hillel to Collect Books For Two Needy Israeli Universities

The College chapter of the Hillel Foundation has undertaken the task of sponsoring the collection of textbooks for two of the universities of Israel, the Hebrew University on Mt. Scopus in Jerusalem, and the Haifa Technicon, a school primarily for engineering students.

The Hillel Committee, headed by Saul Brenner and Edwin Davidoff, has sent a plea to members of the faculty for texts that aren't needed or that are rarely used. Collection booths to accept contributions by both faculty members and students will be set up at Whitefield Lounge in Army Hall and in Lincoln Corridor and the cafeteria in the Main Building this Thursday and Friday.

Among the texts needed for the Hebrew University are those in the Natural and Physical Sciences, advanced mathematics, French, Spanish, Russian and Italian, the Social Sciences and Education. The needs of the Haifa Technicon are limited to a specific list, which may be consulted at Dean Allen's office, or at the places of collection.

The book drive, which is endorsed by Deans Gottschall, Allan and Turner, will not end on Friday. Texts may be left at the Hillel Foundation thereafter.

### Jackson Gives Fee Report for Fall '49

A Student Activities Fees account for the fall semester, 1949, was released last week by Lewis Jackson, Central Treasurer of Student Activities. The report covers the moneys appropriated, expended, reserved and returned through Jan. 31, 1950.

Total appropriations amounted to \$10,447.08. The total expended and reserved came to \$9,735.03. Various organizations returned \$712.05 to the fund.

The largest appropriations were \$2,150 to each of the two newspapers. One dollar was allotted to the Bar Beil Club. It was returned.

Join Student Organizations!



Rabbi Zuckerman

### Knickerbocker

(Continued from Page One) ument made the following points, among others:

- The text is old (dated 1928), and this fact is noteworthy because "there has been an over-all improvement of considerable scope in methods of language teaching." As a matter of fact, the report adds, "this book is decidedly inferior to some other composition books of the same period both in content and method, including grammatical description."

- The book is based on a Spanish novel, *El Tesoro de Gaston*, which is "a reflection of highly localized society, with a local vocabulary of a past century . . . it is somewhat artificial and archaic, and excludes many important every-day expressions."

- The text "denies the necessity for using to full effectiveness the principle of imitation in the language learning process."

- "It confounds the language with the writing system, frequently making explanations as though speech did not exist

# Revolt on 23 St.: 'Ticker' Staff Balks at New Editor

(Editor's Note: We at the Uptown Center are fortunate that our student newspapers are entirely free of faculty or administration control—a practice all too common on many campuses throughout the nation. Judging from the following story, attempts are being made at other schools to place control of undergraduate newspapers in the hands of the students who work on them as an extra-curricular activity. *Observation Post* supports wholeheartedly all such moves.

(Mr. Ginsberg, who transferred to the Main Center this semester, was the News Editor of *Ticker* last term.)

By Howard Ginsberg

A one-day "revolution" by the staff and managing board of *Ticker*, the Downtown Center's day session newspaper, took place at the end of last term, when Bernard Lawrence, advertising senior, was elected editor-in-chief over Ed Brodsky, last semester's feature editor.

Lawrence was chosen by the *Ticker* Association, a unique supervisory body consisting of four students elected by the Student Council—on the specific grounds that the undergraduates know nothing about *Ticker*.

#### Staff for Brodsky

The entire managing board and most of the staff, supporting Brodsky, then resigned in protest, partly against Lawrence and partly against the existence and composition of the Association. *Ticker* staffers had long fought for the right to choose their editors by direct election of the staff, rather than have the executives imposed on them by TA.

Dean Norton, asked to bring the matter before the College's General Faculty has announced that he is considering the suggestion.

The solid opposition of the *Ticker* staff was broken the day after the mass resignation when Sid Miller and Dave Minsky, sports co-editors, revealed that they would return to the paper under Lawrence.

This started the slow dissolution of the "revolt," which spread as some staffers expressed reluctance to sign petitions urging dissolution of TA and the removal of Lawrence. Apparently, the desire to work on the paper was greater than the urge to upset the TA's semi-dictatorial powers.

#### Gradual Return

Plans for staging dramatic protest demonstrations and/or starting a rival newspaper (as *Observation Post* did three years ago) were dropped as more and more managing board and staff members returned to "the fold." As Marv Hochheiser, last term's managing editor, put it, "There's just no percentage in staying out."

Brodsky, who with only two others refused to go back or "have anything to do with them," told *Observation Post*, "I can't look any of them in the face any more." He denounced the TA set-up and bitterly criticized the returnees as "chicken-hearted" and not willing to stand up for their principles.

None of the returning editors is expected to get a managing board position, with the exception of Hochheiser who is believed

#### Capt. Floyd Layne!

Floyd Layne was captain of the Franklin five and an all-scholastic choice. He also won a letter in baseball and made the all-city nine.

stated for the job of technical editor. Lawrence, as editor-in-chief, has the sole power to appoint or remove all editors, in addition to the exclusive right to formulate editorial policy of *Ticker*.

### Swadesh

(Continued from Page One) fore a Review Committee. It is further contended that the Review Committee's minutes show that no thorough investigation was made.

Dr. Swadesh's counsel, Zelman and Zelman, concluded that the non-reappointment of Dr. Swadesh was the result of too superficial an investigation and insufficient cause, even granting Dr. Swadesh's guilt.

The case against Dr. Swadesh began with a letter to Sociology chairman Prof. Burt W. Aginsky from Messrs. Collier, Parsell, Brown, Chapman, and Shulman of the Sociology department, charging Dr. Swadesh with "deviant activities and consequent disruption of our own as well as his educational work." When pressed for specific details, the signers could point only to the organization of student action on the Morgan case in Dr. Swadesh's classes.

Dr. Swadesh defends this as an example of applying the teaching of anthropology to daily affairs.

#### Lorch Rebuttal

The rebuttal previously filed in the case of Dr. Lee Lorch, former mathematics instructor at the College, makes its main point in the refusal of the BHE to give a reason for the dismissal action. While the Board is not legally bound to do so, it is felt that a responsible body should give reasons for its action in the face of such popular inquiries.

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## When--and If . . .

OBSERVATION POST feels that a school of the size and importance of City College deserves a student newspaper that appears more frequently than once or twice a week. We tried to act on this feeling last November when we transformed OP into a tri-weekly publication.

Our efforts were unsuccessful—only because we found that the funds were not available for a project of that sort.

Our experience gave us many lessons in newspaper production techniques and enabled us to develop a system that can be put into effect when—and if—money is forthcoming in the future. We think that we laid the groundwork for a project that can, and should, be put on the agenda of student objectives.

Observation Post, despite the strain on our time, nerves and grades, is still enthusiastic about the idea of a multi-weekly student newspaper. We think that you deserve it.

The student body can count on OP for honest and forthright reporting—on a weekly basis again—as it has in the past.

## Here We Go Again

IT SEEMS THAT every time we turn around, a new term is upon us. The first sure sign of it, of course, is the registration ordeal, but the less said about that the better.

For the entering freshmen, the confusion will be compounded by the fact that they are in a strange environment. This feeling will eventually disappear, as the spirit of the College seeps in. We hope that they will make themselves at home quickly.

To all of you, we say hello, and wish that the new semester is a successful one. We suggest that, for the utmost enjoyment of collegiate life, you partake in some of the varied extra-curricular activities offered by the College and its undergraduate organizations. Of course, Observation Post will always have an open door for those who like or want to learn something about journalism.

Just drop in and see.

## 500 to Go . . .

NAT HOLMAN, who is every bit as solid a fixture on campus as the Gen. Webb statue, celebrated a distinctive birthday last Saturday night in Princeton's Dillon Gym. The game with the Tigers was Nat's 500th as head basketball coach, in this his 31st year at the College. Holman is 52 years old, which means he's spent more than half his life administering his patented "tests" and cut and pass routines to Beaver basketeers.

The Master's technique has accounted for 369 triumphs discounting the Princeton game—as against 129 setbacks. Significantly, it was Princeton that handed Nat his first coaching defeat way back in 1919.

Nat will probably be around for another 500 games, keeping CCNY on the athletic map with his top-flight quintets. After all, what's time to an old Celtic?

## Hang On!

A LONG ABOUT THE middle of May, you'll be called upon to vote for next semester's Student Council officers and members. Last term, unfortunately, 40 per cent. of the student body was disenfranchised because they had lost their blue student activities cards. We suggest you hang on to yours so that you can exercise your prerogatives comes May.

### The Concert in Review

## EBE STIGNANI SINGS

By Shella Kohen

Ebe Stignani, "the greatest living mezzo-soprano," gave a distinguished recital in the Great Hall last Sunday evening, Jan. 29.

Mme. Stignani's outstanding performance was received by a meager, but deeply appreciative audience of approximately 600 people—many of whom were professional musicians come to hear a fellow artist. The singer, whose debut in this country in 1939 caused a mild sensation, deserved an SRO house, even though the weather was slightly damp.

The program, ranging from well-known operatic arias to rarely heard pieces by Piccinni and Vivaldi, showed Mme. Stignani to be a versatile and gracious artist.

Quickly establishing contact with her audience by her warm personality, she thrilled them with a charming trio of love songs by Scarlatti and Cavalli. In Cavalli's "Donzele, Fuggite!" a warning to maidens about the deception of love, Mme. Stignani sang like one who had been deceived, but had enjoyed every minute of it.

For her next group of songs, she chose three obscure pieces by Piccinni and Vivaldi. "Onde Chiare" and "Da due Venti," by Vivaldi, gave Mme. Stignani the opportunity to reveal her amazing range, which is truly spec-



EBE STIGNANI

tacular and a beautiful experience to hear.

The high spot of the evening came when the gifted singer, who sang at La Scala under Arturo Toscanini, rendered "Amour, viens, aide ma faiblesse" from Saint-Saens' "Samson et Dalila." The Great Hall audience was enthralled as they heard a passionate Delilah call upon love to aid her in destroying Samson. So moved were

they that, though it was intermission time, Mme. Stignani was called back for an encore. She sang "O! Don Fatale" from "Don Carlos" by Guiseppe Verdi, at the request of Rudolf Bing, the new General Manager of the Metropolitan Opera House, who was in the audience.

The second half of the evening was devoted to works by Donizetti, Respighi and Ponchiello. The songs were of the same type as those in the beginning of the evening and Mme. Stignani continued to hold her audience as she surpassed her previous achievements.

She concluded the concert with two encores, one of which was a lilting Italian folk song.

Great Hall Concert Series III—Sunday, Jan. 29, 1956. Ebe Stignani, mezzo-soprano; Fritz Kramer at the piano.

I.	Recitative and Aria: Che faro senza, from "Orfeo and Euridice" . . . . .	Gluck
II.	Oh! Cessate di piagarmi . . . . .	Scarlatti
III.	Se Flurindo e fedele . . . . .	Scarlatti
IV.	Donzele, fuggite! . . . . .	Cavalli
V.	O notte, gran dea del mistero . . . . .	Piccinni
VI.	Onde Chiare . . . . .	Vivaldi
VII.	Da due venti, from the opera "Ercole" . . . . .	Vivaldi
VIII.	Amour, viens, aide ma faiblesse, from "Samson et Dalila" . . . . .	Saint-Saens
INTERMISSION		
IX.	Aria: O mio Fernando, from "La Favorita" . . . . .	Donizetti
X.	Nebbia . . . . .	Respighi
XI.	Scherzo . . . . .	Respighi
XII.	Stornellatrice . . . . .	Respighi
XIII.	Aria: Stella del Marinar, from "La Gioconda" . . . . .	Ponchiello

## Are Registration Procedures Outmoded?

By Ruth Peisach

During the course of the past few decades there have been rumors making the rounds at the College to the effect that our system of registration is out-dated. This is just not so. True, the programs which result from the system aren't all that they might be, and per-

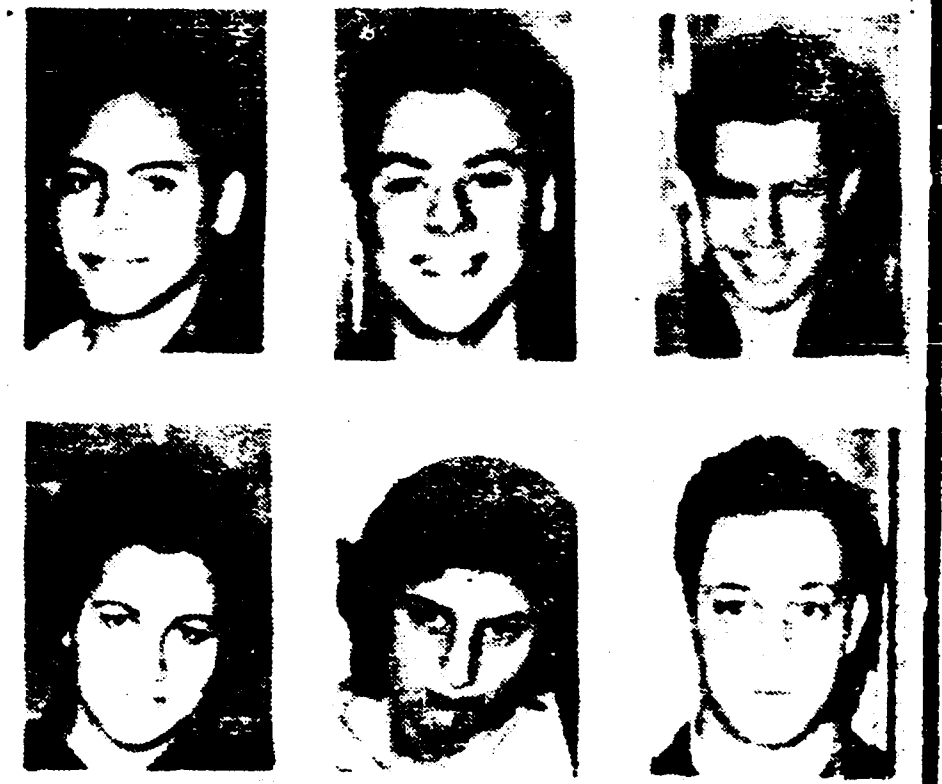
haps a different system might save a little effort on the part of the student, but are these valid reasons for destroying a time-honored institution with a glorious tradition behind it? Are we to sacrifice archaic beauty just for the sake of expediency?

Observation Post is printing below the opinions and comments of several lower classmen to prove conclusively that the student body as a whole enjoys playing the "game" of registration as it is. We chose lower classmen because we felt that those students who had been around a bit longer might be too vociferous and out-spoken in their praise.

Claude Thomas, UF 3: "Did I have much trouble? I've been here since 9:30 and it's now 2:15. I'd estimate that 9 of my classes closed on me. I guess I'll have to wait till I'm an upper classman before I'll get a break. How do I feel now that it's all over? How do you think I feel?"

Howard Wolowitz, UF 3: "It really wasn't much trouble, though for a while I thought I never would get a program. I forgot about taking specific subjects at the very beginning and took anything that fit. I don't know why they can't do something to change the registration procedure, it's pretty horrible."

Albert Thaler, UF 3: "My math instructor told me to postpone math 3 till I would have an easier program, but my advisor said I had to take math 3 immediately. My math instructor wasn't to be found, but the fellow in the math office called the Registrar, who said I had to take it. When I returned to room 308 all the math 3 classes which were closed when I left were open now, but my German and Hygiene had closed." He con-



Left to right (top) Claude Thomas, Howard Wolowitz, Albert Thaler. (Bottom) Senta Berlinger, Shirley Feldblum, Edward Pratt.

cluded after some time with, "I hope they don't stop me down at the Great Hall like they did last semester."

Mary Maddi, L.S. 7: "I've been sitting here and waiting to get a complete program for five hours now. I'm so hungry I'm ready to eat my program card. I'm a transfer student from Hunter, where the system is just as bad though they have more room because they use the auditorium. The system seems to be pretty bad." She was still trying as we left her.

Senta Berlinger, UF 4: "I think this system is lousy. Every class that I wanted was closed when I got there. I wanted to take German, but had to settle for Hygiene. It only took me three hours to get my program. I must

have been lucky. I'm too tired to go down to the Great Hall, so I'm resting my feet here waiting for a friend. Poor kid. . . ."

Sol Luck, LF 2: "I'm really no sick. I'm dead. They wait until you're green in the face and then they talk to you to bolster your courage. Everything is closed, everything conflicts and everything is required. Oh God! They're closing for lunch. Who can eat?"

Shirley Feldblum, UF 7: "This is a mad house! They should use padded walls. If I could take only twelve credits things would be so easy. Now I know why the school is built so close to the river. That's so we can all jump in. I'll be going to night school soon, the way things are going. It isn't fair! It isn't fair!"

# Freshmen Advisory Comm. Plus Semester's Activities

The Freshmen Advisory Committee has re-organized for the coming semester to aid in the solving of freshmen problems. Juniors and seniors will be on hand in Room 119 Army Hall at all hours of the day every day of the week.

A schedule of the advisors and their various major curricular interests will be posted outside of the room.

Among the other activities of the committee will be the sponsoring of a Club Fair at the Freshman Assembly on Feb. 21. There, various clubs will display their wares to the freshmen with the hope of interesting them in joining.

All juniors and seniors who are interested in lending the fresh-

men a helping hand are invited to leave their names in 119 Army Hall.

## Einstein Simplified

The Physics Review may still be obtained in the Physics Office, the cafeteria and the Army Hall Lounge for only 15c. Among the topics featured in the current issue are the Origin of Cosmic Rays and Einstein's Theory of Relativity.

## For Real . . . . . By Hank Wexler



Now that we have finally been given the soap-filled dispensers that we have begged for such a long time, we feel it only fair that the parties responsible for the disappearance of the two mirrors from the lavatory beneath the main cafeteria return them with a full confession of guilt so that the situation may return to what we hope will be normal in the future.

# Business Is Booming in Army Hall; Book Exchange Plans Book-Loan

The Used Book Exchange is aiming toward a book lending service for required courses. That is its ultimate goal as outlined for OP by Sy Richman, manager of the UBE.

Inasmuch as all students in any one school, say the College of Liberal Arts, must take certain courses, such as History 1 and 2 and English 1-4, this plan would lend out these standard textbooks at a fee of \$2, the money to be returned when the book is returned at the end of the term.

Such a plan would enable the students to save considerable sums of money on books in their freshman and sophomore years. It is similar to the one already in operation at Hunter.

### Record Gross

This term's book exchange began with a record rush. The first day's gross exceeded the first day's gross of the two preceding terms, and business has been booming ever since. The UBE is staffed by members of Alpha Phi Omega and volunteers from the day and evening sessions, but more helping hands can be used. Volunteers should see Richman at the UBE.

The UBE is open daily from noon until 5 P.M. and again from 6 to 8 P.M. It will be in operation until Feb. 10.



The Used Book Exchange is action.

The Exchange is expected to have a large volume of business this term, as their rates compare more than favorably with those of commercial book stores. —H. K.

# This Modern Age Revealed In 'Engineers' Day' Show

By Joanne Freud

The thirtieth anniversary of the College's School of Technology was celebrated here Jan. 27, at the first "Engineers' Day" in the history of the institution.

Under the leadership of the Tech Intersociety Interfraternity Council, student and faculty members were hosts to business, industry and government figures who attended the event. A feature of the program was a special color film about the college.

The famous Mechanical Power Laboratory was a prominent stop on a guided tour that led through all the points of interest in the School of Technology. Demonstrations of Terry Turbines, simple and compound steam, Diesel and gasoline engines, two stage air compressors and magnetic clutches were given.

The actual effect of compression on steel, bricks, plastics and wood, and the process of electric-arc welding were exhibited in the Materials Testing Lab, while the Fluid Mechanics Lab gave demonstrations of a hydraulic press, centrifugal pumps and several different types of flumes.

Visitors to the Electrical Power Labs—welcomed by an electric eye that rang a bell whenever anyone entered the door—were shown examples of techniques used in high-voltage break-down of air by the firing of electric currents through it.

The Dynamo Lab was the scene of explanations by experts of the wonders of radar, television, the electric organ and stroboscopic light. A wire recorder, built by one of the students, was also shown.

The manufacture of silicon carbide in a coke-resisting furnace and ferro-silicon in a direct-arc furnace were featured in the Electric Furnace room.

The New York Telephone Company's microwave equipment was displayed in the Tech Gym, and a lecture in the evening on "Silicones" was given by J. S.



Guests viewing a demonstration at the Engineer's Day Celebration

Hurley of General Electric climaxing the day's activities.

Sample copies of Vector, the engineering magazine, Powder Puff, publication of the Society of Women Engineers, were distributed throughout the school.

Highlight of the "Day" was a dance in the Tech Gym. Attended by more than 300 students and their dates, it was hailed by all as a success. Music was supplied by Gene Gamiel and his Orchestra.

"Through the cooperation of the students and the faculty," said Sinclair Scala, chairman of the Engineers' Day Committee, the event "was successful in highlighting both the technical and social aspects of the school."

## 8 Alumni Get Service Medal

Eight prominent College graduates have been awarded Alumni Service Medals for "service to the College through alumni activity," it was announced by Dr. Nelson P. Mead, president of the Associate Alumni. The medals will be presented at the organization's annual meeting on Saturday, February 11, at the 23 Street Center.

Dr. Charles Marlies '24, a member of the College's Chemistry and Chemical Engineering Departments for 24 years, will receive his award posthumously. He died January 13, 1949, at the age of 43. He was a founder of the Chemistry Alumni Association, the Engineering Alumni and the Engineers' Council.

The other medal winners are:

- Dan Daniel '10, sports columnist for the New York World-Telegram and Sun;
- Judge Lewis Drucker, '12, of the Cleveland, Ohio, Municipal Court;
- Ira Frazer '13, business executive;
- Joseph J. Gahan '22, chairman of the Library Department and secretary of the Associate Alumni;
- Emmarie Saxe '23, professor of accountancy;
- Ben Gandy '30, NBC announcer and commentator;
- Sam Ransand '40, restaurateur.



William Allen, Dean of the School of Technology

### Please . . .

Between 12 and 12:45 last Thursday, books were sold at the UBE which had the seller's card in them by mistake. If those cards do not appear, the sellers of those books will stand to lose some \$230.

If you have those green sellers' cards, PLEASE return them.

## 'OP' Taking Bids For Editorial Bd.

Applications are now being accepted for positions on the Observation Post Board of Directors for the Spring semester. Any organization which has been chartered by SC for at least two terms and has a minimum of 50 members may apply for a seat on the policy-making body.

The OP Managing Board will choose six organizations in the following proportions: one from the Tech School; two from Liberal Arts; one for non-student and the remainder through other campus groups.

The deadline for applications (former Board members won't be considered) is a week from today, January 13. Address applications to the Managing Board, OP, Room 16 A Main.

Game to Remember: 1947

**Beavers Belt NYU, 60-57, But Get Tourney Freeze**

By Marty Deutsch

March 10, 1948. Ignored by the NIT and NCAA selection committees, an aroused Lavender upset heavily-favored NYU, 60-57, at Madison Square Garden last night.

Having been beaten previously by Notre Dame, the Violets slated to face Texas tomorrow night in the NIT quarters. They closed the season



Hilty Shapiro Melts Lump

Facing a tougher schedule, finished with 18-3.

Sparked by regulars Hilty Sha-

**Ringmen Face Big Test Sat. In Catholic U.**

The College boxing team, the only one of its kind in the metropolitan area, will engage Catholic University this Saturday at Washington, D. C., in a last-minute addition to its schedule.

Catholic, ranked among the top five boxing schools in the nation, should provide a long-awaited test for the Beaver pugilists. The Lavender is highly rated, but hasn't had a real test since boxing was resumed at the College in 1947.

Coach Yustin Sirutis, himself a former collegiate heavyweight champ at NYU, has assembled a formidable four-veteran squad. Captain Roger Dorian will lead off in the 125-pound slot, while Fred Watts will assume the all-important heavyweight position. Marv Zentner, varsity football halfback, will return to his 145-pound duties. The 155-pound job will be divided between Ben Galla and Joe Potazkin, and Herb Johnson and Howie Greenberg will handle the 165 and 175-pound chores, respectively.

A week from this Saturday the boxers take on another Washington aggregation, Georgetown.

**Kramer Back With Fencers**

The Lavender's championship fencing squad, bolstered by the return to action of Co-captain Frank Kramer, met Army at West Point last Saturday. Results of the encounter were unavailable. OP went to press, but the result of last year's intercollegiate champion, ineligible the first half of the season, should help immensely. Kramer had been in evening session.

Coach James Montague's blades have chalked up wins over Princeton and Columbia by identical scores of 16-11.

piro and Irwin Dambrot, and subs Mike Wittlin and Norm Mager, the Beavers outran, out-shot and outstaided NYU. Shapiro limited Ray Lump to two field goals with a brilliant defensive job, Dambrot scored 15 points, and Wittlin and Mager hit when it counted—in the scorching second half.

**Schayes High**

Weakened by the absence of their set-shot expert, Don Foran, the Violets had to rely heavily on 6-7 Dolph Schayes. Dolph was high scorer with 19 points, and helped by his mates' consistency from the foul line, kept NYU in the game. The Palisaders put in 25 one-pointers.

The score was tied, 29-29 at halftime and was 40-40 at 6:35 of the second half. Then Shapiro started things with a one-hander and Mager and Wittlin followed with four straight baskets. Only a free throw by Joel Kaufman broke the spell. When reserves Paul Malamed and Ev Finestone clicked on lay-ups, the Beavers, led by eleven, 54-43.

NYU suddenly turned aggressor. Schayes sparked the comeback, and with 56 seconds remaining closed the gap to 59-57. The Violets might have drawn even but Joe Galiber intercepted a pass, and with 30 seconds to go Phil Farbman was fouled. The Beavers had waived two previous fouls but Farbman had dropped in eight out of nine from the line, so Nat Holman gave him the go-ahead. Phil hit for the ninth time and the game was beyond NYU's reach.

The wild acclaim that greeted the Beavers as they trotted off the floor must have provided some consolation for Nat Holman and his charges, bitter at not having received a tourney bid. It was the Beavers' third straight win over the Violets.

**'Rooters Plan To Rock Philly**

Communique to the residents of Chestnut Street, Philadelphia: Seal your eardrums, folks, a phalanx of Beaver basketball fans bent on merriment will invade your fair city Saturday night, Feb. 13. The method to their madness is the CCNY-St. Joseph's game, to be played in Convention Hall that night.

The Allagarooters, Main Center pepsters, will be leading the expedition. Combination tickets, covering the price of tickets and round-trip bus fare, cost \$4.35, and will be on sale until Friday, Feb. 10, in the Public Relations Office, 223 Main. Individual tickets for those going by train or car will go on sale Feb. 14.

**Intra Slate**

A 13-pronged Spring term intramural program gets underway Friday afternoon. Entry blanks for individual competitors and teams can be obtained from Dr. Alben Richards, Director of intramural activities, 107 Hygiene.

The intramural program:

Archery	Feb. 9	South Hall
Basketball	Feb. 23	Main-Top Gym
Boxing	Mar. 16	Star Alley
Fencing	Feb. 23	South Hall
Gymnastics	Feb. 23	Top Gym
Handball		
(four walls)	Mar. 2	Jasper Oval
(two walls)	Mar. 2	Main Gym
Baseball	Mar. 23	Jasper Oval
Football	Mar. 30	Madison & Oval
Ice Hockey	Feb. 23	South Hall
Table Tennis		
(indoor)	Feb. 23	South Hall
(outdoor)	Mar. 9	South Hall
Track	Mar. 30	South Hall
Track	Apr. 30	Madison
Wrestling	Feb. 23	Top Gym

**Bill Omeltchenko, Beaver Track Star, Only Athlete to Clock Himself in Latin**

By Dick Kaplan

A singular citizen is Stephen William Omeltchenko, who can knock off "A's" in four different languages or turn in a cracking 1000-yard run with equal facility. For the average student the "A's" would be some stuff. For the athlete, practicing three hours a day during the week and competing in meets over the week-end, its downright phenomenal. Brown-haired, pug-nosed Bill Omeltchenko takes studies and sports in stride. Now entering his upper senior term,



Bill Omeltchenko Quo Vadis

Bill has majored in languages, four of them—Latin, French, Spanish and Portuguese—and has done close to "A" work in all. At the 1948 Commencement exercises he received the Claffin Award for highest proficiency in Latin two years, and last year he walked off with the Ward Medal for all-round excellence in Latin. B.A. students, who are compelled to wrestle with the language of Cicero, know what it takes to pass the course, no less get "A's" in it.

**Surmounts Obstacle**

To achieve his goal as a student of languages, Omeltchenko has had to overcome a terrible handicap. He stutters. The grades he has received show what determination, courage and intelligence can accomplish.

In his "spare" time Bill runs for Coach Harold Anson Bruce's track team, and is the current holder of the Pincus Sober award for track achievement. When he runs on boards during the indoor campaign he specializes in the middle-distance events, and also takes his turn in the relays. In the fall, together with practically the whole track team, Bill hits the hill and dale cross-country circuit.

**Places Third**

Two weeks ago, smooth-striding Bill broke into the big-time when he placed third to John Moran of Manhattan and Frank Prince of the Pioneer Club in the Metropolitan AAU Senior 1000-yard run. He was only nine-tenths of a second off Moran's winning time and led Manhattan's ace, Tom Comerford, to the tape. Last spring, running in the Met AAU Senior Mile, he finished second to IC4A mile king, George Wade.

Bill was no different while attending De Witt Clinton H.S. He was the bulwark of the Clinton track team, capturing the Bronx 440-yard title in 1946, and coming within an ace of pitching the school softball team to the city championship. Had there been a few more hours of daylight, and had it not been for a couple of guys named Schayes and Kaufman, he might have made the basketball varsity too!

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# HOOKS AND REBOUNDS

By Phil Goldstein

Figger Filbert Sez

The scoringest team in City College history. That describes the current edition of the CCNY hoop squad. If you don't believe it, gaze and gasp at these revealing figures:

In the first 13 games of the season, the Beavers poured 933 points through the hoop, for a spectacular per-game average of 71.8. This is good enough to place them fifth in the nation in the race for scoring honors. The College scoring mark of 1564 points (average 62.5), which was set only last season, seems certain to fall.

The assault upon the record books is being led by the rebound twins, Eddie Roman and Eddie Warner, who apparently are intent upon crashing the hallowed ledgers while still sophomores.

Roman, in 13 games, has collected 231 points, an average of 17.8 per game. The previous high for average points per game is Sid Trubowitz's 15. If Roman should continue this sizzling pace, he will end up with a cool 391 points, shattering Irwin Dambrot's record of 276 and becoming the first 300 point-per-season man in College history.

Big Ed certainly seems to be in a class by himself. He has scored 20 or more points in no less than five contests—four of these spears taking place at the Garden. The hefty center is the first City College man to hit the magic twenty figure on more than two occasions at the

big hall. His 23 points against St. John's tied the high Garden mark by a CCNY player, formerly held by Dambrot. The all-time College high is Sid Trubowitz's 34.

Meanwhile, Eddie Warner isn't doing so badly himself. The springy bass singer, who made Sid Friedlander's All-American team recently, has come up with 171 points, to average 13.2 per contest. A continuation of this



Ed Warner  
11th in Nation

pace will better Dambrot's mark by 12. Moreover, Warner's phenomenal shooting accuracy (.462), has earned him eleventh ranking in the country in shooting percentage, according to last week's official tabulations.

Although Herbie Cohen boasts an eye-blinking .519 shooting

percentage, he'll have to collect a few more field goals before official recognition is forthcoming.

Those who suspect the Beavers of playing a looser defensive game than they did last season are slightly off base. A look at the records reveals that our opponents have averaged 51.7 points thus far, as opposed to the 52.5 of the previous campaign. Incidentally, the average scoring budge in our favor has increased considerably. It was 10.0 points last season. Now it's a comfortable 20.1 points.

The 95-point shiner the Beavers hung on Muhlenberg last week tied an all-time City College high, set in 1907.

**NATIONAL NOTES**—The nation's best scorers are Giermak, William and Mary (22.6); Schnittker, Ohio State (22.5); and Senesky, St. Joseph's (21.7). Sherman White of LIU (20.6), is sixth in the country and third in the East in this department.

When the Beavers meet Niagara, they will have to out a close watch upon John Moran and Tom Foley. The Purple Eagle pair rank third and 12th in the nation in shooting, with percentages of 50.9 and 46.2. The top man in this category is Duquesne's Skendrovich (56.2)—The nation's offense leaders are Holy Cross (72.6), St. Johns (72.3), Louisville (71.9), Villanova (71.80), and CCNY (71.77), while the defensive leaders consist of Oklahoma A & M (38.7), Tulsa (38.8), Wyoming (40.8), Alabama (42.3), and Washington (Mo.) (45.5).

## Dry Swimmers Depend on Rain To Restore Remaining Meets

The rain and snow that brought relief to water-starved New York may also restore some semblance of normalcy to an arid Beaver swimming schedule. Coach Jack Rider's mermen, whose pool is in the process of being rebuilt,

not only haven't had a place to work out the last few weeks but have been left competitively high and dry by the drought.

The squad got its first real taste of water last Saturday when it traveled out to Kings Point to face the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy. The Mariners have their own water supply and don't have to comply with Commissioner Stephen Carney's conservation measures.

Both the Manhattan and Brooklyn College meets were dried out. The Brooklyn engagement may

be rescheduled, since the Kingsmen are digging their own well. But as things stand, the swimmers, who sported a 1-1 mark prior to the Merchant Marine match, may not get a chance to wallow in their element until the Metropolitan Intercollegiate on March 4.

## Freshmen Nip St. Pete, 63-57

Archie Lipton, Coach Bobby Sand's 6-3 freshman cage star, rimmed 22 points to pace the Beaver yearlings to a 63-57 victory over St. Peter's of New Jersey last Tuesday night. It was Lipton's first outing for the frosh five.

Wednesday night the freshmen meet St. Francis at the Second Corps Armory, the Terriers' home court, preliminary to the game between the varsities of both schools.

The next day the schedule calls for the team to face St. John's in the Main Gym, with the game starting at 4. Several weeks ago the Beavers flattened the Redmen at the 69th Regiment Armory, something the Roman-Warner frosh unit couldn't accomplish last season, when the game was played in St. John's De Gray Gym. Jack McMahon's 21 tallies salted that game away for the Redmen, 57-54.

### Basketball Tickets

AA cards go on sale tomorrow afternoon from 12 to 4 outside the Armv Hall Canteen, and also on Feb. 9, 14, and 16. AA membership includes reduced-rate tickets to all Beaver Garden basketball games. The cards cost \$1 and are valid until the end of the semester.

The schedule of basketball ticket sales for the next two weeks:

- Thursday, Feb. 9: Niagara (Feb. 16 in the Garden).
- Tuesday, Feb. 14: St. Joseph's (Feb. 18 in Convention Hall, Philadelphia). Fifty tickets, reduced from \$2.60 to \$1.60 for AA members.
- Thursday, Feb. 16: Fordham (Feb. 20 in the 69th Regiment Armory). Two tickets may be purchased on one AA card.

## Matmen Out to Even Record

Refreshed by a mid-season lay-off, and perhaps inspired by Coach Joe Sepora's beautiful Florida sun-tan, the Beaver wrestling team hopes to balance its books against the Long Island Aggies, Feb. 18. The matmen, who have dropped two out of three matches thus far, will have to get along without Co-captain Joe Hillner and Joe Hirsch, both of whom graduated. The meet will be held in the Main Gym.

Long Island doesn't figure to be anyone's pushover. The Aggies have a veteran crew, many of whom are products of Long Island high schools famed for their fine mat squads.

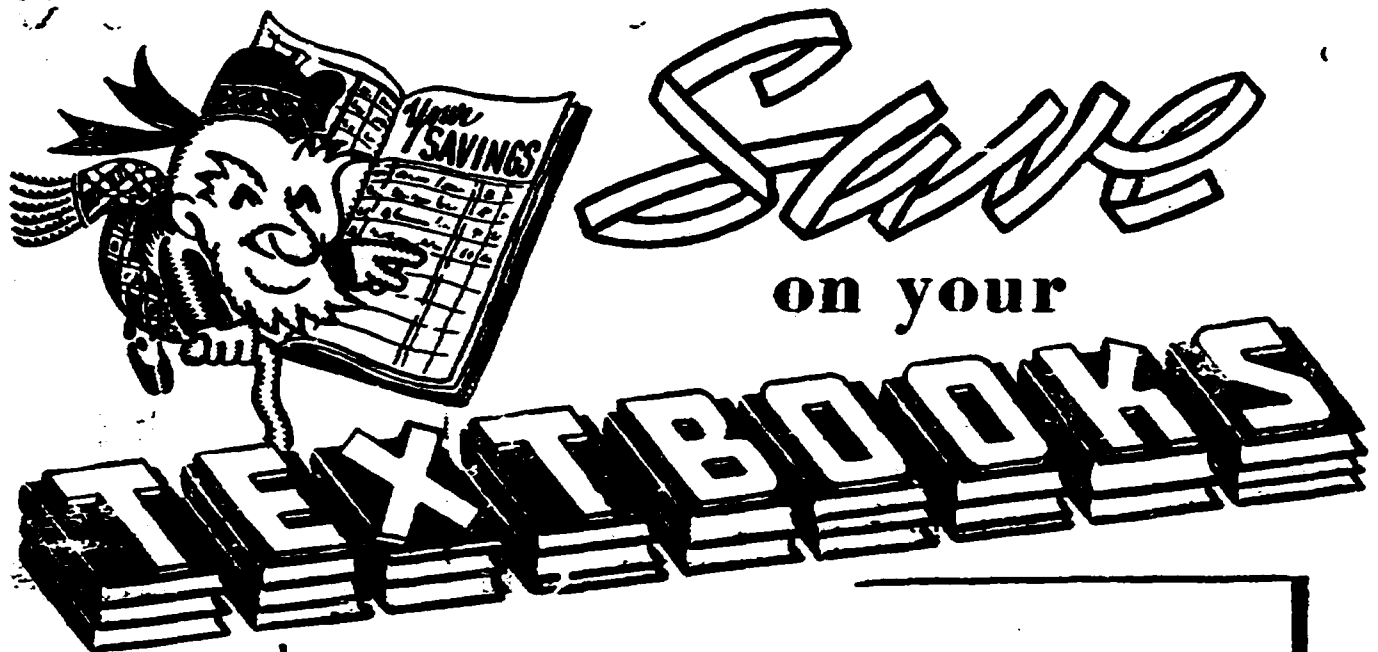
At the present time, the Lavender line-up includes: Tom Woods, 121 pounds; Hank Heller, 128; Joe Catruzolle 136; Dick Meliken, 145; Dick Schlessinger, 155; Chick Merkowitz, 165; Jerry Steinberg, 175, and Al Ruskin, heavyweight. Wood's performances merit particular mention. Despite the fact that this is his first year of collegiate wrestling, he has more than held his own in every meet. One of his victories came over the Pennsylvania State champion.

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# Barnstorming Beavers Win on Road

# 'Big 3' Schools Bar Blackbirds

## Meet St. Francis in Brooklyn Wed., Canisius in Buffalo Sat.

By Herman Cohen

Fresh from a highly successful tour of the hinterlands, the Lavender quintet, tenth-ranked nationally, takes on St. Francis Wednesday night at the 14th Regiment Armory in Brooklyn. The team can't get more than a sniff of metropolitan air, though, heading for Buffalo and a game with Canisius Saturday night. The next Garden date is Feb. 16 against Niagara.

Playing before large crowds in Allentown, Pa., Princeton, N. J., and Boston, Mass., the Beavers are up three solid wins, most impressive of which was a 90-75 win over Muhlenberg. The club defeated Boston College last Thursday. Due to an early deadline, this report was unable to get the Princeton result into today's paper.

### Terriers Lack Height

Nat Holman may be hard-pressed to keep the score down against St. Francis. His team doubtless read where St. John's humbled the Terriers 65-46, and

### Beavers on TV

WOR-TV, Channel 9, will carry the entire Beaver-St. Francis game this Wednesday night starting at 9 p.m. All Terrier home games are telecast.

They want to top that if possible. Franciscan Coach Danny Lynch will have to solve a height problem to take Nat Holman's greyhounds. His biggest man is 6-5 Vince Karwoski, scarcely tall enough to combat Roman, Warner and Dambrot off the boards. Lynch's high scorer is 5-10 Tom McCannor, followed by Jim Luisi and Roy Reardon.

The Canisius game should be a harder proposition. The Golden Griffins, who lost to the Lavender, 70-54 last season, have essentially the same team back. They'll show their wares against St. John's in the Garden Thursday night. The Griffs' star is six-foot Bob Mackinnon. The big men are 6-6 Tom "Left Hook" Muller and 6-7 Randy Sharp. Taking Canisius in Buffalo, considering the peculiar refereeing there, should be difficult.

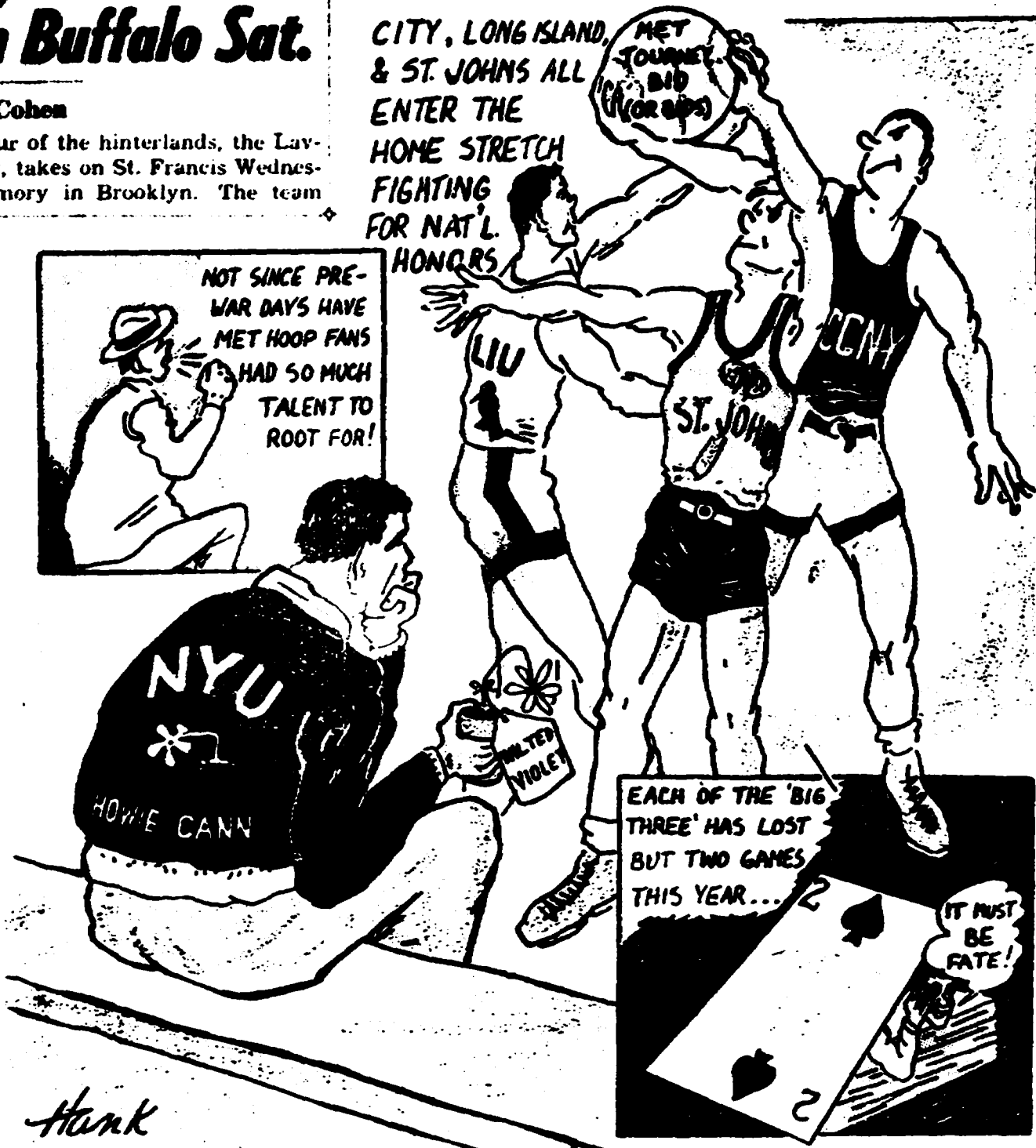
The second stop on last week's trip saw the Beavers in Beantown for a 64-56 victory over Boston College. That was last Thursday night.

The Lavender led at halftime, 33-33, but with Eddie Roman on the bench for the start of the second half, the Eagles sped to a 42-22 advantage. Here "Goose" returned, and six quick points put the ball game on ice. Roman was high with 18 points, and Roth and Warner next with 15 and 14 apiece.

### Mules Trained

Allentowners are still talking about the terrific scoring punch exhibited by the St. Nicks in routing Muhlenberg to rubble, Jan. 28. The Mules, who gave LIU a hard time, were in the game for only ten minutes. The Eddie Roman got warm and finished in 27 points, 20 in the first half, hitting on nine out of eleven shots. Eddie Warner had 17 points, Herb Cohen 16 and Sam Dambrot 11. The team made 41 out of 94 shots from the floor. Only a seven-minute scoreless lapse when the reserves were called in.

## Three's Company . . . By Hank Wexler



CITY, LONG ISLAND, & ST. JOHNS ALL ENTER THE HOME STRETCH FIGHTING FOR NAT'L HONORS

NOT SINCE PRE-WAR DAYS HAVE MET HOOP FANS HAD SO MUCH TALENT TO ROOT FOR!

EACH OF THE 'BIG THREE' HAS LOST BUT TWO GAMES THIS YEAR...

IT MUST BE FATE!

Hank

The athletic fathers of New York's "Big Three" basketball colleges—CCNY, NYU and St. John's—have turned a figurative thumbs-down on a proposal that they schedule the LIU Blackbirds in the near future.

Several weeks ago, the "Big Three" declined an invitation from the Basketball Writers Association to discuss the possible formation of a Met Conference that would include LIU. Blackbird Coach Clair Bee told the press that he would like to play CCNY, NYU and St. John's, and that "LIU would play anybody, anyplace, anytime." He added that if a conference is formed, LIU will conform with all regulations concerning grades, scholarships, and athletic aid.

Observers believe that LIU's open policy of granting athletic scholarships is the main factor keeping the Blackbirds off "Big Three" calendars. Prof. Sam Winograd, the College's Faculty Manager of Athletics, was in Boston with the basketball team and couldn't be reached for comment.

The only Met athletic director frankly in favor of such a conference is Jack Coffey of Fordham, but he concedes that without the "Big Three," nothing concrete can happen.

Pride is another stumbling block. Bee admits that he won't ask the "Big Three," who have snubbed him in the past, to schedule LIU. CCNY, NYU and St. John's aren't talking.

—M. D.

### Dambrot Held Scoreless

Co-captain Irwin Dambrot has been held scoreless in his college career only three times. The av-

## To the Met Press:

# Stop Point-Spread Journalism!

By Dick Kaplan

I've got news for you.

It seems that a sou or two has been wagered on the outcome of basketball games all over the country, not only this year but the last half-dozen. This comes as quite a shock to all supporters of simon-pure amateur athletics. We surely thought those Minneapolis money men squeezed enough cash out of football and baseball bettors to last them through the year, but now it looks like they also want the few million bucks waiting to be grabbed up on the basketball market.

The latest authority for the statement that betting and basketball are more than casual acquaintances, is Milton Gross of The New York Post. Writing in Look Magazine, Gross levels a scathing blast at the big and small-time operators who form the vicious and conniving betting brotherhood.

Gross' well-intentioned assault on gambling leaves me cold, coming as it does three years after the Brooklyn College fix and one year after the abortive attempt to bribe Dave Shapiro of George Washington University. After a brief flurry of righteous indignation at the brazen and

antics of the gamblers, the New York sporting press subsided docilely. There have been a few hints of impending investigations of the basketball betting situation by District Attorney Frank Hogan, but nothing has actually developed.

What a metropolitan sports writer says in a national magazine is one thing. What he says in his daily basketball stories is another, and the sad fact is that Gotham's scribes have been doing fine public relations work for the gambling interests. In their literary relations with fandom they hasten to decry heavy betting as a sinister influence. They were all against the O'Dwyer plan to legalize gambling in New York State. But how many of them are willing to practice what they preach and omit point-spread information from their basketball stories? Few, if any.

For the most part, the writers' pre-game analyses must warm the cockles of the bookies' heart, apprising the reader of the current betting line and informing him of the most judicious way to lose his hard-earned dough.

Throwing a strict iron curtain around the doings of the bookies by deleting all mention of pre-game betting odds won't solve the problem of gambling in sports. There is no pat answer. Maybe the betting urge is too deeply rooted in people for any reforms to take effect. Maybe. The press can at least raise its head and say it tried. So far everybody's paid lip service to the ideal of athletic honesty, but little else. How in the world can a writer expect an athlete to resist temptation when all he reads in the papers is point odds?

Of course, the blame doesn't fall entirely on the reporter's

shoulders. The editor would probably yell bloody murder if his hired hand left out the daily Minneapolis or Jersey line. His philosophy is that if people want to read about point-spreads the newspaper, as a public servant, should print such information. But let's face facts. A modern newspaper has a lot of power and prestige. Here is a chance to check the spread of an admitted evil, one that has caused trouble in the past, so everyone suddenly becomes moralistic and prattles about the responsibilities of the newspaper as a public institution.

Fans got along fine before the press began publishing the odds, and doubtless were several dollars richer per annum. There was sporadic gambling, but nothing like the all-encompassing betting enterprises of today. From a journalistic angle, it's doubtful whether or not most fans give a hoot about the precise odds. The interested parties are the Broadway sharks, a numerical minority.

The challenge is clear-cut. Let the met press try writing sports stories that are sports stories instead of bookmakers' supplements. It's my guess that circulation won't fall off and that people will go right on reading sports news. Then perhaps the scribes can criticize gambling with straight faces.

