

## Spaulding Vetoes Action on Knick.; Student Council Vows To Fight On

### Spaulding Whitewash

An Editorial

THE WHITEWASH JOB is now complete. State Education Commissioner Francis T. Spaulding said Thursday that William E. Knickerbocker is innocent of the charges of anti-Semitism levelled against him during the past few years.

Spaulding also said that Professors Bach-y-Rita and Pollinger were unjustified in seeking reinstatement on the Romance Languages promotion list.

The Commissioner evidently didn't consider it necessary to consider the case of William C. Davis, proved guilty of segregating Negro students in Army Hall, later returned to the Economics Department with a \$1,392 raise.

President Harry N. Wright was "highly gratified" to find that Spaulding "acknowledged and sustained" the administration's and BHE's vigorous defense of the accused bigot.

BHE chairman Ordway Teale also told the Times he was glad Knickerbocker was "vindicated."



Wright Cheered

### Quick Action Is Necessary

We greet Student Council's Friday night action setting the machinery in motion for new action on the Knickerbocker case. Especially welcome is the decision to call a conference to plan new activities in the campaign against all discrimination in the College.

We urge every student organization to elect delegates to the conference who are empowered to speak and act for their group. Council's spirit Friday was a fighting one; let's see more of the same from the other student organizations!

IT'S NICE TO SEE that everybody is happy. We're not. We'd like to take strong exception, because from where we sit, Knickerbocker is far from "vindicated."

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## Celebrate 'Negro History Week' At NAACP Meeting Thursday

Negro History Week will be celebrated here tomorrow at a special meeting sponsored by the College chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The meeting will be held in the Townsend Harris Auditorium at 12:15.

The featured speakers, according to Dave Tyson, chapter president, will be James Allen, a New York NAACP official, and Herbert Aptheker, author, lecturer and prominent historian of the Negro people in America.

Allen, a member of the New York City Board of Education, is president of the N. Y. State Conference of NAACP and chairman of the organization's Community Relations Committee. Aptheker became known when his Columbia University doctorate thesis

"American Negro Slave Revolts," was hailed as a prime example of original research in an almost-unknown field. He has since authored many other works, most of them dealing with Negro history in the Civil War and Reconstruction periods.

"The celebration of Negro History Week," Tyson said, "is of particular importance today. At a time when the Negro people and their organizations are fight-

### SC Sponsors School-Wide Conference After Commissioner Backs Up Board

By Dave Weinstein

Determined that Commissioner Spaulding's verdict shall not mark the end of its fight to have Professor William Knickerbocker brought to public trial for alleged anti-Semitic statements, Student Council Friday night dramatically passed a series of resolutions designed to keep the case alive.

The action that Council took in its first session was characterized by an amazing rapid-fire celerity after President Phil Scheffler read the statement which Council agreed upon that "We, the members of Student Council will keep on fighting the decision of Commissioner Spaulding until a just verdict has been rendered."

"Since Commissioner Spaulding's decision repudiates the ideals of the Student Council sponsored student strike of 1949 and in effect abrogates the last hope the student body of CCNY has to receive an equitable solution to the Knickerbocker case," Council voted to:

- Create a seven-man committee headed by Scheffler which would sponsor a school-wide conference of all organizations interested in the Knickerbocker case.

- Contact immediately the American Jewish Congress, and Professors Pollinger and Bach-y-Rita who co-sponsored the appeal to the BHE which Spaulding refused to consider for a discussion of future contemplated action.

- Create a publicity committee design to inform the student body and the people of New York City of the progress of the case.

- Authorize the immediate publication of a brochure about the Knickerbocker case so as to acquaint the student body, pri-

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Knick Cleared

### Only Seven in Knick's Class

Only seven students have registered for the Spanish 4 class taught by Prof. William E. Knickerbocker (Chairman, Romance Languages), who was cleared Thursday of charges of anti-Semitism by State Education Commissioner F. T. Spaulding.

Although Knickerbocker's class meets at 10 a.m.—a favorable hour—it contains fewer than one-third the number of students in any of the other Spanish 4 sections.

In any ordinary event, the number of students in the sections would have been divided as evenly as possible, but Robert L. Taylor, College registrar, told Observation Post that he didn't want to be "accused of forcing" Knickerbocker on any students. He adopted, therefore, a "laissez-faire" attitude in the case.

Usually, when a condition arises where the number of students in a course is unequally divided among the various sections, the smallest section is abolished and the students are given an opportunity to choose another class. However, said Mr. Taylor, this procedure would give Knickerbocker—one of the classes over the instructor now scheduled for it.

By Henry Krisch

After five long years of strife and turmoil, the Knickerbocker affair has reached the end of the trail. The bitter dispute was ended, for the foreseeable future at least, by the refusal last week of State Commissioner of Education Francis T. Spaulding to order the Board of Higher Education to file charges of "conduct unbecoming a member of the staff" against Professor William E. Knickerbocker, chairman, Romance Languages Department.

The Commissioner also rejected requests that he order the BHE to undertake restoration of Dr. Pedro Bach-y-Rita and Dr. Elliot H. Pollinger, Romance Languages, to the promotion list.

President Harry N. Wright told Observation Post that he was "very gratified to the careful, conscientious work of the City College faculty and of the Board of Higher Education acknowledged by the decision of Commissioner Spaulding."

The appeal was filed with Commissioner Spaulding by the American Jewish Congress and the Uptown Day Student Council, the latter on behalf of the student body. Its purpose was to force BHE reconsideration of the whole affair and a new and formal trial for Prof. Knickerbocker.

One of the points made was that the BHE's special committee had found evidence in 1946 of "loose talk" and characterized this talk as "not worthy of scholars." In spite of this, the committee absolved Prof. Knickerbocker of the charges and was supported by the BHE. The appeal asked Commissioner Spaulding, on the basis of this and other evidence, to reverse the BHE's ruling and order a new trial for Prof. Knickerbocker.

### Spaulding Statement

Commissioner Spaulding said that "the record indicates that the board exercised its responsibility in this respect with a high degree of conscientiousness, thoughtfulness, and impartiality. I find no basis therefore for disturbing the board's conclusion."

Dr. Spaulding contended that the decision as to whether to bring charges against a staff member is up to the BHE alone.

Commenting on the proposed restoration of Drs. Bach-y-Rita and Pollinger to the promotion list, Dr. Spaulding held that "arbitrary, unfair, or capricious action" on the part of the faculty or the board had not been established.

### Club Boards

A combined meeting of all Club Boards will be held this afternoon at 3 in the Student Council office, Room 20 Main. It was announced Friday by Beverly Rubin, SC vice-president.

The Boards' representative to Council will be elected at the meeting and other business will also be transacted.

The Social and Hobby Club Board will hold its own meeting the following afternoon—same time and place. The election of a chairman and membership committee will be held.

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## Editorial

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The years of litigation, demonstration, protest and referendum have left unanswered too many questions. In them, we feel, will be found the truth behind the excess verbiage, the passing of the buck, the doubletalk and "—but please don't quote me" confidential talks. Some of the questions:

- Why was the City Council's unanimous recommendation for Knickerbocker's dismissal brusquely pushed aside?
- Why has there been no investigation of the Teachers Union charge that discrimination in hiring policies is widespread in many College departments? And why no action on the more recent TU complaint that many textbooks are infested with vicious undemocratic, anti-Semitic, anti-Negro statements?
- Why has the administration seen fit to gallantly leap to the defense of Knickerbocker and Davis? Why—again—has it been reluctant to play square with the students and the community on the cases of Prof. Morris Swadesh and Dr. Lee Schuch, dismissed without apparent cause and without public explanation?
- What justification is there for the administration and the BHE to employ this shameful double standard?

SPALDING DOESN'T GIVE satisfactory answers to these questions, and neither does the administration. Apparently, every time the student body gets an appeal to show "good will" and respect for other people's integrity—a plea repeated by Pres. Wright at last Friday's Student Council meeting—it is being invited to travel a one-way road.

The College, since the first complaints against Knickerbocker in April, 1945, has been the center of much controversy. Most of it stems from the fact that repeated charges of discrimination against students and faculty members have been made by many important and distinguished groups and individuals.

Never once has the BHE or the administration seen fit to test these accusations in public.

Never once has it shown faith in allowing the free air of public investigation to clear the atmosphere.

Never once has it conceded that its warm defense of bigotry—alleged and proven—was harming the College more than any student demonstration possibly could.

### WHEN IS THE double-dealing going to stop?

It's going to stop when the administration is made to realize that it's not above criticism and correction. It's going to stop when legitimate student and community demands are treated with respect and considered honestly. It's going to stop when public investigation of the situation are held and result in positive action to eliminate the evils.

These are the goals we students have been working for since 1945. At times we took strong steps to bring them about, but apparently were unsuccessful. Observation Post believes that they must be achieved in the name of decency and democracy. We will continue to work for their realization.

Spaulding's whitewash of Knickerbocker comes in the midst of officially-proclaimed Brotherhood Month. It's a good time to re-dedicate ourselves to the fight ahead.

## Letters

### To the Editor:

I thought your publication might be interested in informing the student body about coming events in Mercury, so here are some highlights of the coming issue:

- There will be a terrific feature story in the March issue defending Mercury's Anti-Chastity stand. The story will be a "true confession" by a City co-ed.
- There'll be a new Miss Mercury—in fact, ten of them! Ten girls will be chosen by the Merc staff to run for the title, and the readers of the magazine will vote for the lady of their choice. (Gads! Miss Rheingold reborn!)

Bob Rossner  
Business Manager  
CCNY Mercury.

### To the Editor:

February 12-18 is Negro History Week. It is during this week that the hypocrites and would-be liberals throw a few stale crumbs of respect for which the Negro people are supposed to give thanks.

But Negro History Week can be something more than this. The students of this College can take this wonderful opportunity to demand that a course in Negro History be included in the curriculum. This would be a concrete sign of our respect to these people who have done so much to enrich our culture and who have such a fine culture of their own.

To this end, I have sent a letter to Student Council demanding that a committee be set up to conduct a campaign for this purpose. I have also demanded that if the administration closes its ears to this committee, then the student body should be able to signify its desire for such a course by means of a referendum in May.

Every student can do his or her part by contacting class officers and placing this demand before them; by bringing up this question in clubs, and by writing to Student Council President Phil Scheffler and President Wright.

## THE CLIPBOARD

### Sundry Notes on Knickerbocker, Student Council and History . . .

By PHIL SCHEFFLER



The State Commissioner of Education last week decided in favor of the Board of Higher Education in the Knickerbocker case. When I read of his decision in the NYTimes on Friday I experienced a peculiar emotion, in light of the past developments of the case. I felt tired. So did almost everyone else I met in school that day. There was very little anger—just disappointment and weariness.

The students of the College have worked hard to secure the dismissal of Knickerbocker. They have voted, petitioned, and struck. Although most students were convinced of his guilt, the demand of the strike was an open hearing for Knickerbocker—not his immediate dismissal.

Knickerbocker is still with us. The indications are that he will be the Chairman of the Romance Languages Department until he retires upon reaching the age of seventy. The BHE has been vindicated. But there has never been an open, public hearing on the charges concerning him by any official public body.

The words of Judge Hubert T. Delany, former chairman of an alumni committee investigating discrimination at the College, are still timely. In his resignation from the committee he said, "There is really no answer to the question people are asking to day, 'If there is no discrimination at the City College why should anybody be afraid of any investigation into a matter which is non-existent?'"

The students are disappointed in the "democratic processes" which have by-passed this hearing.

Often-times, in the past, criticism has been leveled at Student Council on the grounds that it didn't "do" anything. Such criticism has frequently been justified. But it can never be justified if it is directed toward a Council that doesn't have the necessary manpower to accomplish its various goals.

Student Council functions through its committees. For committees to be effective a large number of students must give a few hours of time each week to them.

Don't let SC fail because of a lack of student participation. Drop up to Student Council's meeting this Friday in Room 200, at 4, and volunteer for one of the many Council committees.

This is Negro History Week. It is unfortunate that there must be a special period set aside for us to make note of the tremendous contributions Negroes have made to American Culture. A listing of Negroes who have made significant contributions to American life in the fields of the Arts, Science, Government, and Education would fill up many editions of the Observation Post.

It is utterly reprehensible that this College does not recognize these contributions. The one course in Negro History that the College offered has been discontinued. One of the four Negro members of the faculty has lost his position because of it.

A student petition to reopen this course would go a long way toward giving us a continuing realization of the contributions of the Negro.

The inclusion of a course on Negro History would be a true indication that we recognize the fine contributions of the Negro people. Stanley Pavey '52.

### 'Mike' Is Coming

The 1950 edition of Microcosm, the College's senior year book, will be issued on or about May 15. Because of the tremendous success of the "Mike" subscription campaign, there will be a refund of at least \$1.00 to each subscriber. This year, in addition to the regular edition, there will be a specially-priced \$5.00 book without pictures.

Sixty-one per cent of the senior class subscribed to Microcosm, a better turnout than any other senior class has been able to attain in "Mike's" history. Editor-in-Chief Josh Weisstein said last week.

## House Plan to Sponsor Bull-Throwing Sessions

By Al Fiering

The Special Acts Committee of House Plan, in an effort to create a closer relationship between the faculty and students, is sponsoring a series of "bull sessions" to be held at House Plan. They will take place on Thursdays at 4:00 and will consist of an informal talk by a faculty member on some special hobby or interest of his, with students asking questions and otherwise making themselves at home.

Prof. Stuyvesant Van Veen of the College's Art Department will be the first faculty member to address a group. His topic will be "Burlesque" and promises to be most rewarding to those who attend.

### Come One, Come All

"Everyone is invited to hear Prof. Van Veen on Thursday, Feb. 16, in the 1919 Room of House Plan," breathlessly explained Lucille Lerner, chief organizer of "bulling," "but at future meetings only HP members will be admitted."

All those who are interested in attending other talks in the series are requested to leave their names in the Special Activities box at HP. If the coming discussions will have speakers and topics as interesting as these, their success is assured.

## OP To Increase Club News

There are many difficulties which clubs encounter when they try to get the publicity that they require for their meetings and affairs. Mimeographing notices and distributing them and hanging signs in the corridors are costly and often ineffective methods. Officials of the various clubs come to Observation Post bemoaning their plight and are greeted with the equally appalling wailing of the OP editors trying to make room in the forthcoming issue for all of the copy.

The combined wailings are really quite loud and the OP editors, in an effort to throw oil upon the troubled waters and minimize the loss of work due to ruptured ear-drums and equally ruptured relations, have undertaken the policy of printing as much of the club news that is given us as is humanly possible. We ask the people in charge of publicity for clubs to have no mercy with us and literally deluge us with advance information, but we also beg them to bear with us if their extra-important meeting doesn't get half of Page One or escapes mention altogether.

We can only promise that information given to us a week in advance of our deadline, neatly typed with double spacing, containing the name of the contributor and all pertinent information, will be given to our Feature Editor, Al Fiering, if properly addressed, and he will endeavor, often against his better judgment, to insert it.

# City

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# Review

By Ruth Polsach

Our tickets have been purchased, and the merry-go-round of school life has begun again. The ups and downs of this existence can get pretty boring unless we remember that our competitors in this rat race are people, too, and that we are all worth knowing. The best way to meet people and to maintain the various clubs and organizations of which we boast is to actively support them by joining and attending meetings and social functions. Mingling with colleagues is another important part of education. Well—enough reminding—back again to business . . .

Alpha Phi Omega starts the term by asking us to help fight a war—the war against polio. On February 15, 16 and 17 A.P.O. will station booths in Lincoln Corridor, the front of Knittle Lounge, and the rear of the cafeteria. Any money left after fees and books have been disposed of will be gratefully accepted. A dance will be held at the Army Hall Lounge on Friday with the last two Carnival Queens as hostesses. Last year's success will be insignificant compared to this one's, if we all pitch in.

What's this? A.P.O. Smoker? A.P.O. is holding a smoker on the last day of the fund drive, February 17. If you were a boy scout in good standing and can pass the intricate knot test, you can qualify as a brother. For more details and a glass of beer, visit the Fraternity House at 467 West 143rd Street at 7:30 P.M.

The Government and Law Society is proud to announce that it will have its first FEMALE speaker on February 16 in 224 Main at 12:15. She is Mrs. Gorda Bowman, Coordinator of Community Council's State Commission Against Discrimination, and she'll speak on the work of the commission.

Our Debating Society rated an invite to Martha Dean's Program. They'll be on this Thursday at 10:15 on Station WOR against Brooklyn College, which will take the affirmative on "Should we have a National Science Foundation?"

Gregariousness will have its hey-day at the FDR Young Democrats meeting where Prof. John Collier of the Sociology Dept. will discuss, "The Importance of Belonging to an Organization." Those present at 12:30 Thursday in Room 203, will also hear Prof. Collier tell of his experiences under the Roosevelt Administration.

Prof. Bailey W. Diffie of the History Dept. will address the History Society and Club Ibero-Americano on "Should Franco Be Recognized?" in Room 128 this Thursday at 12:30. Though you may all think you know who and what Franco is, this talk very well could prove to be extremely enlightening.

## House Plan Opens Portals For Evening Session Ease

For the first time since 1942, House Plan, "the living room of the campus," will be open to all students of the Evening Session. The two brownstone houses on Convent Avenue and 141st Street, will be open Monday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 11 P.M. for the College's night owls.

A general "get together" on Wednesday, Feb. 15, will highlight "Open House" week, at which time Evening Session students are invited to get acquainted with House Plan buildings, facilities, and the program, and to take part in all activities open to regular members of the day session group.

House Plan, which is sponsored by the Student House at City College, Inc., and the Department of Student Life, started at this College in 1934. The original idea was an attempt to eliminate the extremely impersonal attitude felt by students on campus. The group at this time was composed of about two hundred students, and started in a bare building at the present location, furnished exclusively with orange crates. From such meager beginnings the group expanded to include twenty-five hundred students at Uptown and Downtown centers.

Under present plans, the Evening Session students will have all the facilities offered conventionally to the day House Plan members. They will have opportunities to join numerous committees, and through these means will govern and run the entire organization. The activities will be arranged to best reflect the

needs and desires of the Evening Session students.

## Pool Ready For Autumn

The College's new \$70,000 swimming pool will be ready for use in the Fall Semester, it was announced last week by Arthur Schiller, chief architect for the Board of Higher Education and supervisor of the project.

The modernized tank will conform to the standards of the National Collegiate Swimming Association, enabling any records that may henceforth be broken at the College to be listed as official throughout the country.

The alterations, which began in January, will not change the overall size of the pool, but there will be two separate tanks—a regulation 75-foot pool and a 25-foot pool for beginners. A concrete wall will separate them.

The program of construction calls for a new \$16,000 filter system, new showers, washrooms, dressing rooms, a continuous water-feeding system and a fluorescent lightning throughout.

The showers and dressing rooms will be on the site of the old bleachers and will be separated from the central pool area by a translucent glass-block wall.

## Council Acts on Knick

(Continued from Page One) primarily the incoming freshmen of the history of the case against the Head of the Romance Languages Department.

• Establish an annual award to the student who has done the most to combat racial and religious discrimination to be presented every year on the anniversary of the 1949 student's strike.

In other action, Council rejected a motion calling for two S.C.-sponsored Great Hall meetings designed to inform the student body of the progress of the Knickerbocker case.

Earlier in the day, in an address to the opening session of Student Council, President Harry N. Wright pleaded for a feeling of

good-will as the underlying basis for all future Council action. Professor Oscar Buckvar, Government, S.C. Faculty Advisor, asked that S.C. reps work towards the termination of student apathy for the student government.

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# Lavender Upset by Golden Griffins 53-49

## Roman Breaks Single Season Scoring Mark

By Morty Levine

Even with the aid of a heart stopping, last minute rally, the Lavender Five fell short of catching a determined Canisius Quintet last Saturday night, and as a result were upset by the Golden Griffins, 53-49. The Lavender, who had put on one of their finest exhibitions of the season, remarkably recovered in the last minute and cut a nine-point deficit to just one within 20 seconds. But that was as close as they came as the Griffins withstood the drive, and fought their way back to a four-point victory.

### Niagara Next

Tomorrow night, the Lavender will try to once more get back on the winning path as they go against Niagara at the Garden. The Purple Eagles, who defeated the Beavers in overtime last year, return with four of the regulars from that outfit.

Pacing them again is Zeke Sinicola, who threw in 25 points against the Holmen last season, as well as scoring the winning basket on a long set with 15 seconds remaining in the overtime period.

Niagara whose record is 13-6 features a fast, driving game. They are not a tall team, having the brunt of their rebounding chores falling on the shoulders of 6-4 Harry Foley, and 6-2 Jim Moran.

### In Canisius Game

With 50 seconds remaining, and the Beavers trailing 50-41, Irwin Dambrot converted a foul shot and City had possession of the ball under the national two-minute rule. Roman then hit with a left-handed hook and the College trailed 50-44. Just five seconds later, the Beavers were once more awarded the ball; this time on an errant Canisius pass. Eddie Warner took over, coming through with a driving lay up, and drawing a foul as he scored. His foul was good, and once more the Beaver's had possession. The pass this time went to "Goose" Roman and big Ed put the Holmen only one point away as he scored with an outside turn shot at the 30-second mark.

But that was as far as it went. At this point, Canisius pulled itself together, and held on to the ball till the end, adding three fouls for the clincher.

Hardly consoling, but nevertheless interesting, was the fact that Eddie Roman, by being game high scorer with 15 points, broke Irwin Dambrot's season CCNY scoring mark of 276 points set last year. Eddie in 16 contests now has 280 points, eclipsing Irwin's total, which took him 25 games to compile.

It's Cold Outside But . . .



IT MIGHT AS WELL BE SPRING as far as baseball Coach Sol Mishkin is concerned. Shown here with two of his top hurlers, George Principe (left) and Joe Pereira, Mishkin is directing spring training sessions in the Tech Gym. (Story below.)

## 32 Baseball Candidates Start Spring Trainine in Tech Gym

By Herman Cohen

The mercury may indicate that it's plenty cold outside, but the fellows up in the Tech Gym these afternoons seem immersed in pleasant visions of spring. The collective fancies of these young men has turned, for a change, toward thoughts of baseball, as Coach Sol Mishkin's nine practices for the coming season

## Redmen Frosh Triumph, 58-56

Some uncanny set-shooting by Jack Giacontieri gave the St. John's freshman five a 58-56 overtime decision over the Beaver cubs in the Main Gym last Thursday afternoon.

Giacontieri swished in 21 points as the Redmen hurled a 35-25 halftime deficit and pulled the game out of the coals in the extra period. The score was tied, 49-all at the end of the regulation time.

Archie Lipton was high scorer for the Beavers with 24 points. The defeat was the yearlings' fourth in ten starts. Last Wednesday night they squeezed out a 56-55 victory over St. Francis, with Lipton canning 17 points and Harold Hill 16.

The first game of the season is scheduled for April 1, against Columbia. Coach Mishkin has hoped to give his batterymen some out-of-doors conditioning and bring the rest of the squad into the sunlight in early March. The snow has quashed that plan, though.

### Twelve Vets Report

Twelve veterans of last year's crew were among the thirty-two man squad that reported to Mishkin the first day of the semester. Gone were Hilty Shapiro, Bill Vander Does and Gerry Geisler, all of whom represented power at the plate and speed on the base-paths. The coach knows he'll miss these three, but feels that their replacements will take up the slack.

A strong battery and a hard-hitting, fast outfield are the reasons for Mishkin's early show of optimism. Jim Martin, Ed Argow and Jerry Madalena, a trio of lettermen, will again patrol the daisies, while only Charley Gertsen will be absent from the pitching staff. Added to the hurling corps of Joe Pereira, George Principe and Mel Norman will be southpaws Tony Piacente and Floyd Layne. Floyd, who is busy with basketball, will report late. He twirled for the freshman nine last year.

### Fill Gaps

This will be Mishkin's third season as head baseball coach, and the scrappy skipper would enjoy finishing higher than second. In his first two seasons his teams achieved second place

## OFF BOTH BACKBOARDS



By DICK KAPLAN

## The Case of the Expanded Hatbands

Aside to Nat Holman: How about measuring the hatbands of your basketball team? Somewhere along the line the boys seem to have gotten the idea that they're the greatest thing since Captain Video, and have lost that lean and hungry look. Roman, Warner, Layne, Cohen, Roth, and Dambrot can beat most any club when they play their game. The trouble is they've been "up" only twice this year—against St. John's and Muhlenberg.

The above is not just our opinion, but that of reliable observers who watched the team play on the road. We hear that the Boston College and Princeton games exuded sluggish, haphazard basketball. Some of the boys appear afraid to dirty their uniforms hitting the deck after a loose ball. Comparisons never solve anything, but last year's quintet, though it lost eight games, had to be overpowered. Hilty Shapiro, Sonny Jameson, Irwin Dambrot and Joe Galiber, among others, kept scrapping and belting until the buzzer. The '49-50 unit has more skill but has yet to show some concerted zeal.

Right now only a landslide can keep the Beavers out of the National Invitation Tournament. But there's no telling how long they'll last if they keep loping along. Bradley isn't Boston College, men, and LaSalle isn't California.

Offhand NIT roster: LIU, St. John's, CCNY, LaSalle, Kentucky, Bradley, Duquesne, San Francisco, North Carolina State, Western Kentucky, Villanova, and possibly Bowling Green. Holy Cross, Kansas State, and Ohio State will enter the NCAA tourney . . . Clair Bee must've had heart failure last week when his LIU five just managed to nip little Springfield, 51-49. Bee was ill and couldn't be with his boys in their hour of need.

## Those Bootless Cries

All the recriminations about officiating at home and abroad should result in the usual call for rule standardization. That won't settle matters. Losing coaches will still trouble deaf heaven with their cries. A rule that could stand alteration, though, is the one that gives the offensive player carte blanche and handcuffs the defender. At present, the man driving toward the basket can do no wrong. With the advent of the floating lay-up the defender has two alternatives: clear the lane or get bowled over and draw a foul in the bargain.

Going off the deep end: NYU to dump St. John's . . . Alumnus Stanley Frank has a candid portrait of Nat Holman in the current Collier's. He has some forthright comments to make about Nat's unbending perfectionism, but concludes that he's a great coach . . . Columbia has a crackerjack freshman cager in 6-4 Jack Molinas, ex-Stuyvesant star. Kentucky agents haven't given up on him yet . . . How come Clair Bee wangled Sherman White into transferring from Villanova to LIU in his frosh year?

AP Poll department: Holy Cross hasn't beaten more than a couple of top opponents yet is ranked first in the nation. The Crusaders took Xavier, a good home-court team, in-and-out Bowling Green, and so-so St. Louis. Tom Haggerty, Loyola of Chicago coach, rates the Cross "fifteenth or sixteenth." . . . The whole poll is a farce. How can Western writers judge Eastern teams they've never seen? The same thing is true of New York writers to a lesser extent. They see a more representative batch of candidates.

To quote Jimmy Cannon, nobody asked me but here's my 1949-50 All-America five: Bob Cousy of Holy Cross and Ed Warner of City at the guards; Paul Arizin of Villanova and Paul Unruh of Bradley at the forwards; Sherman White of LIU at center.

## Fencers Meet Fordham Sat. After 16-11 Victory Over Army

The Beaver fencers seem to be in a 16-11 victory rut. Last Saturday afternoon Coach James Montague's swordsters won their third straight match of the season by a 16-11 count, downing the U. S. Military Academy at West Point.

Fordham is next on the list for the Lavender. The meet will be held Saturday on the home strips. With Frank Kramer back in the line-up and rapidly recovering his 1948 championship form, the Rams don't figure to pull an upset.

In the Army match, Frank Billadello, competing in his last

collegiate event, swept his three tilts, while Kramer and Hal Goldsmith took two out of three. The epee combination of Gene Bassin, Al Goldstein and Clarence Roher ran up a 6-3 score. The saber trio of Gene Natanbhat, Ken Bassner and Irwin Ackerman was less fortunate, tallying only three points. Coach Montague expects either Ed Godinsky or Ira Goldenberg to replace Billadello. Goldenberg, an Evening Session reinforcement, was fencing captain at Eastern District High.

## Bearer-Niagara Line-Up

City College

Niagara

Player	No.	Ht.	Pos.	Player	No.	Ht.	Pos.
Irwin Dambrot	5	6-4	F.	Harry Foley	7	6-4	C.
Ed Roman	6	6-6	C.	Zeke Sinicola	19	5-10	F.
Al Roth	7	6-3	G.	Tom Birch	11	5-11	F.
Eddie Warner	8	6-3	F.	Bill Smyth	27	6-0	G.
Floyd Layne	9	6-3	F.	Jim Moran	21	6-2	G.
Joe Galiber	12	6-4	C.	Frank Hubson	8	5-10	G.
Ronnie Stodell	15	5-10	G.	Bill Johnson	9	6-4	C.
Herb Cohen	16	6-1	G.	Jack Setts	10	6-0	F.
Arnie Smith	17	6-1	F.	Hal Spensbauer	12	6-1	F.
Mike Wittlin	20	5-9	G.	Jan Powers	14	6-1	G.
Larry Meyer	21	5-10	G.	Joe Smyth	17	5-11	G.
Arroy Watkins	24	6-7	C.	John Delaney	20	6-2	F.
Artie Glass	21	6-1	F.	Ed Murphy	22	6-1	F.
Norm Meyer	23	6-5	C.	Jack Donahue	23	5-10	G.