Spaulding Vetoed Action on Knick:; Student Council Vows To Fight On

Spaulding Whitewash
An Editorial

THE WHITETWASH JOB is now complete.

State Education Commissioner Francis T. Spaulding said Thursday that William E. Knickerbocker is innocent of the charges of anti-Semitism leveled against him during the past few years.

Spaulding also said that Bohem Bach-y-Rita and Pollinger were unjustified in seeking reinstatement of 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 from Mockingbird Hall, and the Economics Department with a $3,192 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."

Quick Action Is Necessary

We greet Student Council's Friday night action setting the record straight for the first time 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 delegations 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!

By Hear' Kirsch

Celebrate 'Negro History Week'
At NAACP Meeting Thursday

Negro History Week will be celebrated here tomorrow at a special meeting sponsored by the College Branch 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, accord-

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The action that Council took in its first session was characterized by an amazing rapid-fire celebrity after President Phil Scheffler called the meeting 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 reached."

Council's decision repudiates the ideals of the BHE, 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 will confer with representatives of all organizations interested in the Knickerbocker case;
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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 of the instructor now scheduled for it.

Spaulding Statement

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Our tickets have been purchased, and the merry-go-round of school life has begun again. The ups and downs of the first two weeks have been pretty exciting and full of action. The bigstarts here are definitely the N.C.S.A. swimmers. Any compliments in this rat race are people, too, and well worth knowing. The best way to meet people and maintain the various clubs and organizations of which you are a member, is by joining them. The competition and social functions, mingling with colleagues, is another part of education. Well—enough reminiscing—back again to business . . .

The Student Council starts the term by asking us to help fight the war—the war against polio. On February 15, 16 and 17 A.P.O. will station booths in Lincoln Corridor, the front of the Student Lounge, and at the center of the cafeteria. Any money left over and books have been disposed of will be gratefully received. A dance will be held at the Army Hall Lounge on February 14 to commemorate the last two Carnival Queens at Boston's end. A.P.O.'s success will be insignificant compared to this one's, if you all pitch in.

A.P.O. Smoker? A.P.O. is holding a smoker on the day of the fund drive, February 17. If you were a boy scout and standing and can pass the hydrant knot test, you can come. For more details and a glass of beer, visit the Student Council, President Harry N. Wright.

The present location, further separated from the central pool area by a translucent glass-block wall. The showers and dressing rooms will be on the site of the present change rooms, and the modernized tank will consist of two hundred sixty-four cubic feet of concrete. The modernized tank will consist of two hundred sixty-four cubic feet of concrete, and the modernized tank will consist of two hundred sixty-four cubic feet of concrete. The modernized tank will consist of two hundred sixty-four cubic feet of concrete.

Pool Ready For Autumn

The College's new $7,000 swimming pool will be ready for use in the Fall Semester, it was announced yesterday by Arthur Schlirer, 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 above plans, which have been in the works since the fall, will be made to the best advantage. The modernized tank will consist of two hundred sixty-four cubic feet of concrete.
Roman Breaks Single Season Scoring Mark
In Canisius Game

Taking the lead by 15 minutes into the game and weathering the storm of 20 points in the last 10 minutes of play, Eddie Warner, Canisius' top point man for the season, scored 35 points in the game, a new Canisius record. The previous record was 27 points set by a team member in a single game last year.

The Purple Eagles, who defeated the Beavers in the previous meeting, came out on top in this game with a final score of 54-44. After the game, the beavers were upset by the Golden Eagles, who scored 51 points in the game.

Redmen Frosh Triumph, 58-56

Some unexpected players scored high points in this game. Jack Giacinti, the starting center for the Redmen, scored 21 points, while George Prince, the starting guard, scored 17 points. The Redmen won the game with a final score of 58-56.

Two Vets Report

Twelve veterans of last year's team, who played in the National Invitation Tournament, reported to coach James Montague's team. The first game of the season is against St. Francis, and the Redmen are expected to win with a score of 16-11.

Booster Cries

All the precautions about officiating at home and avoiding bad calls in the past season have failed. The Redmen's win against St. Francis was a result of their own hard work and determination.

Fencers Meet Fordham Sat.

The Beaver fencers are expected to win against Fordham, who are ranked first in the nation. The game is set for Saturday, and the Redmen are expected to dominate with their strong fencing crew.

The Case of the Expanded Hatbands

Adieu to Nat Holman: How about measuring the halftimes of your basketball team? Somewhere along the line the boys seem to have gotten the idea that they're the greatest thing since Captain America, and the last thing they need is to lose. So, 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 season, and it isn't pretty.

Some Bootless Cries

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In Baseball

The case of baseball is different. The fellows seem to be in a cold weather rut. Last Wednesday afternoon the game was ended in the 9th inning with a score of 5-5.

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32 Baseball Candidates Start

Spring Training in Tech Gym

By Herman Cohen

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

OFF BOTH BACKBOARDS

BY DICK KAPLAN