

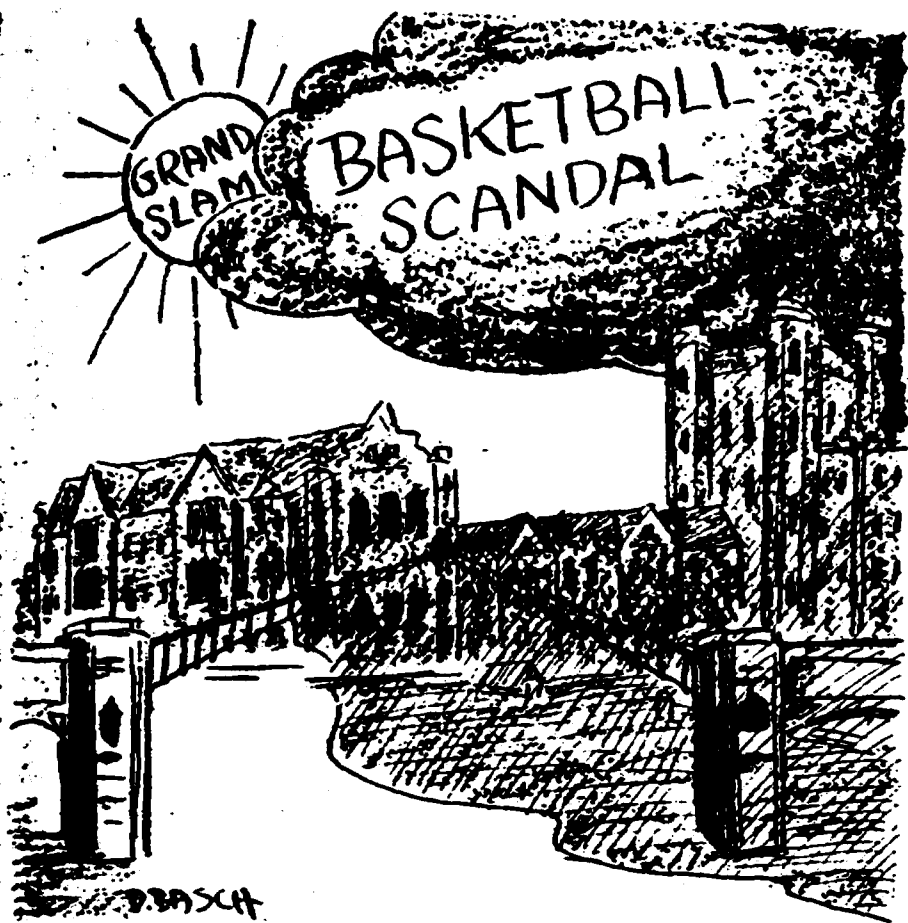
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Blackbirds to Quit Garden; DA Hogan Continues Hunt

LATE BULLETIN

Long Island University authorities announced late last night that all the University's remaining games at Madison Square Garden were being cancelled. The "fix" exposure of three of the Blackbird's stars was given as the reason. It was also announced that all other intercollegiate athletics were being cancelled.

LIU's first scheduled game at the Garden was to be played Thursday night against Cincinnati. The Beavers were to meet Lafayette in the opening game. The Garden has not announced a substitute for the LIU contest as yet.

District Attorney Hogan's net continued hauling them in yesterday. The latest catch included three LIU stars—Sherman White, Leroy Smith and Captain Dolph Bigos—who are accused of accepting bribes in payment for tampering with the point spread in seven games over the past two years.

This brought to eight the number of Met hoopsters who have been rounded up. Reports have been circulating that the net is still working and that further revelations are in store.

The LIU stars are accused of collecting close to \$19,000 for their activities during the North Carolina State, Cincinnati and Syracuse games last season and the Kansas State, Denver, Idaho and Bowling Green contests this season. The NCS, Cincinnati and Syracuse games were dumped outright while they are accused of merely shaving the points to coincide with instructions in the others.

The trio worked hand-in-hand with the former LIU-star Eddy Gard and the Jeweler Sollazzo, the same two were indicted in the CCNY disclosures on Sunday.

Long Island officials were stunned by the announcements. They declared they had tried to protect players from "undesirable elements" and had begged the players to report any questionable offers.

Early today the authorities at

the Pearl Street school announced that all four students have been suspended.

Bail was set at \$15,000 each by Chief Magistrate John M. Murtagh. A hearing is planned for March 5.

D. A. Hogan spent all last

night grilling the L. I. U. ball-players. Bigos was the first to break down with White and Smith quickly following. By 3 A.M. all had made confessions.

The ambitious D. A. continues hauling them in.

SC Bars Frosh, Sophs From Advisory Council

By MARV SILVERMAN

Last Friday, Student Council decided on the method of electing the student representatives to the Student Faculty Advisory Council. Council decided that Sophomores and Freshmen are not eligible to serve on this Council because of inexperience.

The student members will be the four officers of Council, one representative from the senior class, one rep. from the Technology Inter-Society, Inter-Fraternity Council and four representatives chosen at-large by SC. The make-up is the same as that recommended by Council's Executive Committee. There was much debate, however.

An amendment which would have allowed Freshmen and Sophomores to serve was passed by a vote of thirteen to twelve; upon reconsideration, the amendment was defeated by a vote of sixteen to twelve. The roll-call vote is included with this story.

Henry Krisch said, during the debate, that people of "maturity and experience" were needed on this important committee. Jerry Levinson has stated that it takes two years for a student to become acquainted with the College and, therefore, only Juniors and Seniors should be members of this group.

Lack of Faith
Marv Silverman, speaking for

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All those who have sold their books through the Used Book Exchange will be able to obtain their money at the office of the Central Treasurer, room 130 Main, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 12-4 and 6-8. Books which have not been sold will be returned to their owners in room 210 Army Hall. Tuesdays from 12 and 1-3, and on Thursdays from 2-5.

the amendment, said that this plan implied a "lack of faith in Council" and that Council is neither "so inexperienced or so stupid that it is not capable of choosing deserving candidates regardless of their class standing"

Ernst Hauser proposed that the President and Vice-President of Council be the only automatic representatives and that the remaining eight be chosen by Student Council. This was voted down.

After all this wrangling the motion passed by a vote of fourteen to thirteen. The committee will be elected next week.

Lloyd in Athletics Panel on Basketball Fix; Prof. Murphy Speaks for Student Activities

Professor Gardner Murphy, Chairman of the Psychology Department, who has recently returned from travels abroad will be one of the featured speakers at The Student Activities Conference tomorrow, Feb. 22 in Townsend Harris Auditorium from 11 A.M. to 6 P.M. Other prominent speakers present will be Professor Esther Lloyd Jones of Columbia University, noted author, lecturer, and authority on student activities, and Mr. Sidney Wallachs of the Associate Alumni who will discuss the future of the Centennial Fund.

In order to provide an opportunity for students to critically evaluate the various extra-curricular activities, a series of panels have been planned. Students at each panel will discuss the effectiveness of a definite activity and will suggest improvements.

An Athletics Panel will be largely devoted to the present basketball situation and will in-

BHE Probe . . .

According to Les Nichols, assistant to the President, the new BHE ruling only means that the four city colleges can make no schedule for next year pending a search into the background of intercollegiate athletics. The probe is to be made by a three-man board to be named to the BHE.

concern finances, the role of student government, the effect of mobilization on student activities, more social activities at the College and student faculty relations.

The conclusions of each panel will be announced and sent to the appropriate people for prompt action.

An invitation is extended by the sponsoring organizations to all students to attend the conference, which will afford them an opportunity to do more than just criticize and "beef" about this and that.

Encouraging students to participate in the conference, Sy Richman, chairman of the Campus NSA Delegation declared, "It's about time that the big wheels gave the students a chance to have their say."

—LONDON.

Lafayette to Roar Into Garden Tomorrow Night

Reports from Easton, Pa. say that the Lafayette Leopards are snarling. Several days ago they would have come into town meekly, without a whimper, hoping to hang-on in their game with the Beavers tomorrow night, at the Garden.

The sudden turn of events has made them swagger. Coach Ray Stanley's men are expecting their first victory over City in many years. Leading the Leopards into town will be Capt. Georgie Davidson, a 6-0 forward, who was their second highest scorer last year with 323 points, and Barry Love, a 6-4 skillful rebounder.

The Leopards present an all-veteran starting quintet. In addition to Love and Davidson who are Seniors, Lafayette has three Juniors—Shor, Carril and Garritano—to fill in.

NAACP Will Protest Acts

Mr. White, director of the Harlem chapter of the NAACP, spoke before the College branch last Thursday. He was scheduled to speak on the relationship of the College chapter to Negro History Week, but was sidetracked. Mr. White arrived late because he was helping to avert a riot in Harlem where some policemen fired at two Negro teen-agers. Because of this he directed his speech towards the many such occurrences and the ways in which we can prevent the recurrence of such incidents.

It was decided at the meeting that the only solution to the present situation would be frequent mass protests and a constant inundation of petitions and telegrams to N. Y. C. officials. An attempt will be made to organize a meeting by week.



Jerome Levinson
A panel chairman.

clude among its participants Professor Frank Lloyd, director of physical education, and Ed Cohen, president of the athletic association. Other panels will



DA Hogan

By Marv Kitman

I am opposed to crooked collegians, of course, so as soon as I heard of the way DA Hogan cracked the biggest fixing fiasco since Noah got the word that the jig was up a long time ago, I went to his office to shake his hand. But he ignored me when I went humbly to his den. He did not want to see me. They said he was busy.

This upset me very much because my conception of a public servant is that he should be ready to see the people at all times to shake hands. My faith is a bit shaken.

It made me look closer into the doings of this District Attorney.

DA Hogan is a big man now. To him will go all the glory of cracking a stinkpot of corruption—the shady doings of the City College Three. Such glory catches the public eyes. Although often seized with myopia, the public eye adores scandal and it reads eagerly the kind of copy which the Met papers let loose when these dirty drams unfold. The DA will be ready to run for a big political office soon. The DA will be thinking he will make a fine governor soon. Like young Tom Dewey.

I can hear the hat whistling into the ring behind the closed door of his mind. This chasing of crooked collegians is spring training for the brilliant New York County law enforcement officer. Young Tom went a long way on the prominence he garnered during his crime-busting days. Certainly not further than Frank will go.

Hogan handled the breaking of this case like an adroit publicity agent. All day Sunday he kept sending out bulletins releasing the stench piecemeal, increasing the tension, building the drama and then the guts of it came: "We got the goods on the Cinderella men, CCNY! Nail them up!" He played his cards superbly. He stoked the fires all the while. If he had been operating in the Southland, some of the more impressionable natives might have organized a lynching party.

Hogan sat in the cabbird's seat, directing operations. He with his twenty good detectives trailing crooked collegians for a month. Then when they close in they probe the kids for 14 hours, with the white heat cops use when probing and the insane atmosphere of the grim police houses. DA Hogan, the great inquisitor!

I am very impressed with the way they detail twenty detectives to track down the collegians. Why don't they send out twenty detectives to hunt the gambling-folk who put out the bait that hungry ballplayers swallow and choke on. There are so many gamblers around town and so few dumping ballplayers. Walking blind you could pick up dozens of fat-men who smoke cigars and bet thousands of dollars and attempt fixes. It puzzles me that DA Hogan does not try to probe evil illegal gambling with his twenty detectives.

DA Hogan and his twenty detectives must be congratulated on their flushing-out the crooked collegians. He is running up the road to the state capitol building or one of the other hangouts of the politicians. But I am suspicious of him. I will not think he is such a noble giant until he goes gambler-hunting. I am sorry I bothered to shake his hand.

Letters . . .

Wrong Guy?

In re your article of February 5, concerning Innovation, the new Science-Fiction Mag. I was quite please to learn that, as you put it: "... in the limelight in this issue are student writers Larry Harris and Bernard Yosepawitz."

Mr. Yosepawitz is a rather close friend of mine, and I am therefore taking the trouble of informing you that although he has, in the past been known as: Yosepovich, Yospopowitz and Yosepsky, this is his first engagement as "Yosepawitz." His name is, as a matter of fact, YOSEPOWITZ.

I should further like to point out that his first name is William. **WILLIAM YOSEPOWITZ**

Communist Hordes

In your last issue, Sim Kantin crawled out from under his Gothic Towers to raise his mean little voice against the draft. Just what does he propose to do if not draft young people? How does he propose to stem the flow of the communist hordes in Korea. I think Kantin's blood should be examined to see just how RED he really is.

ANONYMOUS

Allagrooters and APO Push Big Annual 'Beat NYU' Dance, March 2

By LENORE RACHLIN

Snap out of it friends! Don't let father time catch you frettin' and fussin' over the stubborn math problems! Just don your fanciest duds, grab your best fellow or gal and strut down to the annual "Beat NYU" dance and rally to be held Saturday, March 2 at 8:30 P.M. in the Army Hall lounge.

Under the joint sponsorship of the Allagrooters and Alpha Phi Omega, elaborate plans are being formulated which promise to make this affair the outstanding hit of the season. Proceeds will

Allagrooter



"Fancy Duds"

go to the Cancer Fund. Jerry Sattler and his band have already been engaged to provide the captivating rhythms for all those

In addition, the co-sponsors have decided that again this year students will be given the opportunity to guess the outcome of the Lavender-Violet basketball fracas. Chances costing a dime each will be sold by members of the Allagrooters and Alpha Phi Omega. All the lucky winners will be rewarded with a pair of tickets to the Spring Boatride.

Correction . . .

In reference to the statement made in the February 20 edition of O. P. that the City College House Plan came out against the suspension from school of Ed. Roman, Ed. Warner and Al. Roth, we wish to state that no such statement has been made by any authorized group or member of a group that officially represented the members of House Plan.

The statement reflected merely the personal opinion of the student members of the Managing Board and is in no way to be construed as an opinion of the members of House Plan as a body.

STAN OPAS.

OFF BROADWAY:

Dramsoc Variety Production Will Feature Music, Comedy

By ROSES SHUMSKY

An original musical comedy by Alex Zanolli and Paul Kirschner will be the main feature in Dramsoc's repertory this season. The play is titled "Let's Stay Here." It will commence at the Pauline Edwards Theater on Friday, April 13, and continue through to Sunday, April 15. Shortly, tickets will be on sale in the cafeteria, at the prices of \$1. and \$1.20.

Unlike the trite run-of-the-mill college variety show, Messrs. Zanolli and Kirschner, upper sophs at City, have attempted to produce a coherent, romantic play on the trials and tribulations of college life. The theme of the plot is tied up essentially in a Campus Queen Contest, which takes place on a boatripe given by some city college students (not to mention the name of the college). In another big scene, the cafeteria of the aforementioned college will be the background.

Approximately eight leading parts have been provided for in the production. Casting for these

and other roles will go on, probably, until Feb. 23. If you display any interest in theater work, you are urged to try out. Even if your part isn't on hand for you, Dramsoc needs persons for scenery, costumes, make-up and other committees.

Members of the College drama society are constantly occupied with improving their stage work. For instance, they participate in readings or one-act trouper shows. During readings, the performers practice their work before audiences, often made up of their colleagues, solely. On Feb. 23, Dramsoc will give a reading of "Macbeth," to which all are invited. "Oedipus Rex" and "Faust" will be undertaken in March and April.

Towards the end of a term, distinguished personalities are invited to lecture on the art of the theater. One of the foremost speakers, who is scheduled to return this term, is Jose Ferrer, star of "Cyrano de Bergerac."



The Three

By H. Westbrook Ginsberg

You're great ball players, all three of you, and I love you for it. You were a pleasure to watch. Like the Saddler Wells Bank Company. Like Joe DiMaggio. Like Davis and Blanchard.

There'll never be anything like you again.

There'll never be the superlative magnificence of the Kentucky game last year. There'll never be the swishes of you, Goose, with your one-handers that were as famous as Mom Lisa; or like you, tricky Pops, with your unbelievable shots; or like you, Fats, with your neat ball handling.

We gave you names . . . Goose, Pops, Fats. We loved you.

I didn't love you for your integrity, for the fact that you didn't beat up your mothers for beer money Saturday nights, for the fact that you went to sleep every night at 9, after a glass of wholesome milk.

I loved you because you could take that round leather ball and do things with it that no one else could do better, and you proved it. That's all you had to do for me and you did it. You were great.

I'll always love you for that, even if sometimes you didn't do everything you could have with that round leather ball.

But emotions spill over into other fields and my awe at your skill becomes a weird, understandable pride.

I had always been astounded at students taking pride in individuals in the exploits of the basketball team. It was so irrational to clap the guy next to you and shake hands, congratulating each other on victory, when all the work was done 400 feet below on the Garden floor by others. But, I succumbed to this wonderful madness.

And my awe and pride were mixed. And so when people talked about the Miracle Team, Cinderella Team, Team of Destiny, it was I they were talking about and I wanted to jump up and shout: "Go to City College; I'll tell you how we did it." It was silly, but it was wonderful.

I shall have to try and separate my emotions, again. I cannot have pride and awe together any more. I can still love you though, and still be glad I saw the great CCNY team, and even used to be on the same campus with them, once.

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Questions

OP is opposed to current campaigns for the reinstatement of the three CCNY players involved in the bet fix scandal.

To say that no more harm can come from their reinstatement is to forget public opinion; in whose eyes CCNY has already been defamed.

To think of the welfare of the three players is to forget that the welfare of 33 thousand students is at stake; something they forgot about when they took the bribes.

To attribute their actions to immaturity is to forget the facts in the case which show maturity beyond their years.

To lay part of the blame on society is good, but does not detract from the major part of the blame which rests on them.

Instead of wasting our energies for them, let's do something about maintaining basketball the great sport that it was before this season.

How about that Metropolitan Basketball Conference suggested by Bobby Sand not long ago? It's about time we took our assistant Basketball Coach seriously. Will taking the game out of Madison Square Garden eliminate the influence of gambling? Should vacation basketball in the Catskills be eliminated? These are the questions which must be answered by mature, unemotional deliberation.

The individuals are now under jurisdiction of the courts and justice. It is for us to worry about the school and the game.

On Extra-Currics

This Thursday a well known patient will undergo observation in Townsend Harris Hall. Well known, but not well liked. From where Observation Post is looking more than half the student body is anticipating a wake or is unconcerned.

The patient is our extra-curricular activity program. You are the doctors. Figures on club memberships, AA Card sale and balloting indicate to us that a lot of students have taken. Among these are "Too many big wheels, politicians and neurotics are running things—too much hot air."

To us it seems that too many students are content to be asleep and and blast when antagonized or endangered. OP maintains that the power to act, speak and be effective is denied to no student, technology or Arts. Voting is one way. Thursday's conference is an even more dramatic one.

This paper urges each student to attend the Conference. Observe and prescribe for the future activities of all student organizations.

What are your criticisms and suggestions. No intelligent student should be content to criticize without making constructive suggestions. Thursday is the time for all of us to be heard.

Crystal-Gazers at CCNY Accurately Saw Future



Only One said Hitler would win.

By ERWIN LAIBMAN

Do you want to know what the world (if any) will be like in 1961?

Just look up Sidney Weinstein. He did all right in 1941 predicting the state of things to-day.

"The war has been over six years, and President Roosevelt is dead," he wrote at that time, in a letter to be opened in 1951. He also predicted the utilization of atomic disintegration for power in industry. "Germany will be divided into zones controlled by England, France, Belgium and Poland," his letter continued.

Weinstein and twelve other students submitted sealed letters as a final composition assignment in a German class taught by Professor Sol Liptzin. They were to predict what they thought their world would be like in 1951. Recently Prof. Liptzin called the group together to open the letters and compare their actual experiences with their predictions. Eight of the original group answered the call.

Others besides Weinstein, who is now studying for his Ph.D. at N.Y.U., had made some accurate predictions.

"I expect to be in chemistry in the Midwest, probably for the government," George Kitzes

wrote in 1941. He got his masters and doctorate at the Univ. of Wisconsin and is now a research biochemist for the Veterans' Administration in Ohio.

"Even at 20 I see the world under a black cloud," Martin Kirschner put down. As for his own future, he thought that he would at best be a "second-rate commercial artist" if he got through the war. Today he is an advertising executive, although he holds a masters degree from Columbia University Teachers' College.

Most pessimistic of the group, Alex Daniels, now a pharmacist, predicted a Hitler victory over Europe and England. He anticipated trouble because of "Soviet policy" and expected, after the war, a "rigid dictatorship" throughout the world.

This was not the first, nor the last, prediction for Prof. Liptzin's German classes. He started the experiment in 1929, but the students were so optimistic then, just before the Great Depression, that he didn't have the heart to open the letters in 1939.

INSIDE CITY HALL



By HANK KRISCH

The new Student-Faculty Advisory Council, details of which were announced last week, has a chance to become a milestone in College history; it can effect a revolution in the way decisions are made on this campus.

Here are five reasons why the Council could become one of the most treasured of College institutions:

1. It provides a place, long lacking, where the latest burning issues can be discussed and solutions proposed by people who really represent a sizable bloc of opinion, that is, the combined students and faculty. Such a voice is no mere whisper, and not one lightly disregarded.

2. It provides a promising avenue for expressing discontent, thus preventing the piling-up of gripes or grievances until all parties in a dispute have craps on their shoulders as big as Webb's statue.

3. The Council will combine some of the best talent on the

campus in the field of student-faculty relations. Already many of the most human of our faculty members are active in the Association and on the Council. There is literally no telling what may happen when prof and student meet on an equal, informal and sane level.

4. By combining staff and students, the Council would break down the unnecessary and injurious divisions that split the College into hostile segments on every issue. In every discussion, enlightened opinion, and stupidity, too, are found among students, staff and administration. The Council will help to break down the artificial barriers that decree that all students, or all faculty members, must stand together.

5. The recommendations of the Council would have tremendous moral prestige because the Council is a non-vested interest. Its decisions are not under suspicion as being inspired by selfish motives. It has no administrative

GIL & SULL: D'Oyly Carte Scores Again

By MOLL ROLAND

The D'Oyly-Cardé Opera Company "sailed the ocean blue" to pack them in at the St. James Theater here in New York. It's no wonder that these famous performers of Gilbert and Sullivan also played to a full house in Great Hall last Thursday. In addition to a number of chorus members there were also such important names in the D'Oyly-Cardé as Leonard Osborne, tenor; Alan Styler, baritone; Melville Griffiths, tenor; Peter Pratt, bass-baritone; Joyce Wright, soprano, and Caryl Fayne, contralto.

Mr. Osborne conducted the affair and introduced the various numbers. The first singer was Peter Pratt who sang "The Merriest Fellows Are We" from "The Gondoliers." Generally, this song involves a lot of leg-work by Pratt and intricate staging by the chorus but because they were in street clothes this was cut out. Later in the program Mr. Pratt sang the "Nightmare Song" from "Iolanthe." This is one of the most difficult patter songs in Gilbert and Sullivan because of its rapid rate of delivery and the tongue-twisting phrases involved. However, it was done admirably with perfect diction and enunciation.

The real heart-throb of the group is Alan Styler who is twenty-three, unmarried and very charming. Besides all these he has a pleasing voice and acting ability. He did two duets with Leonard Osborne: "We're Called Gondoliers" from "The Gondoliers" and "The Buttercup on the Lowly Mead" from "Cox and Box." The latter was hampered up sufficiently to make up for the lack of cleverness because these are not Gilbert's lyrics.

The girls' chorus was not left out of the production. They sang "Comes a Train of Little Ladies" from "The Mikado," and then "Three Little Maids Are We." Here again the staging and costumes were missed but the girls made up for the lack.

record to whitewash, no demagoguery to hide. Its recommendations can be accepted without anybody being accused of selling out to the other side. The need for such a non-vested interest body on the campus was forcefully pointed out by the strike two years ago. It is likely that if Council had existed then, the strike would not have taken place. It is a fairly astute view which holds that President Wright chortles with unholy delight at every sign of anti-semitism. The strike was allowed to become a case of administration versus students and there are few ruling groups, ours not excepted, who would be willing to eat crow for the sake of principle. Had the Council existed then, its recommendations might have carried sufficient weight to effect a peaceful solution. It was after the strike that Committee "K" was formed. Then on rare occasions do we learn from history.

College Opinion Split on 'Trio' Reinstatement; Dramsoc Is Sponsoring 'Leniency' Leaflet

By PHIL WOLCOFF and GEORGE GREENFIELD

There has been wide and varied comment on the campus as to whether or not Ed Warner, Ed Roman and Al Roth should be expelled from the College. This is a serious problem, and deserves intelligent and pensive consideration. OP feels that individual opinions expressed by prominent students and faculty members of the College should be revealed to the student body.

Dramsoc is sponsoring a leaflet in the interest of the study body; it was formulated by the executive council of the Society. The council says: "Three boys who have done a lot for the College are in trouble now and we think it is up to us to do what we can for them. It is all well and good to moralize and then to castigate."



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but we think our job is to help them first."

In yesterday's issue of OP, it was stated that House Plan was against the suspension of the three players. This was a misstatement since it was not necessarily HP, but the nine student members of the Board of Managers that released the statement. These students have written a letter to President Wright, which reads in part: "It is a personal opinion of all student members of the Board of Managers of the House Plan Association (Uptown Day) that justice will not be furthered by the expulsion of Ed Warner, Ed Roman and Al Roth.

Professor Oscar Buckvar, faculty adviser of Student Council, feels that we cannot completely excuse them, nor can we be concerned with their punishment. We should take some constructive steps to rehabilitate them." The Government Professor believes we should be more concerned with avoiding the recurrence of this situation rather than the actual punishment which he feels "should be given to those who are responsible for dragging the boys into this mess. As far as the boys are concerned, I would like



Ed Roman

to speak to them to find out what made them do it. Then I think I would be in a better position to determine whether they belong in jail. Last year I said that college basketball should not be played at Madison Square Garden. When I made this statement, I did not feel that this would occur. I am appalled at the extent to which basketball has become a big business. I still believe basketball should be played on the campus unless the students can see the games at the Garden at the low-

possible price and secure as many seats as they need."

Mr. Les Nichols, Director of Public Relations at the College, feels very strongly that the student should not be allowed to come back to the College, unless the Grand Jury finds them innocent. Even though I like the three boys, I think it will be a disgrace to the student body to let them come back. They have done irreparable harm to basketball. I do not agree with the Campus editorial, but feel that the punishment they have got is severe enough. I'd hate to see them in jail, because I'm sure they didn't realize what they were doing."

Jerry Levinrad, President of SC, opines, "If at the beginning of the next semester the ball players want to return they should be allowed to do so. I think the College now has the responsibility of aiding in their rehabilitation."

Rabbi Zuckerman, director of Hillel, states that he feels that the situation rightfully belongs in the hands of the College authorities. He considers it unfair for himself to exert pressure on the College officials by expressing an opinion.



Justice With Mercy...

By Dave Weinstein

The first wave of shock is over. In the calm that follows the incidence of horror, the hows and the whys have been answered and a gradual collection of values is rationally processed. The three ballplayers: Roth, Roman and Warner by the standards of society have committed a crime.

The tragedy of this crime is that they have destroyed themselves. The fact that the faith which we placed in them has been shattered, no matter how heinous that was—can never approach the catastrophe that has taken place in the lives of these three. In the final analysis, they have suffered and will suffer more than anyone or anything else. Society today has ostracised them, shunned them and is destroying them.

But the blame for this tragedy does not only lie with the three players. A more substantial part of that blame must be directed at the faculty, the administration and the student body.

The players came to CCNY after turning down unbelievably lucrative offers of other colleges. They know that at CCNY they would get none of the benefits that other institutions offered. They came to CCNY uncorrupted.

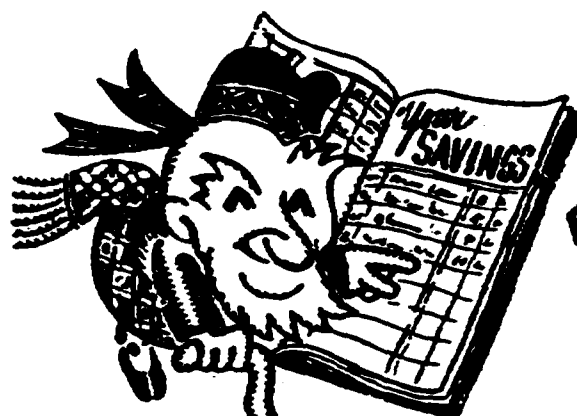
In the process of their play, they guided the College Five to a twin-tournament triumph. But the rewards went elsewhere. The glory was short-lived. The myopic treatment accorded them after their 1950 performance, by individuals who should have known better played an integral part in this tragedy.

The setup these boys operated on was rotten all the way through. They were in what was supposed to be a Garden of Eden, but it was a house of prostitution instead. Could we expect more of them than we ourselves might have done? The tragedy lies with us who put them there. What happened should not have been unexpected. If their heads must roll, then a lot more should follow.

If we must destroy the lives of everyone who made a mistake, then civilization must fall. The very basis of all religions is that all peoples are subject to error. Shall we crucify all of them? We, who have placed them in the house of prostitution and are so amazed that they have sinned?

We must build up what has been knocked down. To lift up is the purpose of all educational institutions and that is our purpose.

We who have supposedly suffered the most must show the quality of mercy by paving the way to rehabilitation. This can be done if we revoke their suspensions and permit them to return to College. This is not to forgive the three for what they have done. This is to make useful citizens out of them once again.



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