

Text of 903 . . .

The following is the text of Section 903 of the New York City Charter, under which Richard H. Austin and Hyman Gold were dismissed.

Section 903 was approved in 1936 and went into effect Jan. 1, 1938.

903. If any councilman or other officer or employee of the city shall, after lawful notice or process, wilfully refuse or fail to appear before any court or judge, any legislative committee, or any officer, board or body authorized to conduct any hearing or inquiry, or having appeared shall refuse to testify or to answer any question regarding the property, government or affairs of the city or of any county included within its territorial limits, or regarding the nomination, election, appointment or official conduct of any officer or employee of the city or of any such county, on the ground that his answer would tend to incriminate him, or shall refuse to waive immunity from prosecution on account of any such matter in relation to which he may be asked to testify upon any such hearing or inquiry, his term or tenure of office or employment shall terminate and such office or employment shall be vacant, and he shall not be eligible to election or appointment to any office or employment under the city or any agency.

Quizzed Employees Fired by BHE; Austin Raps College Administration

By EDWARD LIPTON

The Board of Higher Education dismissed Richard H. Austin and Hyman Gold from their positions as clerks in the registrar's office on Monday night. The action was taken as a result of the two men's failure to answer the questions of the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee, last month. At that time the two men were suspended without pay, pending the BHE hearing. Under Section 903 of the N Y C Charter, municipal officials must be dismissed if they refuse to answer questions posed only by a authorized legislative committee, regarding their "official conduct".

Inaugural Ball a Success as Crowds Completely Jam CCNY's Great Hall

By BLOSSOM TURK

Almost 2000 people crowded the Great Hall last Saturday night on the occasion of an Inaugural Ball honoring Dr. Buell G. Gallagher's appointment to the presidency of CCNY. The event, co-sponsored by Observation Post and Student Council, was the first of its kind in the college's 106 year history.



Students pack Great Hall on the occasion of the College's first Inaugural Ball in history.

Leo Dryer and his Waldorf-Astoria orchestra provided dance music prior to the scheduled program, and the entertainment was preceded by Dean James S. Peace (Student Life).

Further musical entertainment included a piece by Chopin played by Joan Schecter, and several semi-classical and popular songs sung by Jessica Gittleston and Marvin Gutchoen, followed by an exhibition of ballroom dancing.

The gathering was then addressed by Dr. Gallagher, who expressed his gratitude to the students whose "ideas" and hard work made the affair possible.

The Pershing Rifles of the ROTC, serving as the president's guard of honor, gave an exhibition of precision drill maneuvers.

In an exclusive OP interview yesterday, Mr. Austin stated in regard to his plans for the future, "I would like to work towards making the Board realize their mistake in invoking Section 903 and towards taking action to rescind their decision, and undo the harm brought upon the employees whose duty it was to defend themselves against the un-American type inquiries by the Jenner and Velde Committees.

"It is the duty of the student to fight with me in accomplishing this goal". Mr. Austin further asserted, "Just as the students in the past have fought to achieve the academic freedom that all loyal City College Alumni look back on with pride."

"Teachers in Fear" "In my opinion," continued Austin, "teachers no longer feel that they can express themselves freely or can encourage students to think critically and evaluate honesty and as a result students are afraid to join organizations of their own choosing for fear of possible reprisals at some future date."

There are quite a few people at the college who are looking for President Buell G. Gallagher to come to the fore and lead us in accordance with the democratic ideals and tradition of a free institution of higher learning."

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Pres. Gallagher Tells Forum "903 Should Remain Intact"

By HANK STERN

"Section 903 of the New York City charter should remain intact," President Buell G. Gallagher told the first meeting of the College Forum last Friday.

Dr. Gallagher read a statement approved two weeks ago by a group of educators he headed. This statement listed specific safeguards Congressional committees must employ if they are to be considered fair. It said that the purpose of Congressional committees was to consider bills

which should be subject to "educational jurisdiction."

Dr. Gallagher's defense of Section 903 and its application in the dismissal of College employees who refuse to testify before Senate committees was challenged by Prof. Samuel Hendel (Government), who also addressed the College Forum.

Revision of Section 903 was called for by Prof. Hendel when he told the Forum that the law was passed to root out dishonest municipal employees who refused to answer questions concerning their jobs and earnings, and not to inquire into the political beliefs of city employees.

Prof. Hubert Park Beck (Education) took the opposite viewpoint. He stated that educators should be above reproach, and that the community was entitled to know their ideas. He said that College students were at an impressionable stage and that a Communist teacher could sway people in and out of class.

Pointing out that even in the registrar's office, a Communist could aid the party, he stated that record cards might be altered, or students denied admission to the College, depending on their political beliefs.

At this point, he was accused (Continued on Page 4)

Sr. Prom Off . . .

The Class of 1953 Senior Prom, scheduled for March 27 at the Hotel Taft, has been cancelled, according to Senior Class President Sheldon Halpern.

Only twenty-three couples signed up for the affair, while over one hundred were needed to make the class break even financially. This will be the second consecutive term that the once-traditional senior prom will not be held.

Gift Awarded In Grad's Honor

In a Great Hall ceremony yesterday afternoon a gift was presented to the Audio Visual Department in the name of Lieutenant Philip J. Howard, class of '51.

A physics major, the ROTC infantry lieutenant had intended to pursue a medical course on his return from Korea. After his death a number of tenants in the building where he had lived, and in which his father is superintendent, collected approximately \$100 as a memorial to Lieut. Howard. The money was used to purchase a tube tester which was presented to Professor James A. Dawson (Ch'm'a, Biology), his former instructor at the ceremonies before 200 students and friends.

"Strike" Suit Enters Court In Short Time

A libel suit instituted in 1949 by four former College students against Professor William E. Knickerbocker (Romance Languages) and the New York Times will soon go before a court.

It was expected that the action, charging the Times and Professor Knickerbocker with libeling Student Council and four of its leaders in 1949, would be designated for court action in the near future at today's calling of case numbers in the Supreme Court of New York County.

The plaintiffs are William Fortunato, '49, Leroy Galperin, '50, Robert Oppenheimer, '49, and Albert Ettinger, '50.

All were members of Student Council's strike committee, which, in April 1949, led a walk-out by the student body in protest against Knickerbocker and alleged anti-Negro bias on the part of Prof. William C. Davis (Economics).

In an editorial, the Times asserted that the strike had been Communist-inspired, according to Fortunato. Professor Knickerbocker is said to have made a similar statement to the press.

The four alumni claim that the strike was exclusively under Council's control—"leftists were kept out"—and that the Times' and Prof. Knickerbocker's remarks were thus equivalent to libel.



Pres. Buell G. Gallagher For 903

and not to act as judicial bodies. "Anyone who is a Communist should not have the right to teach," Dr. Gallagher continued. "In the absence of any imminent danger to the state, he expressed resentment against 'inquiries by Congress' in fields



Dean Leslie W. Engler Attacked by Austin

administration). He said he does not "have a sufficiently broad concept of what the fundamental principles of administering an institution of higher learning for fulfillment of its highest ideals are. Certainly, the administration has been marked by a negation of these ideals."

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Blood!

The semi-annual visit of the American Red Cross Bloodmobile is drawing near once more, and it is once again time to remind all members of the College family of the importance of contributing to the College's Blood Bank.

There is hardly any need to point out that blood is badly needed both in Korea and in the many veterans' hospitals throughout the nation.

Here at the College, there is even a more direct and personal reason for giving blood. Any student or faculty member who gives blood thus assures himself or any member of his family of a supply of blood, should such an emergency arise. Invest a pint of your blood. The interest is paid off in lives.

Encore

The College's population turned out en masse last Saturday night to help President Gallagher celebrate his inauguration. The 1900 students and Faculty members who attended will have only pleasant memories about the Inaugural Ball, the first such event in the College's history.

The overwhelming success of the Ball, prompts us to suggest that we have a similar social function every year.

This is the type of activity that makes CCNY's "subway college" reputation sound ridiculous.

Why wait another twenty years for a reason to have a good time in grand style?

By means of the fine job done by members of Student Council and numerous other individuals, the Ball was a tremendous success. If these efforts are reapplied, a "President's Ball" can be made a regular date on the college calendar.

Star Swimmer

It is gratifying to see that some of our "minor" sports make headlines, along with the more popular ones. Members of the teams work just as hard as the name basketball stars, baseball player and so on.

Howie Schloemer, a sophomore, has broken one record after another while swimming for the Beaver Natators. Last weekend, he broke one Eastern Collegiate Swimming Association record, two City College records, and two NYU pool records.

Howie's achievements, guided by Coach Jack Rider, have brought great credit to himself and to the College. There's little glory in breaking swimming records, but THANKS Howie, for a job well done.

Letters...

Forum Follies

Last Friday afternoon a forum was held in Townsend Harris Auditorium concerning the controversial Section 903 of the City Charter. The forum was co-sponsored by all the chartered political clubs, and its participants were Professors Beck and Bondel and Pres. Gallagher. The purpose of this letter is not to comment on the subject matter or to examine the ideas of any of the participants, but to protest the shameful treatment accorded to Prof. Beck by certain segments of the audience during the question period. These people who loudly protest when they feel they are being hounded because they hold unpopular political beliefs proceeded to heap the most derogatory abuse

upon Prof. Beck because he stated, and stoutly defended his case upholding Section 903. For his pains he was called a liar, an FBI informer, a coward, and worse. These terms were mouthed in long speeches which were hardly disguised as questions.

While I think that Prof. Beck was dread wrong in much that he said, I would suggest that the method to establish this is in free, dignified discussion—not in horse-laughs, name calling and Bronx cheers. It seems that our friends who are so sensitive to any signs of unfair treatment directed against themselves rejoice in using this same tactic whenever they perceive an opportunity to do so.

Dave Silver

Post notes...

All organizational news for publication in OP must be submitted to Jerry Ludwig, Features Editor.

Registration for Blood Donating will be held from March 23 through April 16 at posts in Army Hall, Lincoln Corridor, Tech Crossroads, Townsend Harris, and Knittle Lounge. Registration hours will be from 10-4 and 5-9.

Club notes must be submitted to the Features Editor no later than Thursday afternoon, two o'clock, in order to appear in the following week's edition.

The final date for submitting applications for membership in Lock & Key has been extended to March 25.

A representative from the Naval Air Cadet Program will be available in Room 206M this Thursday. Interested Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors may apply.

The Interfraternity Council has elected Peter Wolfe as President for the Spring semester. Also elected were Milton Markowitz, Vice-president; Anthony Di Benidetto, Treasurer; Paul De Luca, Recording Secretary; Harvey Walzer, Corresponding Secretary, and Allen Bard, SC Representative.

Letters to the Editor must be submitted to the Features Editor. It is requested that they do not exceed 150 words in order to be published.

A Review

'Devil's Disciple'

By Phil Wolcott

The British lost the Revolutionary War again, last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings. The occasion was Theatre Workshop's presentation of the late George Bernard Shaw's "The Devil's Disciple" at the Pauline Edwards Theatre.

Although the fifty-six year old play takes place in a New Hampshire town in 1777, when the American colonies were breaking away from England, there is no bloodshed and very little violence in it. Nevertheless, the play is an old-fashioned melodrama. It might even be considered a parody on one, as Shaw seems to have purposely used all the hackneyed and contrived situations he could think of.

Of course, this feeling may be due in part to TW's comic production of the Shavian play, which, containing fine individual character portrayals and Shaw's sharp wit, satirizing the clergy, marriage, war, and practically everything else, offered an entertaining evening.

"The Devil's Disciple" is the name given to Dick Dudgeon, a supposedly wicked lad of the town. The conflict of the play arises when the British mistake Dick for Anthony Anderson, the minister of the town, and arrest him. When

the pretty Mrs. Anderson learns that they intend to hang him in place of her husband, who has left town, she implores Dick to reveal his identity. When he refuses, Mrs. Anderson and the audience think he is risking his life for her sake, but both learn in the last act that he would have done as much for anyone.

The play ends on a happy note, to the surprise of no one, when minister Anderson saves Dick from hanging at the last moment, announcing that he is now a Captain, representing the militia which has sprung up and is ordering the British to evacuate the town.

Evans re-created on Broadway recently, Hal Sheiner gave a very good interpretation of the cocky Dick Dudgeon. He spoke his lines with the assuredness of a veteran performer, and showed his ability to use facial and body expressions to the best possible advantage. The latter part must be credited in part to Mr. Lyle Winter's fine direction.

Richard McKellar and Tully Heller were quite good in their respective portrayals of Anthony and Judith Anderson. Besides being well cast, they both acted with a thorough understanding of their roles.

In other important roles, Edward Hefferman and Seymour Metzger individually "stole" the show when they were on stage. Mr. Hefferman gave an excellent portrayal of General Burgoyne, capitalizing on some of the choicest lines of the play, and Mr. Metzger "rocked" the audience with his visual antic in the role of the stupid Christopher Dudgeon.

George Greenfield, playing the pompous Major Swindon, and Marvin Patterman, as the Sergeant, both gave good performances. Florence Wenger was generally satisfactory as Mrs. Dudgeon, although, at times, she played the role too "straight." Lois Unger, physically perfect as Essie, was fairly capable in the role except for occasional moments of over zealous acting.

In minor roles, Michael Walsh made the most of the small part of Titus Dudgeon, and Jerry Pollack's portrayal of the small soldier, with his exaggerated marching and calling-of-orders, amused the audience.

Besides Mr. Winter's fine overall direction, credit should be given to Aristides Gazetas, for his realistic settings and lighting, and Jean Button, for her professional-looking Revolutionary period costumes.

Club Notes...

AIRE-IRE

Microwave Magic, a lecture and demonstration by the Bell Telephone Company with model microwave relay towers showing the system that now carries TV from coast to coast, will be presented on Thursday, March 19, in Room 315M at 12:00. Valuable literature on microwaves will be distributed at the meeting.

Baskerville

Baskerville presents Mr. Charles W. Pifer of Hoffman La Roche, speaking on "Analysis in Nonaqueous Solutions" on Thursday, March 19, at 12:30 in Doremus Hall.

Biology Club

Dr. Klats of the Biology Department will talk about his trip to the arctic last summer. The topic, "The Biology of the Arctic," will be presented on March 19, at 12:30 in Room 319M.

Christian Association

The CA will meet this Thursday at 12:00 at the St. James Presbyterian Church, 141 St. and St. Nicholas Avenue. Guest speaker will be Margaret Benz, noted sociologist, who will speak on "Are You in Love with Love?"

Economics Society

On Thursday March 19, the Economics Society will present Dr. Tughi Nasr speaking on "Development in the Middle East," at 12:30 in Room 210M.

Education Society

The Education Society will hold a Social Reception on March 19, from 2:00 to 4:00 in the Faculty Lounge, fifth floor. Main Faculty members and students are invited. President Gallagher and Dean Ahlson will also be present.

Geological Society

Dr. Fred D. Key Vice President of International Titanium Corp., will speak on "General Geology and Mineralogy of Titanium," on March 19, in Room 318M, at 12:30.

Government and Law Society

The Govt. and Law Society will hold an informal discussion on law schools, the new aptitude test, college courses, and plans for service on March 19, in Room 220M, at 12:30.

Hiking Club

The Hiking Club is holding a "First Day of Spring" hike this Sunday, March 22, in conjunction with the Hunter College Junior Club. It will be an easy walk in the vicinity of the Cortlandt Avenue West at 7:00 AM, at the last stop of the RT Woodlawn-Jerome line, near the bus stop. For additional information come to our meeting on Thursday March 19, at 12:30, in Room 312M, or please Art Papert, at SF 9-5223. All are welcome.

History Society

The History Society will present Dr. Robert C. Easton who will speak on "Suburban Myths and Their Relation to Political Parties."

Upsilon Chapter Alpha Chi

The Upsilon Chapter invites all new members to attend its meeting on March 19, in Room 311M at 12:30. Activities are both social and cultural.

Le Cercle Francais

This Thursday the Cercle Francais

will present a one-act comedy in French: dancing and songs will follow the play.

Linguistic Circle

The Linguistic Circle will meet Thursday, March 19, in Room 204 Townsend Harris, to discuss the publication of a linguistic newsletter.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity will sponsor a forum featuring the following three speakers: President Huell Gallagher, Dr. Gaines—History (Downtown), and Mr. Williams of the NAACP, at 12:30 in the Townsend Harris auditorium, on March 19. The topic will be "The Effects of Limiting a Group's Participation in a Culture."

Philosophy Society

The Philosophy Society will present Prof. Milton K. Munitz speaking on "Santayana," on Thursday, March 19, at 12:30 in Webster Hall fifth floor Main.

Physics Society

Prof. Irani will speak on "Philosophical Problems in Modern Theories of Physics," on Thursday, March 19, Room 105M, at 12:30.

Stamp Club

The Stamp Club meets Thursday, March 19, at 12:15, Room 206 Harris. All club members are invited to attend and bring their duplicates.

English Society

The English Society will present Vernon Rice Drama editor of the New York Post, on Thursday, March 19, at 12:30 in Room 310M.

Young Progressives

The Young Progressives of America will present Tina Ludin of the Teachers' Union speaking on "The Senate Investigation and the Status of Free Inquiry in the Schools" in Room 19M, on March 19.

Profs Promoted

Three associate professors of the City College faculty have been promoted to full professorships. President Gallagher has announced. They are: Dr. Percy L. Bailey, Jr. (Biology); Dr. Jose Martel, (Romance Languages); and Dr. G. Milton Smith, (Psychology).

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sportOPics

By Herschel Nisengan

Every college throughout the country depends heavily on its freshman basketball team for future varsity prospects. It is on the freshman team that the potential first-stringers come into contact with the type of basketball they will have to learn in order to play on their school later on.

Most colleges are no better or worse than their freshman teams of preceding years. Seton Hall's freshmen of four years ago won 29 out of 30 starts and featured Duke, Hannon and Regan, the stars of the team which just captured the NIT title. Here at City College, the freshman outfit of five years ago, led by Roman and Warner, blossomed into the Grand Slammers.

Last season's freshmen at CCNY lost all 15 of their games. This year's aggregation should not have done much better. There was no "big" man on the team, and only three boys with

to excel in the Alumni lacrosse game on March 28. . . . At the dinner, Irwin List impersonated Marlon Brando. Next year the team is hoping for an impersonation of George Mikan. . . . Jesse Lev, basketball manager, thinks Jerry Gold should win the MVP (Most Vulnerable Player) award.



'Red' Wolfe
Winner

high school experience, yet they managed to win 7 out of 16 contests, including victories over St. Francis, Brooklyn and NYU.

Coach George "Red" Wolfe should not have won more than four games with few top-notch ballplayers on hand. It's too bad there is no award for "Freshman Coach of the Year." CCNY would have the winner.

FILLER SPACE: For those cynics who live for statistics and observed that Jerry Domersick fell 2 points under his 1951-52 mark of 285, it should be pointed out that this year's varsity played three games less than did last season's outfit. . . . The College's basketball team would like to thank all those who turned out for their games. Although the crowds were not quite capacity, more enthusiastic ones would be hard to find. . . . The team held its first annual dinner last Thursday evening at the Hotel Shelburne, following a basketball game between the graduating ballplayers and those staying for more competition. The Seniors won, 73-71, as Jerry Gold scored 21 points. Howie Bass, returning to the varsity, popped in 13. Dave Polansky, playing with the Seniors, went "oh-for-2" from the foul line. . . . Dave hopes

Track . . .

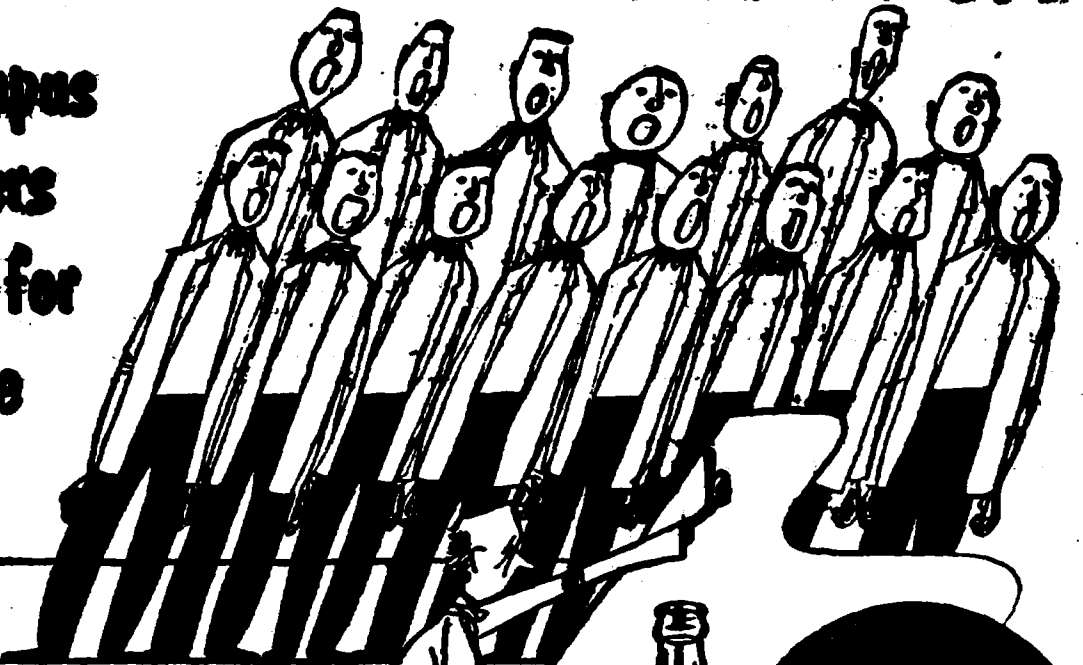
Candidates are urgently needed for the outdoor track team, according to coach Harold Anson-Brace. The mentor needs competitors in the running high jump, running broad jump, pole vault, javelin throw, 120-yard high hurdles, and 220-yard low hurdles. In addition, quarter-milers are needed.

All students are invited to see the coach at any time to try out for the team. Drop into the A.A. office in Lewisohn Stadium and get in touch with Coach Bruce.

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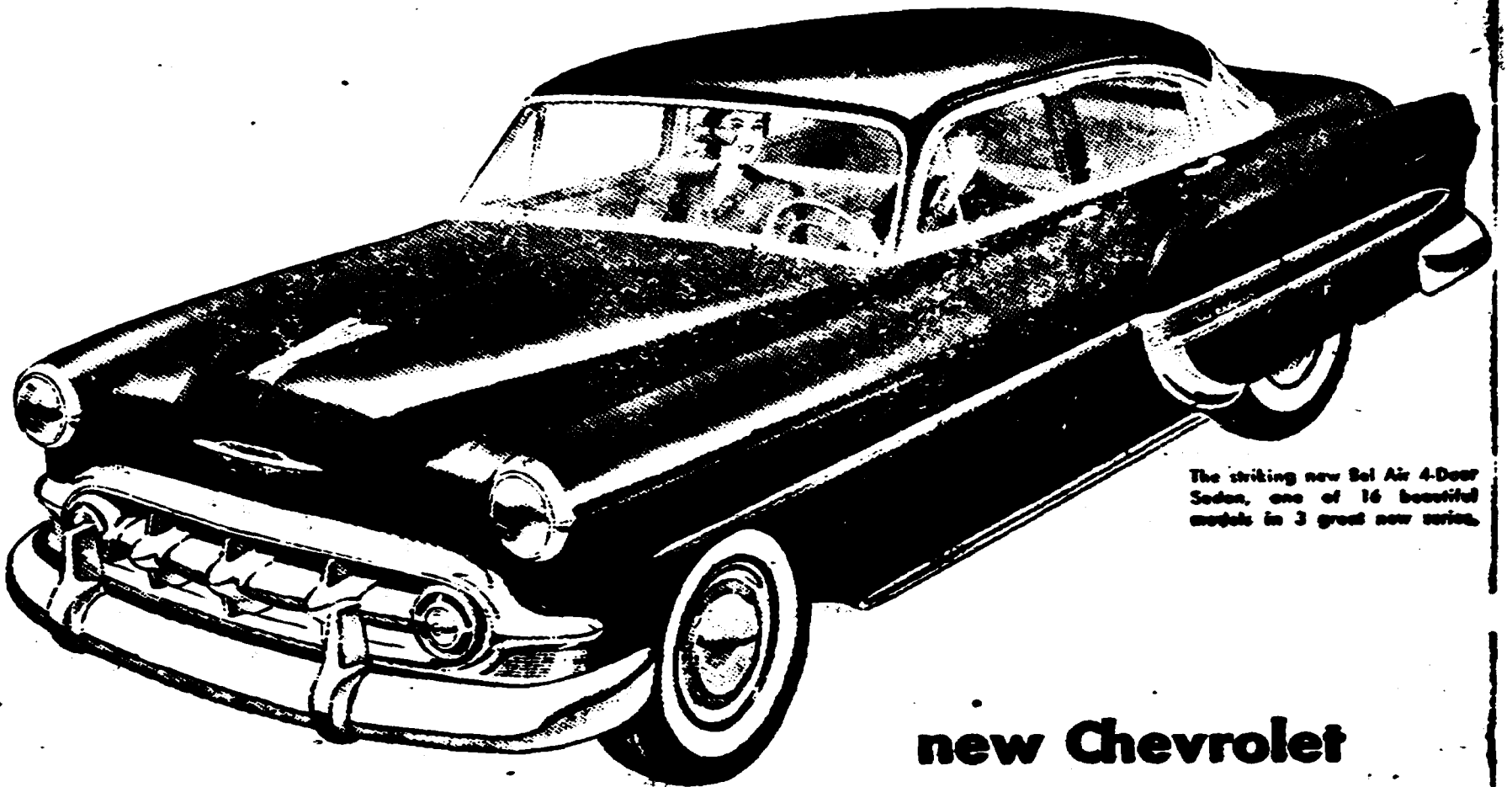


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Fencers End Season; Place Twelfth in IFA

City College's fencing team had the unenviable distinction of finishing twelfth in a field of twelve in the Intercollegiate Fencers Association tournament, held last week-end in the Payne-Whitney Gymnasium of Yale University.

The three-weapon team scores were as follows: Navy 70, Pennsylvania 66, Columbia 62, NYU 57, Cornell 57, Yale 54, Princeton 47, Rutgers 47, Army 37, Brooklyn College 36 Harvard 33, and CCNY 28.

Individual honors went to Herman Wallner of NYU (Epee), Ed Nober of Brooklyn College (Foil), and Bob Parmacek of Pennsylvania (Saber).

Beavers' 13

The Lavender showed a total of 13 points (Epee), 6 points (Foil), and 9 points (Saber). The highest scores were compiled by Harvey Miller, 5-6, Murray Reich, 4-7, and Larry Lazovick, 4-7 all epeemen and Ethan Stroh and Lenny Sugin, both 4-7, in the saber.

Miller ran up a quick lead of 5-0, but then, after a half-hour rest, he dropped his final six bouts.

The Little Iron Man Trophy,

Karlin's Men Prepare For Opening Test

In preparation for their approaching nine-match campaign, the Kramers and Seguras of City College have been holding regular practice sessions. On April 10, the Beaver netmen open their season when they face Manhattan College, to be followed by Seton Hall on the 18th.

Coach Harry Karlin is confident that the team will have a good season. Although last years stars, John Favre and Ed Zeitlin, have graduated, the mentor feels that this year's co-captains, Milt Nelson and Nick Mitrowsis, will take over the burden and shine for the college in the singles events.

In the doubles play, the Karlinmen will probably go mostly with Hal Reikes and Mitrowsis. Cliff Huffman is also expected to play an important part in this year's competition.

The Beavers face local rivals in every section of the city, including NYU, Brooklyn, Hunter, Queens, St. John's, Wagner, and Fordham.

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Varsity Baseball

Mar. 28—Alumni	Home
Apr. 1—U. S. M. A.	Away
Apr. 4—St. John's	Away
Apr. 8—Brooklyn	Away
Apr. 9—Princeton	Away
Apr. 14—N. Y. U.	Away
Apr. 15—Columbia	Away
Apr. 18—Manhattan	Home
Apr. 22—Fordham	Away
Apr. 25—Hofstra (2)	Away
Apr. 27—Wagner	Home
Apr. 29—Manhattan	Away
May 2—U. S. Merc. Mar.	Away
May 4—Brooklyn	Home
May 9—Wagner	Away
May 14—N. Y. U.	Home
May 16—St. John's	Home
May 18—Queens	Away

903 Forum . . .

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by Richard Austin and Hyman Gold, suspended registrar's assistants, of slander and falsehood.

Messrs. Austin and Gold attended the Forum as listeners after being denied permission to speak by Dr. Gallagher, who acted under a College rule forbidding dismissed members of the Faculty to speak at the college.

Dr. Beck declared that he had only said that these things "might be done", and not that any person had actually committed those acts.

captured last year by City College, went to Penn on its superior showing with the foil. It marked a new era in fencing for the Quakers. Despite the fact that the competition had been held since 1894, this was the first time that Penn won.

Schloemer Beats Marks In Eastern Swim Finals

Howie Schloemer, the College's ace natator, broke records galore last Saturday night as he competed in the Eastern Collegiate Swimming Championships at the NYU pool. Howie bettered his own CCNY record, as well as the NYU pool mark in swimming the 220-yard freestyle in 2:16.4.

He went on to capture the 440-yard freestyle event in 5:00.7, breaking the NYU pool record, the CCNY record, which he had previously held, and the ECSA mark. Swimming coach Jack Rider calls the well-built redhead "one of the best swimmers ever to compete for the College. He's even better than George Schenberg and Larry Weiner."



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