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### LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT



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The next informal candidate's session will be held tomorrow in Room 13 at 12:15. There are still openings in all departments.

## \$120,000 Contributed At Dinner for Gallagher

The sum of \$120,000 to aid in furnishing and equipping the proposed student union building was pledged last night by members of the alumni at the testimonial dinner for Doctor Buell G. Gallagher on the completion of his first year as president of the College. The goal for this year as set by the Board of Directors of the City College fund is \$200,000.

Speaking at the dinner, which was attended by 300 guests, were Jerome L. Udell, class of 1918 Doctor Harry J. Carmen, Dean Emeritus of Columbia College, and President Gallagher. Immediately pre-

ceding his talk, Pres. Gallagher was awarded a plaque by the alumni "in grateful recognition of the achievements of a single, crowded year."

Bernard M. Baruch, class of 1889; Colonel Harold Riegelman, the Republican candidate for mayor; and Democratic candidate Robert F. Wagner Jr. were among the guests at the dinner. George Hamilton Combs, a former Congressman, and a news commentator served as master of ceremonies.

The dinner was sponsored by 250 distinguished alumni and non-alumni, including Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri, lyricist Ira Gershwin, and Averell Harriman.

## Membership In HP Rises

The record number of entering freshmen has been largely responsible for the doubling of the number of House Plan members this semester, according to Mr. Dave Newton, Director of House Plan.

The addition of 35 new freshman houses has raised the House Plan membership to approximately 700 students.

The House Plan social season will be inaugurated this Sunday with a reception for all new House officials.

# Corcoran Leaves SFCSA; Compromise on SC Setup

Special to the Observation Post

By JERRY LUDWIG

Meeting last night, the Student Faculty Committee on Student Affairs (SFCSA) voted a "stop-gap" compromise to the question of adopting the new Student Council charter, which was passed by a student referendum last semester.

A motion to seat four members from each of the classes (sixteen in all), while retaining the three representatives from Tech Interfraternity Interscience Council (TIIC) and the one representative from House Plan, was carried by a 4-3 vote.

Under the charter which has been approved by the student referendum, Student Council would consist of: the four major offices; sixteen class representatives; and four representatives to be chosen by the Club Senate.

The separate representation of TIIC and House Plan would thereby be eliminated and both groups would have to obtain representation through the Club Senate.

[Each club is given one representative to the Club Senate for each 75 members of its organization. All organizations with less than 75 members would be given

one representative, who is to be the president of the group. The Club Senate votes for its four representatives to SC.]

The Club Senate, though not yet recognized by SFCSA, has tentatively scheduled a meeting for October 16.

The date for further discussion on the adoption of the remainder of the new charter has not yet been set. The question is to be carried over for a "limited period" until SFCSA takes final action on the referendum, either affirmatively or negatively.

Informed sources close to SC expect that the seating of the three TIIC representatives will be contested at Council's meeting this afternoon at four.

The old SC charter, which the student body voted to change in last term's referendum, provided for six representatives from each of the classes (24 in all); the four major offices; three representatives from TIIC; one representative from House Plan; one representative from HiKel; one representative from the Interfraternity Committee; one from the Interfaith Council; and five from the club boards.

This placed the ordinary total membership in SC at forty mem-

By ED LIPTON

Professor Charles A. Corcoran (Chairman-Physics) retired yesterday afternoon from his position on the Student Faculty Committee on Student Affairs and from the Chairmanship of the General Faculty Committee on Student Affairs.

Professor Kurt Lowe (Geology) was named to replace Professor Corcoran on the SFCSA upon recommendation of the latter. Professor Lowe is a member of the evening session SFCSA and Chairman of the Student Faculty Fee Committee. With his appointment to the day session SFCSA, he now becomes a member of the two groups, both in the day and evening sessions.

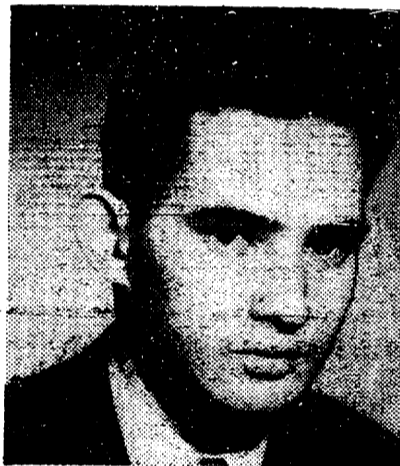
Professor Corcoran had served on the two committees as well as on the Sub-Committee on uptown day session of the SFCSA. This group is currently considering the report of the President's Committee on Student-Faculty relations.

Dean Daniel Brophy, Chairman of the Department of Student Life, will convene the next meeting at which the report will be considered.

As to the reason for his retirement, when interviewed by OP yesterday, Professor Corcoran stated "I've been on one or another committee for 12 years and I simply felt that it was time for a vacation."

Professor Corcoran, who graduated from City College in 1904, and has been with the physics department ever since, said that he had been wanting to get off these groups for some time, and thought that he should have quit with the arrival of a new president last year, but that he had been persuaded by Dr. Gallagher to stay on for another year, and did so at his request.

### On SFCSA



Allen Bard  
SC Veep



Harry Pollak  
Senior Pres.

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### The Mayoralty Race:

## Meet the Candidates

(Ed. Note: This is the second of a series of interviews with the mayoralty aspirants. We hope to make clear the position of each candidate in relation to you, the City College student. Today's interview is with Mr. Rudolph Halley, Liberal Party candidate.)

"I do not believe that a Communist should be allowed to teach at City College," Rudolph Halley stated when interviewed by OP, last Friday. "Let me make it clear that by this I do not mean ex-Communists. Cases involving former Communists should be judged separately and on their individual merits. But, he repeated strongly, "I do not believe that anyone who is now a Communist should teach."

Mr. Halley favors the Board of Higher Education's recent action in setting up the machinery to investigate Communism in the municipal colleges. "I voted in favor of this action on the Board of Estimate. I do not feel that it will lead to a witchhunt. Anything can in theory lead to a witchhunt, but we have no right to assume that the BHE won't act fairly."

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Rudolph Halley, Liberal Party candidate for Mayor will speak at the College on Thursday, October 15, at 12:30 P.M. The meeting, which will take place in room 16 Main, is being sponsored by the Young Liberals, Students for Democratic Action and Students for Halley.

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# Cargo Ship Rescue Told To OP By Eye Witness

By NAT SOBEL

In response to a story in last week's issue of OP requesting the student body to submit interesting features for publication we have received an eye witness account of the recent rescue of the cargo ship "Greenville" by the "Ille de France" from Nat Sobel, an Upper Junior. Mr. Sobel's story follows here:

The sea was an angry woman last week, as she battered the cargo ship "Greenville" with fifty foot waves. We, the passengers on the liner "Ille de France," had been anxiously watching her take this beating. Never before had we seen the sea so all-powerful.

Since early morning the "Ille" had been floating a mile from the stricken vessel. We had been told by loudspeaker that the captain of the "Greenville" was deciding whether or not his ship was seaworthy enough to make the 800 miles to land.

All we saw was the captain signalling to the men to jump. About a dozen men followed the captain's order. And we watched them jump into the treacherous water that churned between the two ships. They were just black dots in the sea, which disappeared momentarily when a large wave hid them from our view.

### Volunteer Crew

A volunteer crew from our ship manned a motor launch that was sent out to pick up those black dots. With the motor out of the water half the time, the launch was barely able to make it back to our vessel with the survivors.

The launch had proved unseaworthy and a life boat was tried next, to rescue the rest of the "Greenville's" crew.

As the new volunteer crew manning the oars of the life boat pulled towards the sinking ship, they did not notice the black dot swimming towards the "Ille de France." One of the sailors hadn't waited to be picked up; he was coming over under his own power.

As the dot came closer, we, at the ship's railing, noticed it had a young face. We could see him clearly as he fought his way up sheer cliffs of waves. The sea was smashing him, but he kept on coming. As he reached the side of our ship, we noticed how tired he swam.

### Man Lost

As the passengers quietly drink their afternoon tea, the body of the young sailor disappears into the sea.

A few hours later, with the re-

mainder of the crew of the "Greenville" safety on board, the "Ille" lowered her flag, blew two mournful blasts, and we left the cargo ship to the mercy of the sea.

That night, the sea, satiated, calmed down. In the bar, the guy on the stool next to us was saying to the bartender, "we sure got our money's worth on this trip"; and we thought of a young seaman who had been so close to life.

## OP Offer...

Once again OP would like to extend its offer to print interesting pictures or stories brought in by students. The by-line on next week's story may go to you... all you have to do is contact Jerry Rosen, Features Editor in Room 16A.

## The Mayoralty Race:

# Meet the Candidates

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The Liberal Party candidate would like to change the procedure for naming new people to the BHE in the future. "Appointments should not be made," he stated, "before a public hearing is held at which all interested parties would be given an opportunity to be heard."

Under the present setup (the setup that Mr. Halley still prefers, with the aforementioned change) the Mayor appoints the new members of the BHE whenever a vacancy arises.

"I am definitely against an elected BHE," he asserted. "It smacks too much of politics to me."

As for the recent naming of Joseph Cavallero as chairman of the Board of Higher Education, Mr. Halley's only comment was "I assume that he is going to do a good job."

Mr. Halley dwelt upon several matters of special concern to City College students. "I believe that students should be entitled to a reduced transit fare. However now that the Transit Authority is in power, I can do nothing. Nevertheless, I will continue to try and get this power back for the city."

"There is a need for greater police protection at the City College," he stated, "but the need is great all over the city. We need more vigilant protection everywhere."

As for the closing of Convent Avenue so that students could have a united campus, he declared that "If the closing of the street were recommended by the BHE, I would be for it."

Mr. Halley declined to discuss the problem of dormitories at CCNY, stating that he needs information. "It is a matter that the BHE might be better qualified to decide."

"If they should insist that City College needs dormitories then it would be up to me as Mayor to seek means to obtain the necessary funds."

With regard to the future, Mr. Halley said, "I have proposed in the past and still believe that the BHE should be given appropriate fiscal powers. A maximum on the budget should be set, but within this maximum the Board should be able to decide on specific allocations by itself."

Under the present system, the BHE must ask the Board of Estimate for approval on specific requests. As City Council President Mr. Halley has three votes on the Board of Estimate. The Mayor has three.

"Making the BHE more independent," he stated, "would allow educational problems to be settled by those most qualified to do the job. For instance, with regard to dormitories at CCNY, the importance of building them is a matter for educators and not for politicians to decide upon."

"You want someone to run the city. Let the BHE handle educational matters. They are the most qualified. A large part of the secret of being a good administrator lies in obtaining experts in specific fields to handle matters pertaining to these fields. The BHE is qualified in their field, and they should be allowed to handle educational matters."

— Lipton

## The 'Compromise'

Meeting in closed session yesterday afternoon, eight members of the Student Faculty Committee on Student Affairs (SFCSA) decided to "compromise" with 1383 students.

Last term these students voted, in referendum, to change the organization of their Student Council. So that their government might work more efficiently, they decided to reduce its size. They decided, also, that the club boards, that "back door" through which political hacks, failing of election, sneaked in and stole undeserved seats on Council be abolished. The students decided that their clubs could be better represented on their Student Council through the system of a "Club Senate" which would give all clubs a say in choosing their representatives to SC, people who stood for the clubs and not their own political ambitions.

This was, we feel, a wise decision, a decision which showed the inherent maturity of the student body. But SFCSA decided to compromise. It was a decision in which the students made clear their determination to govern themselves in a workable, democratic way. But SFCSA decided to compromise.

The gentlemen of SFCSA, after due consideration, chose to adhere to the wishes of the students as regards the reduction of Council's membership. But the substitution of a Club Senate for the outmoded, unfair club boards system, a valid, logical substitution which could transform Council into a truly representative body responsible for its actions — this was too radical, too sudden for the gentlemen of SFCSA. They would have to consider it, they decided. They would have to weigh the maturity of 1383 students.

So they hit on a compromise for the time being, a "stopgap" as they termed it. Under the terms of this compromise, the Club Senate, for all practical purposes, could not yet begin to function, but SFCSA would allow three representatives to sit on Council from TIIC and one from House Plan. The other clubs? 1383 students who had made their preference plain? Student Council? These would have to wait until the gentlemen of SFCSA made up their minds. And, after all, they had compromised.

It is needless to point out that TIIC and House Plan, while they are certainly important groups, are not the only organizations at the college in need of representation. It is also little more than curious to note that these two groups are the only student organizations outside of SC which have a representative on SFCSA, both of whom were present at yesterday's meeting.

It is necessary, however, to point out that this action of SFCSA leaves Council between the proverbial "devil and the deep blue sea," the devil being SFCSA, whose ruling Council cannot legally violate, and the sea being the mass of students whose mandate SC cannot morally ignore. If SFCSA had decided, with great forethought, to cripple Student Council, it could not have done a more efficient job.

Whether yesterday's ruling of SFCSA will be a permanent alteration of the constitutional change approved by the students or whether it will only be a temporary "stopgap" is not the important question. The question is this: Should any small group like SFCSA have the right to nullify, pass judgment on, or even compromise with a decision made by a clear majority of the student body on a purely student matter.

We do not believe that SFCSA should have this right, if we are to judge by the codes of morals, democracy, and constitutional government which this country believes in, codes we are attempting to defend abroad and to live by at home.

We do not believe in a compromise with democracy. The students should be governed either by SFCSA or by their own legally elected representatives. If Student Council, having made the effort and having received an overwhelming mandate from the students cannot function as that government, then it is far better that we recognize things as they are and do away with Student Council.

A puppet representative government, making a farce of democracy, is far worse than no representative government at all.

## Club Notes...

### Alpha Phi Omega

Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, and one of the largest fraternities on campus will hold its "Get Acquainted Smoker" on Friday, October 9 at 8:30 PM. All young men who were once associated with scouting are especially invited to come to Knittle Lounge where the festivities will take place. There will be plenty of beer and food so... come one come all.

### A.Y.H.

American Youth Hostels will have committee meetings, elections, and trip plans on Thursday, 12:30 PM in 204 Main.

### Anthropology Society

Mr. Champion will speak on the Tarahumara Indians of Mexico whom he lived with this Summer. The meeting will be held in Room 302 at 12:30 on Thursday. Slides will be shown.

### Baskerville Chem.

The Baskerville Chemical Society will have a business meeting on Thursday, Oct. 8 in Room 204 Chem. at 12:30. New members are invited.

### Geological Society

Geological Society presents "The Geology and Mining Methods of the Holden Mine," a talk by Mr. Newton Rose, Thursday, October 8 at 12:30 PM in Room 18 Main. New members are invited.

### Hillel

Norman Atkins, a former City College

student and now a popular baritone will perform tomorrow at 12:30 in Hillel House. Mr. Atkins, who has appeared at Carnegie Hall and the Hollywood Bowl will render selections from American and Hebrew Folk Songs and some operatic arias.

### History Society

The History Society presents Dr. Easton speaking on "Postwar changes in England. Illusion or Reality?" Thursday, Oct. 8 at 12:30 PM in Room 128 Main.

### Ibero-Americano

Club Ibero-Americano will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, Oct. 8 in Room 201 Main.

### Statistical Society

Statistical Society meets on Oct. 8 at 2:30 PM in Room 225 Main to discuss surveys and polls to be conducted this semester.

### Math Club

There will be an organizational meeting of the Math Club, Thursday, Oct. 8 at 12:45 in Room 125 Main. All interested are invited.

### YPA

The Young Progressives will have an opening term discussion on the issues in the coming mayoralty elections. All opinions are invited. Thursday, 12:30 in Room 15, Main.

## SC Charter...

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bers, as contrasted with a Council which would be composed of 26 members under the new system.

[The membership for this term would be 32, if the charter change were all approved, owing to the fact that six representatives from each of the classes were elected for the fall '53 semester, instead of the four which would be future practice.]



# Pressbox Views

By Jerry Strear

Last Saturday one of the most highly touted groups of athletes in the history of sports at CCNY made pre-season debut. The notariety given to the players by the newspapers here at the college exceeds anything given to our athletes since that short span of months when the Cinderella basketball team was the toast of the nation. The soccer team received this publicity for two reasons: first, the players are exceptional, many of them already having made past All-American, All-State and All-Met equads; second, with the demise of the Grand Slammers, student support of athletics has waned gradually, and today there practically is no student interest in our athletic program.

The booters opened their campaign by performing successfully against a good Alumni outfit, but the grandstands were almost entirely empty. Only a few scattered fans dared to blemish the solid sheet of concrete that constitute the stands at Lewisohn Stadium.

This year's soccer team is a cocky bunch. They know they are good and they won't hesitate to tell you so. Every position is strong. There will be no experiments tried to improve their play. Coach George "Red" Wolfe has outstanding material with which to operate.

They're hurt by the poor turnout. Why shouldn't they be? They're representing you on the field. True, they don't quibble when glory comes their way. But main object in playing is to add prestige to the college and to you, the student. They make up the most formidable team in the Metropolitan Conference and one of the nation's standouts. Why not give them a chance? They deserve it.

In all fairness to the students, let it be understood that this situation is not unique to City College athletics. It happens everywhere. Sports fans are extremely hard to satisfy, and when they aren't, they stay away from the arenas. Maybe that is what is happening here?

In 1950 the students were up-in-arms over the Grand Slammers. We were regarded highly throughout the nation. Then, when the bombshell exploded and wrecked our rainbow, we sagged. With the demise of the Champions, the rah-rah days at CCNY ended and student interest in all sports, not only in basketball, died. We're in a grave now, but we can dig ourselves out. The question is: Do we want to?

Sometimes, when a situation such as this poses a serious threat to the existence of particular sporting enterprises, promoters dream up schemes to draw large crowds. These devices are known as gimmicks. These may run the gamut from flying saucers to belly-wigglers, designed, for example, to transform the most erudite chess match into a Biarritz birthday celebration.

Such gimmicks are naturally taboo at an institution such as City College which specializes in education, not in the enhancement of crowds at athletic functions. However, we must discover the reason for the lack of support of our teams by the students. Maybe you, the student can tell us. Think about it. The future of inter-collegiate athletics at City College is at stake.

# Beavers Prep for Opener Against Brandeis Saturday

Commenting after seeing his team in action for the first time this year, soccer mentor George "Red" Wolfe predicted that if the players continue to perform like they are now, the Beavers should walk off with the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Championship for the second time in last three years. He expressed satisfaction with the fine team play that the Beavers have displayed.

The Lavender Booters played one of their greatest games in many years, Saturday, when they ripped a star-studded Alumni squad, 7-2, in a pre-season exhibition encounter. John Koutsantanou, a member of the 1951 All-American Soccer team, led the Beaver attack with four goals. Coach Wolfe substituted freely in the last quarter to prevent the Varsity from turning the encounter into a complete rout.

The Alumni gave the Varsity a



John Koutsantanou Tallies Four

hard time in the first quarter, keeping them for scoring mainly because of the great goaltending of Norm Corsun, All-American Goalie of 1949, who made five brilliant saves during the first stanza.

The Beavers will open their Intercollegiate season this Saturday

when they play host to Brandeis University, Coach Wolfe expects to start the same lineup as in the Alumni game with one exception. Tommy Holm will start at the center forward spot in place of Bill Saites, who will be switched around in different spots to aid the team. Gus Naclerio will play the outside-left position, while John Koutsantanou will hold down the inside-left post.

Morris Hockerman, who, according to Coach Wolfe could be the key man for the Lavender this year, will open the campaign at the inside-right spot. Newcomer Aluis Eikstrem will probably be at the outside-right position. Bob Hayun, Lucien Daouphars and Eddie Trunk, all of whom played great games against the Alumni, will hold down the halfback spots against Brandeis University.

The two fullback spots will be filled by Nigerian exchange students, Madegbuna Unobagha and Okagbue Anyaegbunam, who were key men in the Beavers quest for the title last year. Coach Wolfe stated that "if these two men come through it will make the job of the rest of the squad much easier." In the goal will be Hal Friedland, who excelled in the Alumni game.

# Jolted Runners Open Season Minus Chayet

The City College Cross-Country squad will open its season this Saturday without the services of Emil Chayet. Coach Harold Anson Bruce was informed last week that Chayet is ineligible for intercollegiate competition, because he is still attending Evening Session.

Emil was counted on by Dr. Bruce to help fill the gap created by the graduation of three key men from last season's team. Chayet, a transfer student from Syracuse University, was an outstanding runner in high school but hurt his knee after he was awarded the scholarship for track.

Upon learning of the ineligibility of Chayet, Coach Bruce lamented that "the task of building a team this year will be a very difficult one. He believed that the three top men, Tom O'Brien, Paul Pavlides and Bob Armstrong will have to carry the rest of the squad until mid-season.

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## HOW THE STARS GOT STARTED ☆☆☆



Patrice Munsel says: "When I was a kid, I wanted to be a lady football player. Then I dreamed of another career — whistling! Somebody discovered I had a voice, so I took singing lessons. I worked hard at it — then I won the Metropolitan Opera auditions when I was 17."



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# Hocherman Stands Out; Regarded as Coming Star

Morris Hocherman is a nineteen-year-old sophomore majoring in the Social Sciences. This season he will play inside-right on the soccer team.

Born in Israel, Hochman came to the United States in 1946. He entered Stuyvesant High School where he made All-City in 1951.

He has definite views concerning soccer as contrasted with other sports. "Soccer has a nice pattern. Compared with basketball, for example, where the players are often bunched up under the backboards, soccer players are distributed all over the field. It is a sport that involves much close team play and requires much individual skill on the part of the players. While teamwork is the key to success, there is much room for individual play."

Sharing the optimism of his mates concerning prospects for a successful season, Morris stated that, "We have a pretty good team here this year. The forward lines are strong. We could use a lot of substitutes. It's hard to say but

## Help Wanted

All students interested in trying out for the City College soccer team must contact Coach George "Red" Wolfe immediately. Mr. Wolfe can be reached in Lewisohn Stadium after two o'clock every day.

Coach Leon Miller is looking for prospects for next year's edition of the Beaver lacrosse squad.

The lacrosse team is in desperate need of a new manager. All students who think they can qualify.

"I'll be disappointed if we don't come out undefeated."

Coach George Wolfe has a great deal of confidence in Morris, who he regards as one of the coming stars of the squad. "Crunch," as he is called by his teammates, tallied once in the Alumni game last Saturday.

# Richards Plans Schedule For Intra-Mural Activity

The Hygiene Department is working out a full time recreation schedule for the male students. Dr. Richards has been assigned to head this program. As in the past several years, a program of competitive intramurals is being planned for this semester and next.

Last year the Hygiene Department was able to sponsor a basketball tournament and several other inter-college matches. The swimming pool will be open for recreation Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from four to five PM and on Friday from three to four PM. On Thursdays, when no intramural program is scheduled, the students may use the Main Gym and the Tech Gym from 12-2.

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## Tom O'Brien Sparks CCNY Distance Team

Tom O'Brien, captain of this year's cross-country team is one of the busiest men around the campus. The twenty-two-year-old senior, an electrical engineering student with a fine average somehow finds time despite his heavy schedule to practice three hours daily because as he said, "I just like to run."

O'Brien, who had little high school track experience, started running at CCNY as a freshman. In the two years that he has been on the varsity there has been a tremendous improvement in his performance which he attributes to the efforts of Coach Harold A. Bruce. When he entered the college his time for the five miles was over thirty minutes. Now his best time is 28.5 minutes, a mark which he hopes to surpass by mid-season.



Tom O'Brien  
Captain

Starting out for the Bruccemen as a half-mile, a distance which he still prefers to cross-country. O'Brien turned in a neat performance last year in the IC4A's when he was clocked at 1.58 minutes. Being undefeated in the mile last season, he scored 36 1/2 points in competition, the highest on the squad. This performance puts him in a favorable position for the Pincus Saber Award for the outstanding track athlete.

Coach Bruce considers O'Brien one of the finest runners at the College in years. O'Brien believes this will be a good season and that the team will "get warmed up by mid-season."