

# OP's Choice for Mayor of New York City

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## Dinner . . .

Tickets for the annual Alumni Association Dinner at which former president Harry S. Truman will speak may be purchased for \$1.50 per person at the Alumni House, 280 Convent Avenue or by mail through checks made payable to the Alumni Association of City College.

Realizing that the price of the dinner is too expensive for most students, the Alumni Association has made one hundred of these tickets available to the students at this low price so that they may hear the speakers and take part in the dance that will follow.

Mr. Truman will speak on civil rights and Arnold Moss '28, well known Shakespearean actor, will be toastmaster.

## \$100,000 SC Libel Suit Argued in Supreme Court

By HANK STERN

The \$100,000 libel suit filed against The New York Times by four former officers of Student Council came to trial yesterday in New York State Supreme Court.

The suit attacks the Times' coverage of the student strike at the College in April

1949, when Student Council led a

majority of the student body in a three-day walkout over alleged discrimination on the part of Professors William E. Knickerbocker and William C. Davis.

Professor Knickerbocker, at the time Chairman of the Romance Languages Department, was accused of anti-Semitism, in the form of remarks made in class, and distribution of awards. Professor Davis, who was then Director of Army Hall, was charged with segregating white and Negro students in assigning rooms.

William Fortunato, SC President in spring 1949, heads the list of plaintiffs. Leroy Galperin, fall '49 SC prexy; Al Ettinger, former member of the SC Strike Committee; and Robert M. Oppenheimer, former SC Treasurer have joined in the suit. Their attorney is Conrad Lynn, of 271 West 125th Street.

Mr. Ettinger testified yesterday morning about the events leading up to the strike, which had been decided upon by student referendum. The students are seeking to prove that the strike was not a result of Communist influence, as Professor Knickerbocker stated in The Times.

The trial is being held before Judge Denis O'Leary Cohalan in Room 341 of the New York Court House in Foley Square. A jury was impaneled yesterday at the start of the trial, which is expected by attorneys on both sides to end today or tomorrow.

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College scene in Spring of 1949 when students were out on strike against alleged anti-semitism on the part of Professor William E. Knickerbocker and alleged racism on the part of Professor William C. Davis.

## Full Athletic Fee Funds Reserved for Athletics

The ten percent cut in appropriations for intercollegiate athletics, revealed by OP last week, has been rescinded by the college administration.

At a meeting of the Review Committee on October 21, it was agreed that the full amount of funds collected for athletics would be used for that purpose. The Review Committee consists of President Gallagher and the College

ans. Dr. Gallagher denied that the ten percent cut had ever been passed. He said that "while it is true that interested parties had already been notified that this matter was to be considered, no action

had been taken."

This statement was disputed by Ira Klosk, chairman of the Student Council Affairs Agency, which is investigating alleged misuse of fee funds. Klosk told OP that the President "has evidently not been informed of the actions of his subordinates."

Aaron Zweifach, the College's Business Manager, said that the Review Committee had been scheduled to discuss the matter and that such consideration was a regular College procedure.

However, according to the minutes of the October 8 meeting of the Faculty Student Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (FSCIA), "the current budget appropriation for athletics was discussed from the standpoint of the newly instituted ten percent decrease to be utilized for college overhead."

A letter from Mr. Zweifach to Dr. Arthur DesGrey, Faculty Manager of Athletics, which was written on July 6, 1953, stated: "Kindly exercise internal control in your (Continued on Page two)



Arthur DesGrey Received Letter

## Character Witnesses at BHE Trial Praise Sand

By JOAN SNYDER

Further testimony was introduced yesterday at the trial board hearing of Harry (Bobby) Sand and Nat Holman to support Mr. Sand's contention that he had disapproved of the athletic setup at the College before the revelations of the basketball "scandal."

Neil Deuol, former president of the Student Athletic Association, said that Mr. Sand had referred to basketball at City College as "the tail wagging the dog," and had urged revision of the athletic program to include a student athletic fee as an independent source of revenue.

The executive secretary and the treasurer of the US Committee for Sports in Israel spoke of Mr. Sand's "tremendous contribution" in the form of tours and fundraising to various Jewish organizations. It was emphasized that Mr. Sand received no payment.

In the previous two hearings, held last Thursday and Friday, testimony in defense of Mr. Sand was introduced to show that he had been opposed to big-time basketball at the College. Andrew J. O'Neil, a special investigator hired by the BHE to look into the basketball situation, testified that "as far back as '45, he (Mr. Sand) took steps to call it to the attention of his superiors and that the basketball situation did not provide a good climate and that City College should not be involved in it."

The former assistant basketball coach was cited by Mr. O'Neil as being "entirely cooperative" in the investigation, and as having been greatly interested in the scholastic

and physical welfare of the students.

The hearing stems from a special investigation of the revelations of basketball "scandals" in the College in 1951.

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## Reps to Student Council Chosen by Club Senate

The Club Senate, which was set up by student referendum last May, met for the first time last Friday and elected four representatives to Student Council.

Allen Bard, vice president of the Student Council, presided over the two-hour session, during which the propriety and legality of the meetings were often challenged from the floor. The Senate finally chose

Edy Gabel of House Plan; Demos Lerner, AIEF; Sheldon Dobkin, president of Sigma Pi Alpha; and Gold Jones, president of the Herick Douglas Society as Student Council representatives.

Proposals to postpone the elections were defeated at the meeting, which each organization had equal strength proportionate to membership. All clubs but four had one vote each, although House Plan had 16 reps, Hillel seven reps, and American Institute of Electrical Engineers (AIEE) and



Allen Bard Chairs Senate

## Dance . . .



Jerry Shatz, Chairman of the Student Union Ball Committee, along with Seena Levy, has high expectations that the students will pack the Great Hall on Saturday evening, Nov. 21, as they did at last year's Inaugural Ball pictured above.

"Judging from the way the ticket sale has been going," Shatz announced, "it'll be a sellout."

Tickets will cost \$3.00 per couple, with profits to go to the Student Union Building Fund. They may be obtained in Room 20 Main, at House Plan and at the Ticket Bureau in Room 120 Main on Thursdays from 12 to 2 P.M.

Leo Dryer's Band will supply the musical background for the affair which is semi-formal.

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## Our Choice

The future of City College for the next four years, as well as that of the entire City of New York, will be largely determined by what takes place at the polls next Tuesday.

The next mayor will aid in determining the College's destiny not only through his appointments to the Board of Higher Education but by means of his three votes on the Board of Estimate, which considers all of the College's monetary allocations.

In view of the importance of the elections to every member of the student body, OP feels that it has not only the right but the duty to weigh the qualifications of each candidate and to editorially support that candidate for Mayor when it feels it is best suited for the job.

We favor Clifford T. McAvoy's stand on the Transit Fare issue; he has stated that a fare reduction is possible and even plausible. But we see little else to recommend him for the mayorship. His campaign has often transcended matters concerning the city, and he has devoted much of his time to taking stands on national and world issues. The American Labor Party candidate also seems to lack the administrative experience, and the firm grasp of the day-by-day needs of the city.

Robert Wagner Jr. has the experience as an administrator, but he has not shown himself willing to divest himself of Tammany Hall control. Indeed he seems to require the counsel of his "bosses" before taking a stand on any issue. New York City needs a strong and independent man for mayor, not one ruled by the corrupt Tammany machine.

But Tammany's political decadence is not the only campaign issue involving corruption. The recent Wicks-Fay episode in Republican ranks make us wonder just how clean and unbossed the ticket headed by Harold Reigelman would be.

Aside from this, we fear that Mr. Reigelman's ears would be perceptive to the whims of a State Government which has shown an alarming eagerness in encroaching upon the jurisdiction of the City.

OP's choice for Mayor is Rudolph Halley.

Throughout the campaign, the Liberal-Independent candidate has proven himself the most dynamic, the most imaginative and the most unbossed candidate of all. Mr. Halley also has the administrative experience in dealing with New York's problems that is so necessary for the next mayor to have.

He does not have a panacea for all of the City's ills. But he holds out the most hope of providing us with an imaginative, unbossed, constructive City administration.

We strongly urge all students who are eligible to vote to cast their ballots for Rudolph Halley.

## 'Premature' Story

Once again we find ourselves helping The Campus fill its pages.

Last week they carried a supposed "follow-up" story to one of our articles concerning fee allocations. We won't bother to explain again that a paper which prints libel is responsible in the eyes of the law. Apparently we wasted the editorial space we devoted to just such an explanation last semester, when The Campus printed several articles of this nature.

Check all your sources, kids. It's the latest concept in journalism. The story you called "premature," has been verified. Read it on page one.

## Letters

### An Open Letter

On October 23, 1953, the first and most likely last meeting of the Club Senate was held.

This body was set up by a referendum passed by an overwhelming majority of the student body, yet no resemblance of this referendum was present at its meeting. For this reason we request the answers to the following questions:

1. Why was the referendum changed?
2. Who changed it?
3. Why weren't the representatives notified in advance in writing?
4. Why were the people most often recognized those with some previous connection with the Student Council?
5. Should not the president of Student Council have been present as a spectator and not as an active participant?
6. Why was Vector refused representation on the basis that publications are e eterprosndn shz.ta lications are represented on Student Council by Campus and OP?
7. Wasn't the total agenda predetermined by the chairman?
8. Why was it stated that the reps to Student Council must be "elected" at this meeting without a statement of purpose of this group?
9. Why did the Vice President of this group adjourn the meeting stating that this would most likely be the last meeting of Club Senate?

This is the most representative organization of the student body? For this reason we therefore propose the following:

1. A meeting of club presidents or their official representatives which is in accord with referendum voted on by the student body in the spring term of 1953, will be held on Friday, November 6, 1953 at 3:00 PM in room 306.
  2. The purpose of this meeting shall be to form an organized representative club union.
- Some of the functions shall be:
- a. To help coordinate activities of the various clubs.
  - b. To hear all complaints and difficulties of member groups.
  - c. To foster active participation of the student body in clubs.

- Seth Waller,  
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Varsity Club  
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Maurice Eisenstein,  
Pres., Stat. Soc.

## Fees . . .

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operations so that your expenditures will not exceed 90% of your anticipated receipts. The balance of 10% is to be used for college overhead." Dr. DesGrey declared yesterday that he "was notified of nothing else."

## Tribune Critic Kerr Speaks About Contemporary Theatre

By JERRY LUDWIG

"If the theatre continue to decline at the present rate it should be gone in 15 years." Speaking before a combined student-faculty audience in the Faculty Lounge on Monday morning, Walter Kerr, Drama Critic of the Herald Tribune, discussed the nature of what he termed "The Unpopular Popular Theatre."

Noting that of the 70 shows produced last season only 7 could be called hits (they repayed the original investors), Mr. Kerr pointed to the absence of a mass audience as one of the principal causes of the theatre's depreciation.

"We constructed a theatre for the intellectual minority," he continued, ". . . but then you have to be satisfied when only the intellectual minority comes." Referring to Ibsen and Chekhov, the "backbone" of our contemporary drama, he said: "For the last 20 or 30 years we have been using two tremendously unpopular men, and two tremendously unpopular forms as the foundation of our theatre." He called attention to the fact that both men were unpopular even in their native lands.

"We have driven out the '12 year-old mind' which made the popular theatre great. We have forgotten that our greatest drama has come from the popular theatre," he declared. "The greatest artist of our time catered to the '12 year-old mind'. Chaplin was a product of the pie-crusts and slapstick."

In closing, Mr. Kerr called for an effort to regain the mass audience, to "find the intelligence in that audience which Shakespeare found."

This was the second of a series of 14 public lectures on the Arts in our contemporary society sponsored by the English Department.

## Fledgling Actors To Offer Plays In Harris Aud.

The youngest theatre group at the College, Theatre Workshop's New Theatre Studio, will present two one act plays tomorrow at 12:15 PM and Friday at 3:00 PM in th Townshend Harris Auditorium. They are Dreiser's "The Girl in the Coffin," with Walter Levy, Ira Konigsberg, Elizabeth White and others, and Chekov's "The Marriage Proposal," with Steve Parris, Marilyn Miller and Alex Broden. Ira Konigsberg and Mr. Golding (S p e e c h) respectively, have undertaken the directing chores, Gerald Gallant the special musical effects, and Bruce Baken the décor.

The New Theater Studio was founded last semester by a "theatre loving" group of students who desired to supplement theatre activities at the College by producing plays of quality at no admission charge. Their initial production, Shaw's "Don Juan in Hell," given last May, was so successful the group was invited to join Theatre Workshop, the Speech Dept.'s gift to College theatre, and present plays in association with this veteran organization.

The group's future plans for this semester include an arena production of the Synges "The Playboy of the Western World."

## Club Notes

### Scabbard and Blade

The Membership Committee will hold their meetings on Tuesdays, 6 p.m., in the south tower of Lewisohn Stadium. All interested in pledging are invited.

### Le Cercle Francais

Prof. Matthew will speak on the Junior Year in France, on Thursday in Rm. 139A. Movies on French Universities will be shown.

### Sound & Fury, Innovation

Writers, poets, cartoonists, artists and ads are wanted: meet in Rm. 329S on Thursday.

### Inter-Fraternity Council

There will be a meeting at 12:30 in Rm. 206TH this Thursday. All members must be present.

### Hiking Club

A meeting will be held at 12:15 tomorrow in Rm. 312 to discuss coming events.

### AIEE & IRE

Robert W. Gillette of Con Edison will speak the installation of pipe-type cable circuits in NY Harbor this Thursday, 12:15 in Rm. 126M.

### Christian Association

The semi-annual student-faculty luncheon will be held at St. Mark's Methodist Church, 49 Edgecombe Ave. The speaker will be Mr. Solomon Arnoldo, Executive Director of UNESCO.

### Theta Kappa Phi

There will be a Halloween Party on Saturday night at the Terminal Banquet Hall on Vesley St. Costumes necessary, admission \$1.

### Phi Alpha Theta

Alpha Mu chapter, honorary history frat will have a business meeting tonight at 8:30 in the Faculty Room. New members will be voted on.

### Iberoamericano

A. Coll Rodriguez, Catalanian artist will speak and show his paintings tomorrow at 12:30 in the Army Hall Faculty Lounge. All invited.

### Anthropology and Psychology Societies

Dr. Wayne Dennis, Chmn. of the Psych. Dept. of Brooklyn College will speak on the Hopi Indians tomorrow in Rm. 106TH at 12:30. Slides will be shown.

## Dance . . .

The first Variety Dance at the College will take place Saturday evening, December 12, in the Drill Hall, announced Ira Klosk, president of the class of '55.

Entertainment by College talent will highlight the affair, which is being sponsored by the Junior Class. The dance is being planned by the '55 Class Council, and will cost one dollar per person.

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# Meet the Candidates

## V.—Harold Riegelman

Harold Riegelman, the Republican candidate for Mayor, agrees his Democratic and Liberal opponents on four basic issues facing College students in this election.

In an interview with OP, he con-  
ed with the proposal to give  
ge students a reduced rate on  
New York City transit lines.  
ever, the GOP standard bearer  
the only one to support the  
tion of the city Transit  
ority. He stated that if elect-  
e would use his influence with  
body to secure student re-  
ons.

### Transit Fare

Riegelman felt that the fare  
be reduced to two tokens for a  
ter after the Transit Author-  
s operated for a year.

edging his support to any fin-  
al assistance the College might  
from the city, he declared  
elf "distressed" when informed

that City College is being run on  
a much lower appropriation than  
had been requested: "If they have  
real needs which are not met, I  
would take steps to see that they  
get fulfilled if I am elected. This  
is the richest city in the world,  
and the city owned public education  
system should be treated in ac-  
cordance with this wealth and  
these high standards," he said.

### Academic Freedom

The Republican candidate stated  
that he strongly believes in aca-  
demic freedom, but contended that  
a Communist should not be allowed  
to teach. In addition, he would "in  
no way" try to stop the Board of  
Higher Education from investigat-  
ing the City's college.

"I believe strongly in academic  
freedom. The whole concept of aca-  
demic freedom rests on the as-  
sumption of intellectual honesty  
and integrity on the part of the  
teacher. Communists are incapable  
of honesty and integrity. They  
therefore fall outside of the ap-  
plication of the principle of aca-  
demic freedom. Communists should  
not be tolerated in city schools  
or colleges," he asserted. Mr. Rie-  
gelman favors the closing of Con-  
vent Avenue "if that street is  
really a hazard to the health of  
the students."

Mr. Riegelman said that he did  
not believe in interfering with city  
departments. He was in favor of  
hiring competent people and let-  
ting them do their jobs.

—Halper



Harold Riegelman  
Agrees with Opponents

# Lavender Booters Face Strong Pratt Squad Sat.

By JERRY STREAR

The City College soccer team, now convinced that the remainder of the season will be tough if the Beavers have any hope of annexing the Metropolitan Conference Championship, meets Pratt Institute at Lewisohn Stadium on Saturday.

The booters will again be without the services of John Koutsantou and Bill Saites, both of whom are probably out for the campaign with injuries, and star outside-left, Gus Nacleriq who is unable to continue with the squad because of more pressing commitments outside of the College.

Observers have noted that Pratt resembles Brooklyn College who beat City 1-0 in a surprise upset, in that it has a weak forward line, due mainly to the inexperience of its players, and a stellar defense. It was proved in the Brooklyn-City game that a team with a tight backline can cause the Beavers a lot of trouble even though its offense is comparatively weak.

Pratt mentor George Davis pessimistically predicts a CCNY victory. "They should beat us but we hope to give them a good show."

Of last year's starting team, there are only four returnees: right forward Roy Jihansen, halfbacks Walt Plotnick and George Cerni, forward Bjaume Nettland and captain Demetri Lujanski.

Coach Davis lamented over the loss of his star goalie, Stan Lavigino. "I feel that the loss of last season's All-State goalie has greatly weakened the overall style of play because now the halfbacks have to continually fall back on defense and cover the goal. Stan Sludikoss, this year's goaltender is green but is improving gradually."

# Runners Face Strong Rams

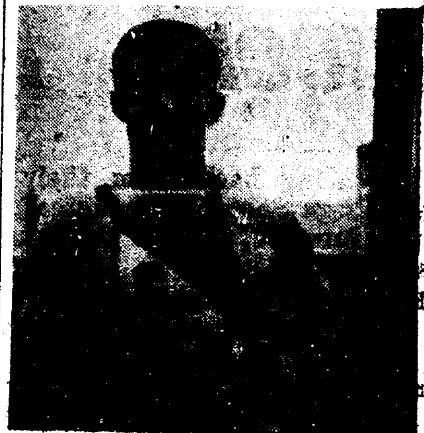
By TED JONES

"The odds are five to one that they'll win," declared Coach Harold Anson Bruce as his cross-country squad prepared for Saturday's meet against a powerful Fordham team, "but the team's a hustler all the way and we're at our best when it comes to beating the big leaguers."

It's no secret that Coach Bruce's trackmen will need all the stamina available in order to uproot a superior Fordham team whose only defeat this season was suffered in a triangular meet with St. John's and Georgetown while attaining victories against Princeton and Rhode Island University. Coach Arthur O'Connor of Fordham will have in his lineup for the Van Cortlandt Park encounter two men, Captain Tewecete Foley and John Eufenio, who played a prime part in defeating the Beavers last year by the score of 23-34. Added to these seniors will be a few other runners from last year's squad plus several sophomores who have shown great promise in the last few meets.

Coach Bruce expects to field almost exactly the identical team that defeated Upsala College two weeks ago.

## Sports Star

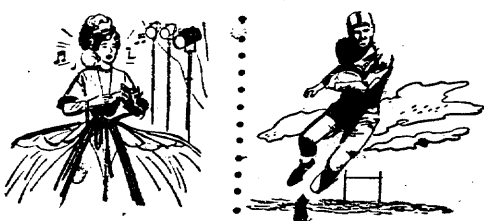


Paul Pavlides, a twenty year old Senior, majoring in Psychology is one of the key men on this year's Cross-Country team. Paul has developed steadily since the beginning of the year and is counted on by Coach Harold Anson Bruce to help the Lavender runners when they come up against the big teams toward the end of the year.

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# Lavender Soccermen Nip Queens, 1-0; Lotter Tallies

By JOE MARCUS

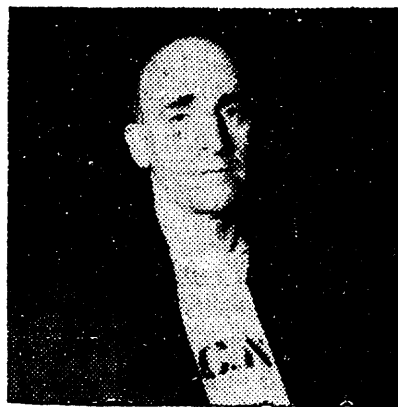
Bouncing back from their first Metropolitan Intercollegiate defeat in three years the City College Soccer team defeated a powerful Queens College squad, 1-0. Phil Lotter, substitute forward, scored the winning goal in the second period on a pass from Andy Kessenides.

The Beaver Booters displayed a fine attack and narrowly missed five scoring opportunities. Ed Trunk and Tommy Holm pressed the Knight's cage throughout the encounter, but great defensive work by goaltender Ira Birnbaum and halfback Pete Meyer stopped the Lavender attack. With only twenty seconds gone by in the game Morris Hocherman hurt his ankle, but was able to return to action several minutes later.

The City Soccermen continued to dominate play during the second stanza.

The Beavers controlled play throughout the third period missing at least six scoring chances. With three minutes gone by in the contest Holm sent a bullet like shot

at the cage that was stopped by the Queens defense. Kessenides, Daouphars and Trunk missed hard shots at the goal. With seven minutes remaining in the stanza



George Wolfe  
Soccer Head

Holm's shot hit the upper post and bounded out.

Coach Wolfe ordered the Beavers to play a defensive game for the remaining quarter. The Queens offense broke through the Beaver defense and threatened with three hard shots that missed the goal. Hal Friedland made a great stop on a hard shot by Neil Schorr. Mike Yessis and Bob Hayum kept the Queens Booters from entering deep into Beaver territory. The Wolfemen displayed excellent teamwork in keeping the Knight Booters from tying the score.

The Beaver victory coupled with the Long Island Aggies victory over Kings Point placed the Beavers in a three way tie with Brooklyn and LIA for first place.

## Trial . . .

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Defense Counsel Thomas F. Daly of Lord, Daly and Lord, presented as an exhibit a blown-up copy of The Times on the dates it is alleged the libel took place.

In order to prove libel, the students must show that they were exposed to public "hatred, ridicule, scorn or contempt" in print, and that they or the student body was damaged by the newspaper articles.

The Times stated editorially on April 13, 1949, that: "We do not believe that any sizeable number of Communists are taking part in the strike; we do agree with Professor Knickerbocker when he says that "if it were not for the Communists, there would be no strike." In a news story on April 12, The Times said: "... the picket lines, thoroughly organized in every detail, used the techniques common in Communist-led strikes, but denials that this was a Communist strike came from both the leaders and school officials. . . ."

## Hoop Tryouts Begin Today

Tryouts for the 1953-54 edition of the City College Basketball team will be conducted today at 4 PM. The Varsity Basketball team will hold their tryouts in the Main Gymnasium, while the Frosh Hoopsters are meeting in the Tech Gymnasium. All candidates, who intend to try out for the squad, are instructed to have eligibility cards filed with the Athletic Association prior to reporting for tryouts. Dr. Arthur Des Grey, faculty manager of athletics, warns that this rule will be rigidly enforced.

All members of last year's varsity squad are excluded from these practice sessions. Regular practice will begin on Monday, November 2nd. An Eastern Collegiate Conference regulation passed last year forbids any varsity basketball squad from holding formal practice until November 1st.

This year's edition of the Varsity will be coached by Dave Polansky.

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