

Truman Urges Alumni: Stay Alert To Preserve Democratic Freedoms

By ED LIPTON

Harry S. Truman, former President of the United States, urged an audience of 1,400 City College Alumni and Students "to be alert and bold in preserving and protecting our democratic freedoms," in an Armistice Day eve address, Tuesday night, at the seventy-third annual dinner of the City College Alumni Association, in the Hotel Commodore.

"In times such as these," he continued, "when the national government is yielding to hysteria rather than resisting it, our colleges

and universities have a very special obligation to maintain freedom of thought and inquiry.

"The precious freedoms for which your college stands: freedom of thought and freedom of the human spirit are our greatest strength in the world struggle in which we are involved. We cannot win our goals by abandoning our values."

Mr. Truman expressed the hope that City College "will always stand as a citadel of freedom of thought and freedom of speech. In our troubled world of today," he added, "this will not be an easy thing to do."

"The honor roll of the Graduates of the City College of New York proves the truth of the proposition that freedom of thought is both the offspring and the servant of democracy.

"What freedom means to us," Mr. Truman continued, "is exemplified by the names of such graduates as Senator Robert Wagner in the field of government — and we have another Wagner coming on in the same way; Alfred Goldsmith in the field of science and Morris Raphael Cohen and his distinguished son, Felix Cohen, in the realm of philosophy.

"I hope that City College will always live up to the standards of men like these," Mr. Truman stated emphatically.

"Today," he said, "the greatest foe of the free mind is Communism. In fighting Communism we should be sure that we do not fall into the trap of adopting the totalitarian tactics of the Communists themselves.

"In resisting the enemy," Mr. Truman cautioned, "we must not tear ourselves apart.

"This is what the demagogues among us would have us do. They are playing on our fears to further partisan political ends. They are playing on our fears to

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Allagaroo and Harry Too...



Photo by Waldinger

Mr. Truman was treated to a rousing spontaneous Allagaroo, when introduced at the Alumni Dinner, held at the Hotel Commodore, on Tuesday evening.

Gallagher Speech Highlights

"If I am able to bring success to the sizeable task of presiding over a gigantic institution like City College put that down to nearly four happy and zestful years spent in Washington under the whom I still look fondly to the Chief. . . .

"This year has seen us bring Manhattanville off the drawing boards. Next September the humanities and social sciences will be housed at Manhattanville while the natural sciences and engineering occupy the old campus. . . .

"A new engineering building is to be erected covering the block between 140th and 141st streets. A new library will be built at 135th Street. . . .

"Many of these things are possible because of the interest of the friends and alumni of the college. . . .

"Money attracts money. Legislators are tempted to deal more lightly and inadequately with an institution that is favored with a living demonstration of alumni affection. Nothing succeeds like success. . . .

"The real reason for our lauded efforts is our conviction that the students are worth it. . . .

"The finest facilities and faculty to make of the finest students the finest alumni is our

Chairman of Port Authority Honored at Alumni Dinner

The Alumni Association, at its 73rd annual dinner in the Hotel Commodore, Tuesday, presented this year's John H. Finley Award to Howard S. Cullman, chairman of the Port of New York Authority. The award, named in honor of the third president of City College

and former editor of *The New*

York Times is presented for "outstanding service to the citizens of New York City." Mr. Cullman, the sixth person to be so honored, is also president of the Beekman Downtown Hospital and a director of the Metropolitan Opera Association, the New York Heart Association and the Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund.

In addition, five Townsend Harris Medals for distinguished achievement in "some significant field of endeavor" were awarded to five alumni of the College.

Also speaking, in addition to Mr. Truman, were Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, David Sugarman '28, chairman of the alumni dinner committee, and Harry Spielberg '19, chairman of the City College Fund.



Photo by Waldinger

Arnold Moss, Class of 1928 and toastmaster at the Alumni Dinner, presents the John H. Finley Award to Howard S. Cullman.



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Former President of the United States Harry S. Truman addressing the Alumni at their Seventy-third Annual Dinner.

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BHE to Conduct Own Investigation, Gallagher For Academic Freedom

By LEON LEVINE

"Freedom is its own best defense," declared President Buell G. Gallagher in a speech before the American Jewish Congress' convention on November 8 at Hunter College.

Speaking on academic freedom, Dr. Gallagher said that those who trust in the "process of free inquiry" want the student "to learn through his own experience the values which are worth holding to, cannot have people of the closed mind, such as members of the Communist Party, teach." He also went on to say that for the same reason, "We cannot permit the pressure of political expediency and the irresponsible words of demagogic men to cause the colleges and schools to swerve one iota away from their fundamental faith in freedom."

President Gallagher said that while you cannot force men to be free, or to be well informed and wise, you can compel people to be foolish and uninformed by cutting off their sources of information and forcing them to become safe and secure.

"From the Maccabees to Lovejoy, from Comenius to O'Connell, from Faulhaber to Gandhi, the history of man's search for free-



Dr. Buell G. Gallagher
Defends Academic Freedom

dom is written by the men who refuse to be intimidated and controlled — even in the name of false security," Dr. Gallagher continued.

The President concluded that freedom is not a condition, but a process and that the colleges are not free unless "they are actually proceeding with the method of free and fearless inquiry and instruction toward whatever ends and results which may emerge."

By SELWYN RAAB

The individual municipal colleges will not be granted authority to investigate Communism in their own schools, the Board of Higher Education has announced.

Gustave G. Rosenberg, Chairman of the BHE's Special Committee on Section 903 of the City Charter, the Feinberg Law and related matters, stated last week that "the law imposes upon the Board of Higher Education the responsibility of carrying out the mandate of the Feinberg Law, which responsibility cannot be delegated to committees composed of faculty members."

The Feinberg Law authorizes the immediate dismissal of all staff members of municipal colleges who are proved to be members of organizations listed as "subversive" by the State Board of Regents.

Since the Communist Party was declared "subversive" by the Board, any staff member of the city colleges found belonging to the Party is immediately disqualified from remaining in his position.

The BHE is also empowered by Section 903 of the City Charter to dismiss any employee of the city colleges who refuses to answer on the grounds of self-incrimination the questions put to him by a duly constituted body concerning his official conduct. The courts have upheld this section as constitutional.

Two former members of the college registrar's staff, Richard H. Austin and Hyman Gold were dismissed from their positions last February by the BHE for failure to answer questions of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, regarding possible Communist Party affiliations.

A Bargain

In voting to raise the Student Activities Fee by fifty cents, this term's Student Council has shown a maturity and a foresight that is truly commendable. Many have said that this rise in the fee is unpopular with the mass of the student body, and some political hacks have already begun to capitalize on this alleged opposition to the raise.

We give the students more credit for common sense. We do not believe—we cannot believe that any thinking student who recognizes the inestimable value of extra-curricular activities to education will resent being asked to chip in an extra half a buck to help student organizations out of a desperate economic situation.

Do the organizations really need the money? Here are the facts. The present Student Activities Fee of \$1.50 was inaugurated in 1947, a time when you could ride a subway or make a phone call for a nickel, a bygone era when winning basketball teams were packing paying customers into Madison Square Garden.

It is unnecessary to point out how costs have risen since 1947. Speaking for ourselves, we might point out that our printing and engraving costs have almost doubled since that time. This has forced us, as well as Campus, to print less news about the college and more ads than ever before in our history.

We realize that the high cost of living has hit each individual student. But let's look at the thing logically. These are our clubs, our social and professional organizations, our magazines and newspapers now asking for help. What, in reality, does fifty cents mean to you today? Fifty cents: the admission to a neighborhood movie on a weekday afternoon; three rides on the subway; two packs of cigarettes.

But multiply fifty cents by 6,600 students and it means more and better social functions; more and better student activities of every type; more and bigger issues of every college publication; better coverage of college events; a greater feeling of kinship between the student and the school he attends; a substantial decrease in the "subway college" atmosphere so pathetically widespread at CCNY.

We think this is a bargain. Think it over and see if you don't agree.

The Little Man

Former President Harry S. Truman spoke to the alumni on Tuesday night. He is not a great man, this man who has so honored City College. He is not the great man that FDR was, nor even great in the sense that the eloquent Stevenson is.

Harry Truman is the personification of the man-on-the-street, the little haberdasher called upon by his people to do great things. Harry Truman could only happen in a democracy. And so long as little men like Harry Truman keep "giving hell" to the demagogues and the rabble-rousers who lay claim to greatness, democracy will be safe.

All Faculty Members Invited To Student Union Ball Nov. 21

All faculty members have been invited to the Student Union Ball, which will be held next Saturday evening in the Great Hall. The affair is being held to raise funds for the Student Union building. Leo Dryer and his Waldorf-Astoria orchestra will entertain at the dance. Student Council, O.P. House Plan are co-sponsoring the ball, which will be along the

Abelson, HP Founder, Succumbs After Illness

Dr. Paul Abelson, class of '99, one of the original founders of House Plan and a labor arbitrator, died Nov. 5, in Mount Sinai Hospital after a brief illness. He was 75 years old.

Born in Russia Dr. Abelson came to New York at the age of 14. He graduated from the College in 1899. He received his Ph.D. degree from Columbia University and an LL.B. degree from New York Law School in 1918.

During his active career Dr. Abelson lectured on labor problems in the Extension Division of Columbia University and at the Jewish Theological Seminary. He also headed the Economics Department of the School for Jewish Communal Work.

Dean Morton Gottschall (Liberal Arts), extending condolences to Dr. Abelson's family in behalf of the Board of Directors, said that Dr. Abelson's "dedicated service to the College and his efforts to enrich student life on the campus will be a living memorial to the great bounty of his spirit."

Surviving are his widow, Helen C. Abelson; three daughters: Mrs. Robert Ness, Mrs. Harold Seder and Mrs. Jack Barnett, and eight grandchildren.

Postnotes . . .

• Applications for matriculation in the School of Education will be made available to upper freshmen on Nov. 16, announced Dean Harold H. Abelson, of the School of Education, Tuesday.

Upper classmen must file their applications during the week of Nov. 23.

All applications are available in Rm. 112 M and must be filed before Nov. 30.

• License examinations for teaching positions in Buffalo, New York, public schools will be administered in Buffalo on Saturday, December 12. Applications must be filed on or before November 30. For full information and application forms, inquire in the Office of Teacher Placement, Room 112 Main.

Club Notes . . .

Newman Club

The Newman Club is having a "Lucky 13" Dance tomorrow at the Catholic Center at 8 P.M. Refreshments will be served.

Inter-science Council

Dr. Kurt G. Stern will address the Inter-Science Council today at 12:30 P.M. in Doremus Hall.

Government Law Society

The Government and Law Society will present Professor Elmer Million, Professor of Property Law at New York University today at 12:30 P.M. in Room 224 Main. He will speak on property contracts and property law.

Il Circolo Dante Alighieri

Il Circolo Dante Alighieri will present selections from famous operas on film today in Room 17 Main at 12:15 P.M.

AIEE and IRE

William Thurston of the General Radio Co. will speak at the AIEE and IRE meeting today at 12:15 P.M. in Room 315 Main, on Impedance Bridges. The organization will also have a smoker tomorrow night at 8:30 P.M. in Knittle Lounge.

The Club Senate

The Club Senate will meet tomorrow at 3:00 P.M. in Room 305. Elections for Student Council representatives will be held and a constitution drafted. All club presidents or their official representatives are urged to attend.

Statistical Society

All members of the Statistical Society are urged to attend today's meeting in Room 225 Main to receive their quota of questionnaires.

Health Society

The Health and Physical Education Society is holding its third annual Dance and Demonstration tomorrow at 8 P.M. in the Main Gym. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Philosophy Society

"Emotive Words and Value Judgments" will be discussed by Mr. George Goe at the Philosophy Society's meeting today at 12:30 P.M. in Room 305 Main. All are invited.

IFC

A compulsory meeting for IFC members will be held in Room 206 today at 12:30 P.M.

Bacteriological Society

Professor Webb will speak at the Bacteriological Society today on Antigens and Antibodies. The meeting will be held in Room 306 at 12:30. Visitors are welcome.

Dramsoc

Scenes from George Bernard Shaw's play, "Caesar and Cleopatra," will be presented by members of Dramsoc, at a meeting of the Drama Society, today, at 1 P.M. in Room 308.

Veterans Club

The Veterans Club will meet today at 12:15 P.M. in Room 18 Main.

Education Society

The Education Society will present Professor Jacob Orleans of the Board of Higher Education today speaking on "The Changes in Teacher Examinations" at 12:30 P.M. in Room 222 Main.

Hillel

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation will present two virginettes by I. L. Peretz tomorrow at 1:00 P.M. at its weekly One Shabbat.

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Beaver Hoopsters Prepare For 18 Tough Opponents

By JOE MARCUS

"We are a stronger team now than at the same time last year," stated Head Basketball Coach Dave Polansky, after watching his charges complete the first week of hoop workouts. The main core of this year's squad will be built around eight veterans from last year and two returning servicemen.

This year's captain will be Jerry Domeischick, who led the Beavers to a 10-6 record last year. Jerry was the high scorer on the squad and also a valuable floor man. Other returnees from last year will be Ronnie Kowalski, Merv Shorr, Marty Gurkin, Charlie Rowe, Walter Tannenbaum, Tom Holm and Irwin List. Herbie Holmstrom, who was chosen captain of the Beaver Hoopsters before he entered the Marines in 1951, will be a mainstay of this year's team. The husky 6-2 Engineering senior is a veteran of two year's varsity ball. Other returning veterans of the Armed Forces will be Bernie Cohen and Oscar Simmons.

Jack McGuire, a transfer student from Queens College, will be one of the key men on the team this year. Jack transferred from Queens last Feb. but wasn't allowed to compete because of an Eastern Intercollegiate Conference regulation which forbids transfer students from competing on two teams in the same year. While he competed for Queens, Jack was the high scorer averaging 15 points a game.

Coach Polansky feels that this year's schedule is harder than the one the Lavender Hoopsters engaged in last season. The Beavers will open their season against Hunter College November 28 in the Main Gym. The game is being played for the Stein Fund, which gives free aid to injured City College athletes. Polansky believes that the toughest games that the Beavers will play will be against Fordham, Manhattan, St. John's and St. Francis. Adelphi and Hofstra are also expected to give the Beavers a rough time

Missing from last year's squad will be Howie Buss, Jack Chudnoff, Artie Dlott and Jerry Gold.

SFCSA Supports Increase In Fee; SC Upheld, 6-0

The Student-Faculty Committee on Student Affairs (SFCSA) voted Tuesday by 6-0-1 to recommend that Dean Daniel Brophy (Student Life) approve the fifty-cent increase in the student activities fee passed by Student Council last week.

SFCSA also upheld Student Council's right to raise the fee, under a student referendum passed in December 1948. That right was challenged by Dean Leslie W. Engler (Administration), according to a statement printed Thursday in **The Campus**. The fee increase now goes to Dean Brophy, who will refer it to the Board of Higher Education for final approval.

Meanwhile, the Executive branch of the Student Government set up a seven-man Commission on College Finance, which will report back Monday on possible use of Non-instructional Fee Funds, and other sources of College income, for student activities. Hank Stern '55 was named chairman of this commission, which includes Andy Meisels and Meyer Baden editors-in-chief of **OP** and **The Campus**; Harry Pollak '54 and Ira Klosk, '55 presidents of the senior and junior classes; Her-



Gerry Swetana
On SFCSA

bert Viebrock, treasurer of the student government; and David Landsman, chairman of the SC Legislative Agency.

The new commission met Tuesday and is checking BHE minutes for records on NIF expenses.

'Protect Freedoms,' Truman Urges Before 1400 Alumni

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such a degree as to create distrust of . . . our institutions of education and religion.

"So long as we have free discussion and free inquiry in our colleges and universities, we need not fear that they will fall under the spell of Communism.

No Limitations

"Neither the Congress nor the Federal nor the State governments should put limitations on freedom of thought in our institutions of learning," Mr. Truman maintained. "The standards of a university or college are standards of intellectual integrity. They can be applied far better by the men responsible for the administration of our institutions of learning than by men in the state legislatures or the Congress who have not devoted their lives to the special problems of education. . . . I submit that our universities are the best judges of the integrity of their own teachers and it is far safer to let them police themselves than to subject them to political censorship. I hope," he continued, "that our justified concern about communism in these days will not lead us further and further into a period of hysteria. In all I did to combat Communism when I was President, I always sought to preserve the rights of the individual.

Not Soft

"For this I was sometimes accused of being soft. This, of course, is ridiculous. I think the record will prove it.

"Now I'm rather skeptical about fake crusaders who dig up and distort records of the past to distract the attention of the people from political failures of the present," Mr. Truman declared. He was apparently referring to Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr.'s criticism of Mr. Truman for his appointment of Harry Dexter White as United States executive director of the International Monetary Fund, after Federal Bureau of Investigation reports had allegedly been given to Mr. Truman stating that Mr. White was involved in Soviet espionage.

This statement of Mr. Truman's was greeted with one of the largest bursts of applause of the evening.

"If our national government does not distinguish between the real dangers of Communism and the hysterical fear of it," he declared, "if our national leaders do not stand firm against panic, and against the invasion of individual freedoms, then we are in for some bad times."

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Prexy, Barry Chat on Radio

President Buell G. Gallagher criticized the House Un-American Activities Committee for serving former President Truman with a subpoena, but voiced his confidence that Harry can take care of himself.

Appearing on Barry Gray's WMCA radio program on Tuesday night after attending the City College Alumni dinner at which Mr. Truman was the main speaker, President Gallagher summarized the former president's remarks as having been "straight from the shoulder."

Questioned about Senator McCarthy's attack on Harvard University recently, President Gallagher characterized him as a man who can "depart from the truth with great rapidity . . . and smear a whole college by naming one professor . . . but there is one man who is even worse, one who has smeared an entire college without even naming a single professor." This last statement was apparently in reference to radio commentator Walter Winchell who claimed a "Professor J. B." had allegedly resigned from the college rather than face a Congressional investigating committee.

Soccermen Defeat Long Island, 4-1

Special to the Observation Post

FARMINGDALE, N. Y., Nov. 11—The City College booters were assured of at least a tie in the race for the Metropolitan Conference Championship by overpowering a strong Long Island Aggie squad, 4-1.

Morris Hocherman played his best game of the season and led the Beaver attack with two goals. The defense was superb, thwarting numerous Aggie threats in front of the nets.

The Beavers pressed the Long Island nets from the outset, but they failed to capitalize on several scoring opportunities. Ed Trunk missed a header, with approximately five minutes gone, when his shot caromed off the top of the goal. Finally, at 19:40, Andy Kessenides took a pass from Tommy Holm and beat goalie Charles Gilman to give the booters a 1-0 lead at the end of the first period.

The Aggies came to life in the second quarter and knotted the count at 18:30, when Hank Guyder's shot went through the upper left hand corner behind Hal Friedland. Up until then, the City

defense, coupled with several spectacular saves by Friedland, stopped the Aggies repeatedly.

At the 21 minute mark, Hocherman put the Beavers back into the lead as he countered on a pass by Holm. City College continued to dominate the play as the half ended.

The third stanza was one in which the backlines of both sides excelled, and there was no scoring. With 13 minutes left to play, Ed Trunk iced the game by kicking a bullet-like shot into the right hand corner of the goal. At 21:30, Hocherman scored the final Beaver tally.

The City College booters play Lafayette College at Easton, Pennsylvania, on Saturday. With Brooklyn College losing today the Beavers are in a position to annex the title if Queens College loses its next encounter.

Inside Comments



By JOE SAPORA

I feel that this year's schedule is one of the toughest that we have ever had. I hope that the boys will make a good showing and bring glory to the school. The return to action of Sid Schlanger will be a great aid to the team. Since the beginning of practice the fellows have worked hard and improved greatly.

Brucemen Top Mariners; Engage Violets Saturday

By BERND LORGE and TED JONES

The City College cross-country team won its third meet of the year by defeating New York Maritime College, 15-40, yesterday at Van Cortlandt Park. The Beavers captured the first five places as Tom O'Brien, Paul Pavlides, Gene Forsythe, Joe Brogan and James Spencer ran ahead of the field.

It will be a revengeful NYU track team, seeking retribution for a surprise 1952 defeat, that will face Coach Bruce's cindermen this Saturday in a Van Cortlandt cross-country encounter and by all records and seasonal performances thus far, the assignment will be an easy task for the Hall of Famers.

Coach Emil Von Elling of NYU brings to the meet a team that sports victories over Adelphi and Kings Point and has at least one runner, George King, who has run under twenty seven minutes with consistency. Vince Chiappetta, the second of the Violets one-two finish, Bob Lockerbie, Bill Napolitano, and Ray Lopez complete the NYU starting team.

Although the chances of victory are very slim, Coach Bruce's optimism has been heightened by the spirited performance of Paul

Pavlides in the Queens encounter; the improvement in Captain Tom O'Brien's running since the season's commencement; the addition of a triple threat in Gene Forsythe and the encouraging showing of men like Joe Brogan, Herb Verter and Jim Spencer. Freddy Thompson, a regular indoor man is also preparing for a cross-country role this season and "Doc" Bruce has high hopes that he'll make the grade.

The record of Lavender's cinder men thus far this season has not been too spectacular, but a victory over the Hall of Famers would put the Brucemen right on top of the world again.

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