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Gallagher Acts To Remove Vendors

Vending machines in the corridors of the College will soon be removed, President Gallagher stated yesterday. According to the New York City Building Code, the machines are illegal obstructions in the hallways of the College.

Some of the candy dispensers will probably be moved into the vestibule near the student newspaper offices.

Revenue from vending machines inside the cafeteria will be added to the cafeteria's profits, OP has learned. Money from these machines will be appropriated to the Department of Student Life to aid student activities.

According to a story in Thursday's Campus, administrative officials knowingly violated the municipal ordinance for over a year. In awarding the profits from the machines to Student Life, the President rejected a request from Day Session Student Council made last spring that the funds be allocated to it.

The total income from vending machines during the four month period from July 1 to October 31, 1953, was announced at \$834.59 for the Main Center. Of this, \$500.96 will go to the cafeteria, and \$333.63 to Student Life.

Dr. Gallagher's statement read that "the decisions (to give the money to the cafeteria) will result in giving the maximum benefit to the College as a whole."

Senior Class President Harry Pollak, who is Secretary of the Student Faculty Cafeteria Committee told OP last night "The cafeteria hardly needs this additional gravy. The money should have been added to the Student Activities Fund."

FSCIA Votes Neutral Court For NYU Tilt

The basketball game between CNY and NYU will be played in the Fordham University Gymnasium if the conditions are acceptable to the New York University Athletic Association.

The City College Faculty Student Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics voted last Thursday to draft a letter to James V. Gilloon, Athletic Director of NYU, stating that the committee has decided that the game will be played if NYU is willing to split the financial loss of the contest.

If the NYU Athletic Association accepts this proposal the game will be played at Fordham University on March 4, 1954. The CNY-FSCIA also decided that the games planned for future years will either be played on a home and home basis or on a neutral court with each team acting as host in alternate years. The City College General Faculty Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics has approved the FSCIA ruling.

World News

President to Address UN

President Eisenhower is flying from Bermuda today to deliver a major address to the UN General Assembly.

The President is expected to direct an appeal to the Soviet Union to help prevent an atomic war.

Conference to End

The Big Three Conference at Bermuda concludes today, and the three leaders are expected to confirm a report that a Big Four foreign conference will be held in Berlin next month.

Bogdown in Korea

Negotiations between the UN and Red representatives have bogged down again at Panmunjon because the two sides failed to agree on a date for the initiation of final peace discussions. The South Korean government has threatened to release 22,000 anti-Red POWs unless the conference begins by January 22.

McCarthy Letters

The White House announced yesterday that more than 19,000 letters and telegrams have been received concerning Senator Joseph McCarthy's (R.-Wisc.) protest of allied trade with Red China. The letters show a return of two to one in favor of the Senator.

The Weather

Continued fair. Highest temperature between fifty and fifty-five degrees.

Barbara Spiro Carnival Queen

Auburn haired, five foot five Barbara Spiro was named Carnival Queen at the fifteenth annual House Plan Carnival, Saturday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Student Union Building.

More than 2,000 attended the first social event to be held on the South Campus.

Miss Spiro told OP after her coronation she was thrilled at being chosen and that she never thought she had a chance to win. The hazel-eyed lower junior, who measures 35-23-34, was dressed in a red strapless gown for the occasion. Miss Spiro, who succeeds Sylvia Siegel, last year's winner, is nineteen, and is majoring in retailing at the Baruch Center. She hopes to be a fashion coordinator.

This year, Carnival's theme was "Knickerbockerama", in commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the founder of New York City. A large array of booths and other attractions in the traditional carnival atmosphere as well as an "Old New York Cafe" in the basement was featured. Student entertainment was provided in a show beginning at 11:30. There was continuous dancing in the main ballroom from 8 PM to closing at 1:30 AM.

Halper, Klosk, Lotter File Petitions for SC President

By HANK STERN

Eleven candidates have filed petitions for next term's major Student Council offices. College-wide elections will be held next Friday, December 18.

Three students, Manny Halper, Ira Klosk and Phil Lotter, seek the SC Presidency.

Mr. Halper, a former vice-president of Student Council, has been president of the class of 1954, chairman of the SC final Exams Committee and National Student Association delegate.

President of the class of 1955 this semester, Mr. Klosk is also chairman of the SC School Affairs Agency and was a member of Council during last term.



Gerard C. Smetana
Outgoing Pres.

It Pays . . .

All candidates for Student Council and class office may advertise in the Observation Post at a special reduced election rate.

See Business Manager Stan Wecker in Room 16A, the OP office.

Mr. Lotter has played on the varsity soccer team for two seasons and has also served as an SC representative. His eligibility has been challenged on the ground that he is an evening session student but Mr. Lotter maintains that he is "in fact" a day session student.

Allen Bard, this term's SC Vice president, announced on Friday that he was withdrawing from the presidential race to support Manny Halper.

There are four nominees for the second spot on Council. Art Pittman, former chairman of the SC Civil Liberties Committee, will oppose SC Secretary Liz Ronis, Philip A. Stutzel and SC Rep Arnold Weingold. Mr. Stutzel's right to run for the Vice Presidency is in dispute, since he was never an elected member of Student Council but claims two terms service as an alternate from the class of 1956.

Abram Bernstein and Martin Gruberg are the candidates for SC Secretary. Mr. Bernstein, a former SC rep., is currently Vice president of Hillel. Mr. Gruberg, a member of Council this semester, has served on numerous SC committees.

Campaigning for Treasurer are Susan Fuld and Howard Loewenstein. Miss Fuld is a former alternate to the Student Faculty Fee Committee, who was an SC rep during the first half of the Spring 1952 semester. Mr. Loewenstein is Treasurer of TIIC, and was a member of Council's Executive branch for two terms.

Eligibility of candidates whose petitions have been challenged will be considered by the Elections Agency which consists of three members from Alpha Phi Omega and two from Student Council.

Large Financial Legacy Awaits College Campsite

This is the first in a series of articles on possible sources of income for the College and student activities.

Approximately a quarter of a million dollars, willed to City College by the late financier Jacob Schiff, is being held in trust until a site for a College camp is purchased or rented. The search for a campsite has so far been unsuccessful, Dean James S. Peace (Student Life) told OP last week.

Mr. Schiff, who died in 1951, left the money to the College for the purpose of establishing an outdoor camp for recreation of the student body. He was a strong believer in the outdoors life.

Last year, a committee of students and faculty investigated the possibility of acquiring the site of Camp Achvah, near Middletown, New York. The camp was available for sale for \$175,000, but the purchase was turned down because of difficulty in maintenance of the site, unsuitability for geology field trips, danger of floods, and the 75-mile distance from New York City.

A year ago, a Campsite Committee appointed by former President Harry N. Wright in 1951,

considered renting a camp in Palisades Interstate Park near the Bear Mountain area. This proposal was approved by the director of the park, but was later rejected by the Interstate Park Commissioners, on the ground that only children's camps should be permitted in the park area.

This semester, a renewed effort is being made to find a suitable campsite, so that the money, can be used. Student Council has appointed two new representatives to the Campsite Committee; at the request of Dean Peace. They are Richard Onnken and Bob Silber.

The camp, when established, will be named Camp Marion, in honor of Marion Weinberg, a City College student who was killed by a bus while crossing Convent Avenue in 1949.



Harry N. Wright
Appointed Committee

SU Fee May Be Charged Says Director Alton Lewis

Dr. Alton Lewis (Director-Student Union) has revealed that a student fee may be charged for the proposed Student Union building, depending on how much money the Student Union is able to get from other sources. "We want to be able to supply the very best program and facilities which are consistent with our needs," Mr. Lewis said.

Plans for the renovation of the South Campus will be submitted to the Board of Estimate for its approval on December 17.

If necessary, Dr. Lewis feels that students should support "an idea of which they are the primary benefactors." He also noted that in other colleges which have Student Unions, a fee of seven to forty dollars is charged to defray expenses.

Dr. Lewis also announced that student tours of the South Campus will end a week from Friday. Tours meet in front of the Gatehouse on Thursday at 12:31 PM and on Friday at 3 PM.

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Council's 'Suggestion'

The idea we would like to sell today is Student Council. We'll take all offers up to 2c.

This is a group which has consistently asked for more power on the claim that they represent the student body. Last Wednesday night, in what may be taken to be a typically irresponsible act, SC voted twenty-two to two in favor of a motion suggesting a merger of the **Observation Post** and **The Campus**.

By going on record in favor of such a proposal SC chose to ignore three student referenda which have declared in ever increasing numbers that the student body opposes merger. SC, the supposed instrument by which the students' which are carried out, took this contrary action after ten minutes discussion. Ten minutes discussion for a highly technical and many-sided question; ten minutes discussion to which the **OP** editors were not invited.

OP does not feel bound by this latest SC whim. We feel that Council is bound by a previous commitment, the student referendum of last semester which voted in favor of providing funds for a daily newspaper between **The Campus** and **OP**, each paper to come out every other day.

We on **OP** are now working on such a production schedule, and we assume the paper down the hall is doing likewise. Under these circumstances the major argument for merger, namely a daily newspaper, is invalidated.

We'd also like it noted, while we're setting the record straight, that the editor-in-chief of **The Campus** is not authorized to present the views of the **OP** staff and/or managing board. The responsibility for accepting his fictions as facts, however, must still be laid at Council's door.

Fair Play

NYU and CCNY will probably play each other in basketball this year at a neutral court.

Despite the fact that CCNY played the Violets at the latter's home court for the past two seasons: despite the fact that other major metropolitan teams find nothing particularly "hazardous" about our court; and despite the absence of injuries in games played in our Main Gym during the past two years. NYU's athletic policymakers have remained firm in their refusal to play us here.

There is no doubt that greater familiarity with the court gives the home team a decided advantage. That is why colleges usually act as host to each other in alternate years.

The only plausible conclusion that can be reached is that winning is of more importance to NYU than it should be.

CCNY learned two years ago that there are some things more important than winning.

The formulators of athletic policy at NYU have a lot of growing up to do.



Free Smokes
Caught in the Act

Busted Butt Box Causes Eatery Riot

By DAVE WEISFELD

A cigarette machine turned philanthropist caused a small riot in the cafeteria last Friday.

It started when a student, after buying a pack of cigarettes, pulled the lever again and another pack of cigarettes came out. He pulled again and again and each time another pack fell into the opening. Some other students saw what was happening while passing by. One of the students began to hit the first student there over the head, pull his jacket in an attempt to get him away from the machine, and began to shout for a chance to get some also.

The shout did it. Students, noticing the commotion, came out of curiosity to see what was going on, and when they did, joined in the mad charge.

After the machine was stripped of cigarettes, a couple of students grabbed a strangle-hold on the machine and proceeded to bang it against the wall to get either more cigarettes or any money which was inside.

The cigarette machine, once emptied, was deserted by the students, leaving an unusual silence in that corner of the cafeteria.

According to the service man from the vending machine company, fifty dollars and fifty cents of merchandise was lost in the melee.

During the attack, one of the uniformed City College watchmen stood by, helpless to stop the frenzied advance.

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Just People

By Jerry Ludwig

I met a man recently who spans the generations. His name is Samuel A. Blan.

He's retired now at the age of eighty-two (come December 16) and living quietly in Brooklyn. But he remembers back to days at the College as one of the fifty-two members of the class of '89. There was fellow chess-player "Bernie" Baruch: "My academic career was more spectacular than his," he says with a chuckle. "I flunked more subjects than he did."

It was during his junior year that Mr. Blan got a job as one of Thomas A. Edison's assistants. "It was my dad's doing. He had connections." After graduation Mr. Blan stayed on with inventor Edison. "He was the greatest genius, to my mind, since Franklin . . . although he was a very hard man to work with. He had no appreciation of time and absolutely no sense of money."

While at Edison's he met Mark Twain. It was in 1889, he recalls, and Mr. Blan was, in addition to his other duties, the guide for visitors who came to the Menlow Park, New Jersey laboratory. Edison had just invented the phonograph, and, though he had already invented the light, it was the phonograph which had the "greatest appeal" and attracted the guests.

"I would take the visitors on the grand tour: through the machine shop, the lab where the movies were being born and so on . . . ending in the library where a large phonograph stood." The young Mr. Blan would then give an exhibition of Edison's latest brainchild. One day, during an exhibition, the phonograph broke down. While Mr. Blan "puffed and fixed" he heard a woman behind him say: "Imagine trusting such a young man with so valuable an instrument." "Well," replied her companion, "he knows his business." "Of course," the woman conceded, "that goes without saying." "Just like a busted phonograph," remarked a third, ironical voice. Blan turned to see Twain.



Dr. Samuel A. Blan
Then and Now



Dr. Blan believes that Edison was experimenting with nuclear physics at the time of his death. "He conceived of the powers of the atom, electrons and protons before the words were minted." At the time of Edison's death, his desk was locked and only recently, on the anniversary of his 100th birthday was it opened. It is said that a bottle of uranium was among the articles found in the desk.

"Mr. Edison was a wonderful man," said Dr. Blan. "He would always give credit where it was due. He didn't slight his assistants as it was sometimes said." It was at Edison's suggestion that Blan went to study chemistry and physics at Heidelberg and Munich.

While studying at Munich, he and his class were invited to hear a lecture by Professor Wilhelm Konrad Roentgen, pioneer in the X-ray field. The famous "Roentgen Rays" had been discovered shortly before and the Professor repeated his original lecture. "It sounded like a lecture on trick photography," Mr. Blan recalls. "Even Dr. Roentgen didn't see the full possibilities of his discovery. He said: 'It may be servicable some day in the medical profession. Of course we students didn't take it seriously.'"

After returning to America he held a number of positions, principally with the National Aniline Division of Research, which is allied with the Chemical and Dye Corporation. During the war years he worked on radar with the Chemical Warfare Corps at the Fort Monmouth laboratories.

Apparently the Edison influence was contagious, for back in 1926 Dr. Blan was granted a patent on a luminous paint process which he had invented. The patent ran out a few years ago, but "I assume it is still being used by the government."

Today Sam Blan is "Dr. S. A. Blan, Consulting Chemist, retired." He spends his time painting (often using his own luminous paint for special effects) and visiting with his sister who lives nearby.

In looking back over his life, Dr. Blan smiled. "If I had it all to do over again I would probably follow the same course," he said, "only I'd try to do it all a little better."

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Six City Booters Selected On Met-Conference Team

Further glory came to six members of the City College Soccer team last week when the Metropolitan Intercollegiate All-League team was selected. The league also voted to admit Fort Schuyler and Hunter College into its ranks.

Hofstra Beats Matmen, 24-8

The City College wrestling team made its season's debut at the Tech Gym on Saturday and bowed to a superior Hofstra squad, 24-8. But the grapplers could have conceivably won the match if the breaks had fallen their way.

Hofstra compiled an eleven point lead by copping the first three events. Richard Keen pinned Sid Schlanger at 1:30 of the second period in the 123-lb. pairing. Bolet De Groff decided Steve Levin, and William Baer defeated Rocco D'Angelo in the 130 and 147-lb. events, respectively.

Stan Kaplan gave City its first victory by outclassing Richard Otey in the 147-lb bracket. Then, Norm Balot pinned Murray Welsher at 2:25 of the second stanza to put Coach Sapora's charges within three points of a tie.

However, Hofstra captured the final three events as Nunze Gizin eliminated Ezra Kulko at :28 of the third period; Ted Knapp floored Jack Horowitz at :32 of the final stanza; and Richard McChesney decided Jim Zoubandis, 9-6.

The Matmen will face a powerful Princeton squad this Saturday at Princeton, New Jersey. The Tigers are regarded as one of the most powerful squads in the nation. Coach Sapora believes that the Lavender Matmen will put up a good fight. —Strear

Okagbue Anyaegbunam was selected by the league on the first team at the left full back spot. Okagbue started the season slowly but played good ball at the close of the campaign. At the center half position the Beavers were represented by Lucien Daouphars, who Coach George Wolfe expects to be placed on the All-American squad.

Morris Hocherman, who completed his first year of varsity competition, was selected on the



Lucien Daouphars
Another Honor

first squad at the Outside Right spot. Ed Trunk was chosen as the All-League center forward, while Tommy Holm and Johnny Koutsantanos were selected as the inside and outside left wings respectively. The selection of Koutsantanos, who missed most of the season, was based on his early season form.

Hal Friedland was chosen as the second team's goaltender, while Bob Hayum was picked as the second string right halfback. —Marcus

City-Fordham

Tickets will be sold for the CCNY-Fordham game on December 16 this Thursday between 12 and 3 PM at the Athletic Office in Lewisohn Stadium. Students with AA cards can purchase one ticket for the reduced rate of 50 cents. Thursday will be the only day that tickets can be obtained by Day Session students.

Hoopsterettes Defeat Alumni

The City College Women's Basketball team opened its season last Thursday by defeating a star-studded Alumni squad, 45-34. Barbra Dette was high scorer for the hoopsterettes as she scored eighteen points. Judy Levin, Betty Brooks, Sandy Berman and Loretto Eng also contributed to the high point production.

The entire squad saw action in the contest. Coach Marguerita Wulfers announced that she was pleased with the fine performance of the team, but that they still needed more practice. She added "It will be a tough season for our opponents and also ourselves."

City's team displayed good ball handling and a tight defense that will be counted on to stop some of the high scoring outfits that the Beaverettes will oppose. The fact that twelve of the seventeen members of the group are newcomers makes the season seem even tougher than usual. After taking the lead early in the contests the Hoopsterettes slowly moved ahead and never relinquished the lead. —Weinberg

Swimmers Defeat BPI, 56-28; Win Nine Events

By STEVE MARBURG

The City College swimming team began its season by swamping Brooklyn Polytech, 56-28, at the CCNY pool, Saturday. The Beaven aquamen were overpowering as they took firsts in nine of the ten events. The trio of Tony Sousa, Bob Kellogg, and Ben Trasen sent the Ridermen off flying by skimming to a 3:12.6 victory in the Medley relay. They were followed by Howie Schloemer, who, swimming his only event of the day, won the 220 yd. freestyle by more than a lap. The 50 yd. freestyle was won by Jay Glat, and second place went to Lou Ruffino.

Close to Winning

Brooklyn Poly's captain Rip Pernert then came close to winning one for the Engineers, but couldn't overtake the Beaver's Vic Fulladosa who made it four events in a row by swimming a quick 1:46.3 Individual medley. Ruffino then went on to win the one meter dive. His victory was followed by another CCNY triumph, in the 100 yd. freestyle which Ben Trasen took in 0:58.1. The 200 yd. backstroke and the 200 yd. breaststroke events were won by Tony Sousa and Bok Kellogg, respectively, and the 400 yd. freestyle was captured by the Lavender's Stan Worchel.

Riflers Second To St. John's

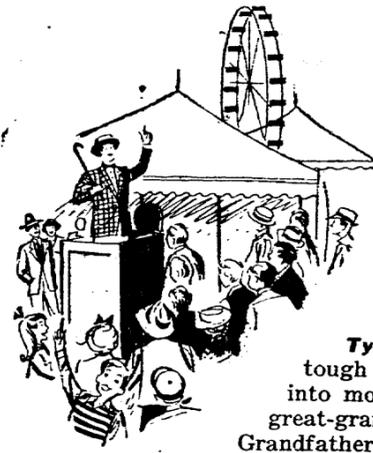
The City College Rifle team came in second in a triangular match with St. John's (last season's Met league champions), and the Newark College of Engineers last Friday evening at the Lewisohn range. The scores were St. John's 1393, City College 1359 and Newark 1292.

The scorers for the College's Nimrods were Henry Brochhagen with 280 points, Richard Finer following with 274, and Walter Bickston, who hit 272 for third place. John Miller and Bob Simon scored 267 and 266 respectively.

Scoring for St. John's was Vido Ciofferro, the National Intercollegiate Rifle Champion with 282; following him were Ron Bocard with 279, Lewis Lannig with 276, Herb Kennedy and Bob Robertazzi tied with 277.

The two high scorers for Newark were Thomas Cuninham and Bob Wiedenmiller with 277 and 274 respectively. —Lorge

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Lavender Hoopsters Win Second Consecutive Game

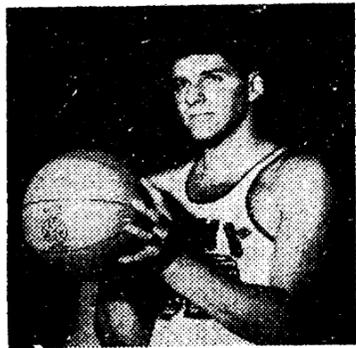
By JOE MARCUS

The City College basketball team took an early lead and then held off a desperate last minute Adelphi drive in order to gain its second consecutive victory of the year, 77-76, last Saturday at the Panther gymnasium. Jerry Domershick and Merv Shorr were the key men in the Lavender Hoopsters vic-

tory. Jerry tallied twenty-six point, while Merv set an all-time CCNY record by pulling down thirty rebounds.

With two minutes of play remaining in the contest the Panthers trailed by five points but two free throws by Marty Funk and a on handed jump shot by Gil Scott cut the Beaver lead to one point. The Lavender Basketeers then missed three consecutive free throws, but time ran out as Adelphi passed the ball up court in a frantic effort to score the winning basket.

Led by the fine play of Domershick and Herb Holstrom the Lavender and Black had taken a five point lead midway through the initial stanza. Don Payne kept the Panthers in the ballgame by scoring eight points in



Merv Shorr
Playing Great

the first five minutes of the contest. The Adelphi Basketeers cut the Beaver lead to one point with three minutes of play gone by in the second quarter, but successive baskets by Marty Gurkin and Domershick placed the City-

ites comfortably in the lead. Two baskets by Jack McGuire and a last second set shot by Domershick gave the Lavender and Black a 43-34 halftime advantage.

The Beavers enjoyed a 61-50 lead at the end of the third quarter and except for the last two minutes the Cityites dominated play throughout the second half.

The Beavers will be after their third consecutive triumph of the year tomorrow when they face the Queens College squad. The game will be played at 4 PM at the Queens gymnasium. The Black Knights are much weaker than last season and aren't expected to give the Beavers too much trouble. Ed Greeley and George Wilund are the big guns on the squad which lacks height and experience.

Men Behind the Scenes

By JERRY STREAR

Soft spoken Albert Maxtutis, the CCNY Athletic Trainer, is the man responsible for tending to the physical woes of the athletes at the college.

Working out of several rooms in Lewisohn Stadium Building, Max has at his disposal the most modern equipment with which to treat injuries. "The boys upstairs certainly look after things down here in that respect," he commented. Included are such implements as infra-red and ultra-violet ray lamps, whirlpool baths, and all medical supplies from lozenges for sore throats to antiseptics and bandages.

"We work here under strict medical supervision," he added. "There haven't been many serious injuries at the College, but when we do get such a case, he is immediately administered to by a physician. Such cases are naturally out of my jurisdiction as trainer. As for other minor injuries, the charlie horse is most common, and the boys can be treated here."

Max, who has served as trainer for the Los Angeles Rams, Fordham University and Seton Hall, among others, and for many great athletes, calls the City College athletes "exceptional." "Many of them engage in activities without the benefit of high school experience. However, they still play well, and we always have championship teams at City College. That's a tribute to the fine way in which they keep themselves in playing condition."

A member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, he said that he has had many thrilling experiences, "but one of the most thrilling events I have ever seen," he said, "was the soccer team coming from behind in the final period to whip Queens for the Metropolitan Championship, and Tommy Holm's two goals that did it. I think that it is a great team, and Coach Wolfe did a fine job."

YOUNG AMERICA GOES CHESTERFIELD

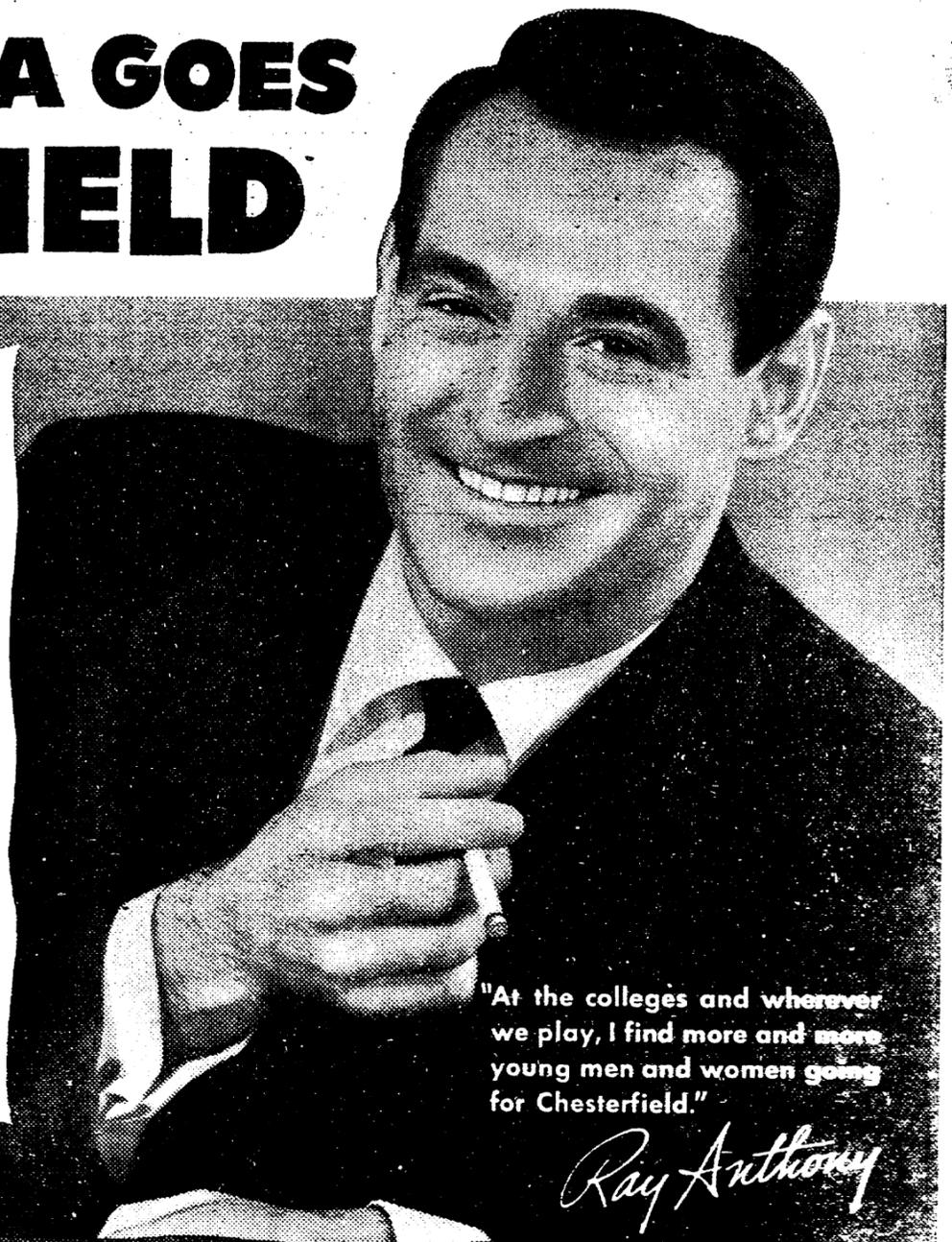
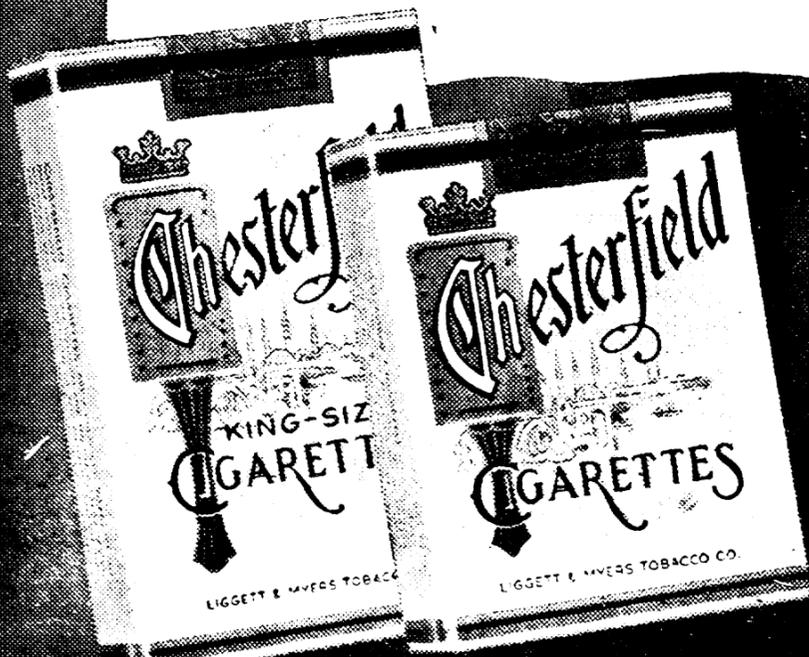
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