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 duty towards the maintenance of freedom of thought and inquiry. The precious freedoms for which your college stands: 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 theGraduates 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. If loyalties to City College will always live up to the standards of men like these," Mr. Truman stated emphatically.

"Today," he said, "the greatest foe of a free mind in 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 become like the enemy. "This is what the demagogues are playing on our fears to further partisan political ends. They are playing on our fears to further partisan political ends."

"Tomorrow," he concluded, "the battle 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."

So honored is also president of the Board of New York City. Mr. Cullman, the sixth person to be so honored, is also president of the Beckman Downtown Hospital, and director of the Metropolitan Opera Association, the New York Heart Association, the New York Times 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. Bueel G. Gallagher, David Sugarman '38, chairman of the alumni dinner committee, and Harry Spielberg '38, chairman of the City College Fund.
By Leon Levine

"Freedom without your own best defense" declared President Buell G. Gallagher in a speech before the American Bar Association at the Mandel Hall of Hunter College.

Speaking on academic freedom, Dr. Gallagher described the "process of free inquiry" wanted by the American Bar Association: "to learn through his own experience the values which are worth holding. His education lies in the closed mind, such as members of the Communist Party teach."

He also declared: "We cannot permit the pressure of political expediency and irresponsible words of demagogic men to force the colleges and schools to serve one iota away from their fundamental faith in freedom.

President Gallagher said that while you cannot force men to be free, or be well informed and wise, you can compel people to be foolish and uninformed by holding up the method of free thought and forcing them to see the light.

"From the Macbeths to Lovejoy, from Communists to Oxnam, from Balfour to Ghandi, the history of man's search for freedom is to give hell to the demagogues and the rabble-rousers who would force the colleges and schools to serve one iota away from their fundamental faith in freedom."
On Beaver Hoosters Prepare For 8 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 loop workouts. The main core of this year's squad will be built around eight veterans from last year and two returning newcomers.

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) to increase 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 1946. This right was challenged by Dean Leslie W. Engler (Administrations), according to a statement by the SFCSA.

Meanwhile, the Executive branch of the Student Government set up a seven-man Commission on College Finance, which will look 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; Jerry Pollak '54 and Jerry Katz, '55 presidents of the senior and junior classes; Herbert Vierbrock, treasurer of the New York government; and David Landesman, chairman of the SC Legislative Agency.

The new commission met Tuesday and is expected to give back Monday minutes for records on NIF expenses.

Gerry Switana

Protect Freedoms, Truman Urges Before 1400 Alumni

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"Now I'm rather skittish 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 Harvard-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 he had been involved in Soviet espionage.

This statement met with one of the largest spurs 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 government does not stand firm against panic against the invasion of ideas, then we are in no such bad times.

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Soccer Men Defeat Long Island, 4-1

Missed by 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 heartbreaker, with approximately five minutes gone, when his shot curled off the top of the goal. Finally, at 19:40, Andy Kessenides took a shot from Tommy Holm and best 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 Guy- Brooklyn College losing today in a 1-0 lead at the end of the half. The Aggies repeated.

The third stanza was one in which the backlines of both sides excelled, and there was no scoring. With 33 minutes left to play, Ed Trunk iced the game by kicking a bullet-like shot into the top of the goal. At 21:30, Hocherman scored the final Beaver tally.

The City College booters’ play was dominant as they continued to dominate the play as the half ended. The defense was superb, thwarting numerous Aggie threats in front of the nets.

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 Ed Schianger 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 BERNIE LOONG 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 Cortland Park. The Beavers captured the first five places as Tom O’Brien, Paul Pavides, Gena 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 Cinderella Saturday in Van Courtland 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 boasts victories over Adelphi and Kings Point and has at least one runner, George King, who has run under twenty seven minutes with consistency. Vince Chiappotta, 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 Pavides in the Queens encounter; the improvement in Captains Tom O’Brien’s running since the season’s commencement; the addition of a triple threat in Gena Forsythe and the encouraging showing of men like Joe Brogan, Herb Vertes and Jim Spence. Freddy Thompson, a regular showing, 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 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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