

# OBSERVATION POST

## Tie for First



The College's Pershing Rifles (above) tied for first place and won a trophy at the eight Annual Regiment and Trick Drill meet on Saturday.

## \$250 Granted to Soviet Tour By SC; New Appeal for Fees

By GLORIA KINGSLEY

Student Council voted last night to appropriate \$250 to help finance the intercollegiate Soviet tour this summer. A new appeal to the Student Faculty Fee Committee to contribute to the tour was made again by SC leaders.

## Begin Annual Finley Series Next Tuesday

"The Newspaper and Society" is the subject of the sixth annual John H. Finley series of public lectures to be held May 11 and 12 under the sponsorship of the English Department.

The lecture series, named in honor of the late John Huston Finley third president of City College and former Editor-in-Chief of The New York Times was inaugurated (according to Professor Edgar Johnson (Chairman, English), "as a means of bridging the gap between the press and modern society."

An address by Fred M. Hechinger, '42, education editor of the New York Herald Tribune, on "The Press and Education," will open the series on Tuesday evening May 11, in Room 200 Main.

### Symposium

The second session, on Wednesday evening, will be a symposium on "the Press and the Arts." Participating will be Francis Brown, editor of the Sunday Book Review of The New York Times, Emily Genauer, art critic of the Tribune, Louis Kronenberger (English), associate editor of Time Magazine, Burton Roscoe, author and critic, Howard Taubman, music editor of the Times, and Harriet Van Horne of The World Telegram and Sun.

The moderator of the symposium will be Dr. Irving Lorge, professor of education at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Admission is free to the general public but tickets must be obtained from the English Department.

After an hour of debate, a motion to over-rule the Elections Agency decision to postpone the deadline for filing petitions for SC offices was defeated by a 16-1 count. Only SC Secretary Abram Bernstein backed the plan.

SC also ordered three fraternities to submit their charters to it within a week or be suspended. The groups are Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Delta Pi and Pi Delta Phi.

### Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Judiciary Committee was called for 10:30 AM today in Room 20 to discuss challenges to the eligibility of Allen Bard will preside at the session, to which all aspirants to SC major office are invited.

SC Treasurer Howard Loewenstein announced that some old final examinations will be placed on sale Monday. He and Judson Yalkut are co-directors of the Final Exams Agency, which will sell the exams at one cent per page.



Howard Loewenstein  
Finally... Finally

# Chairman Defends SFFC's Refusal to Aid Soviet Tour

By DAVE PFEFFER

The Student Faculty Fee Committee (SFFC) feels that it has absolutely "no obligation" to allocate student fees to finance the proposed Russian Tour. Mr. Philip Brunstetter (Student Life), chairman of SFFC, declared Tuesday that "since about 1200 students" went on record as being "opposed to contributing anything to the tour, we have no right to tax them."

## OP Editorial

### Death by Strangulation

Last Friday Pres. Gallagher named the five members of the recently created special General Faculty Committee. This was an act that has taken fourteen months to achieve.

#### Chronology

Fourteen months ago Pres. Gallagher appointed a Presidential Committee, headed by Prof. Buckvar, to study the workings of the Student-Faculty Fee Committee (SFFC) and the Student-Faculty Committee on Student Affairs (SFCSA) for the purpose of making recommendations on any changes they felt were necessary.

Limited so in their scope, this Committee nevertheless labored honorably and fairly well—always keeping in mind Dr. Gallagher's promise: "Give me a report and I will take it to the General Faculty." When their work was done, however, they found that channels had to be followed.

So the Presidential Report went to the General Faculty Committee on Student Affairs (GFCSA) for its long, time consuming examination. This most stagnant, least prone to change group surprised no one by coming to the conclusion that the Presidential Report was all wrong and wound up by shooting off a twenty-one gun salute in favor of the status quo. As we say, this surprised no one—except those of us who believed that after more than a decade progress might be able to raise its bloody head again at City College.

The unanimous decision of the GFCSA rocked us a bit, but we looked back to Dr. Gallagher, the president of the College who by organizing the Presidential Committee had

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Philip Brunstetter  
"No Obligation"

Fee Committee was turned down by a vote of 7-1, last month.

Student Council President Manny Halper said yesterday that SFFC has an obligation to finance the tour and "the fact that they did not vote to do so shows that they have no interest in what the students want or think, since a majority of the students did vote to contribute something to the tour."

Halper added that the committee's idea of democracy is "to help the minority by hurting the majority."

Denying that he has knowledge of any sort of "slush fund," as charged by Henry Stern, Chairman of the Russian Tour Committee, Mr. Brunstetter would not comment on the existence of an "Army" (Continued on Page Two)

## Candidates . . .

Observation Post will interview candidates for office who desire endorsements, today, in the OP office 16A Main from 11:30 AM. Candidates will be interviewed in order of the importance of their positions.

## JA Columnist Attacks Prexy

President Buell G. Gallagher was described as a "demagogue" in a column by E. F. Tomkins in last Thursday's Journal American.

Tomkins stated that Dr. Gallagher does "quite a lot of denouncing" and in fact, "has had academic training along those lines."

The Journal American columnist then went on to attack Dr. Gallagher's statement that the "colleges had been coping with the peril of Communism long before Senator McCarthy took up the fight." Tomkins claimed that "action was forced upon them (the colleges) by the disclosures of the Dies Committee in Congress, the Rapp-Coudert Committee in New York and the Tenney Committee in California."

## Charter Day Ceremonies Today Begin at 11; Jack to Speak

The 107th anniversary of the founding of the College will be celebrated today with a special Charter Day Assembly to be held in the Great Hall. All 10 o'clock classes will end at 10:30 today in order to permit students to attend the ceremonies.

The Honorable Hulan E. Jack, borough president of Manhattan, will be the main speaker at the ceremonies which begin at 11 o'clock.

A colorful procession of faculty members and alumni of the Class of '04, garbed in academic robes will get the assembly underway. The invocation and benediction will be delivered by Rabbi Arthur Zuckerman '28, director of the college's B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation.

An address on behalf of the 50-year graduation class will be given by Jacob Holman, president of the '04 class. Music for the occasion will be supplied by the City College Orchestra under the direction of Prof. Fritz Jahoda, (Music).

After Mr. Jack's address awards will be presented to the members of the student body for outstanding achievements in extra-curricular activities and athletics by Student Council and the Athletic Association.

A luncheon, which will be attended by members of the '04 class, student officers and guests, will follow the assembly.

President Buell G. Gallagher will preside over the Charter Day ceremonies which commemorate the signing, in 1847, of a bill authorizing New York City to establish a "Free Academy" which would admit students without regard to race, creed or financial ability.

## Crumpets? . . .

Observation Post, Hillel and Dramsoc will co-sponsor a tea tomorrow afternoon at 2 PM in Knittle Lounge. This is slated to be the first event in the College's celebration of Israeli Independence Week. Israeli entertainment will be featured and refreshments will be served. All students and faculty members are invited.

# OBSERVATION POST

JEROME R. LUDWIG  
Editor-in-Chief

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## Death by Strangulation

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apparently recognized the need for change. After three months of deliberation, after weighing both the Presidential Committee and GFCSA recommendations, Dr. Gallagher issued a statement.

We stated at that time that Pres. Gallagher's attempt at compromise was not successful. The Presidential Report wanted the SFCSA set up exclusively as an appeals board; the GFCSA did not. Dr. Gallagher now recommended that the SFCSA be constituted primarily as a review board, denying them the authority to initiate legislation, but requiring all matters passed on by Student Council to go through their hands. In essence he recommended that Council be strengthened a little, SFCSA be strengthened a little—the old top-heavy balance was to be maintained.

The General Faculty met several weeks ago and found Dr. Gallagher's compromise too radical. They liked the idea of giving SFCSA the unprecedented authority to check all of Council's actions; but the idea of denying the SFCSA the right to initiate legislation was rejected. The essence of Dr. Gallagher's compromise was slightly modified: SFCSA would be strengthened; Student Council would be encouraged.

But a Committee of Five was formed, with the power of the General Faculty, and many of us read into this action a sincere attempt to make changes of such a sweeping nature that they could not be handled in a meeting room. We overlooked the flaws in the principles passed by the General Faculty. We swallowed hard and mumbled again that change is a great and slow moving phenomenon.

Last Friday Dr. Gallagher chose the five members of this uniquely empowered General Faculty Committee. At first we were slightly numbed and editorially repeated the "watchful waiting" slogan again. We could not realize that this was the end. Progress was being strangled.

### Evaluation

We took a good look at the Committee of Five, the latest receptacle of our hopes, and it is our sad duty today to pronounce it a dead organism. Three deans—Daniel Brophy, Leslie Engler and James Peace—comprising a majority on this newest committee, cannot and will not be able to carry out the changes that are necessary. They are of course, undisputedly entitled to their views. Indeed, the knowledge and bearing of Dean Peace, in particular, might have proven very valuable if he had been appointed non-voting chairman but the three men have helped to create the present machinery; they worked with it and most recently stood by it as members of the GFCSA which unanimously rejected any notion of change.

### The Total

This, then, is the total as the years go by: In fourteen months—nothing. The promise of a year from now—nothing. Let us be realistic at last. We have been willing to wait; we have had patience and as recently as last Tuesday we were willing to go along with the promises of change. But we have hovered over too many burst bubbles not to recognize the signs.

### The Future

There have been many ideas for changes proposed in these many months. Dr. Gallagher has been willing to examine them. "Throw it in the hopper," he has repeatedly said. Well, the "hopper" is full and the ideas are conflicting. When will the time for action come?

If you, Dr. Gallagher, believe that changes should be made, let us have a concrete indication. We have waited; show us a sign. We have our dreams go down the drain too often to go on in this way.

If progress dies, sir, its throttled corpse shall be laid at your doorstep.

### Sure Bet

Tomorrow twenty-one candidates will compete for your vote in the Soviet Tour primary election. You may vote for eight of them.

OP has entered as a candidate, its Associate Editor and former Editor-in-Chief, Andrew Meisels. He is a wily, scurvy knave who is sure to abscond with the funds before the Tour reaches Murmansk. Please give him your vote. We would appreciate your getting him out of the country for us.

At the same time we know him to be a competent, objective journalist, and if he should chance to return, he can be expected to ably share his impressions of Russia with the student body.

Either way, whether he returns or not, some good will come of it. You can't lose.

# Fighting Polio, the Crippler: The Story of Doctor Salk

By PAUL WEISSLER

Thousands of children may be saved from death or physical disability this year because of a discovery of Dr. Jonas E. Salk, a City College alumnus, class of '34. With the polio season approaching, American school children in forty-five states have been inoculated with the vaccine that he developed.

Supported by eight million dollars in grants from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and a seemingly inexhaustible supply of energy, the thirty-nine year-old CCNY graduate has been working on the project since 1949. In 1952 his efforts reached a climax with the formulation of the vaccine, but the testing work was still to be done. In March, 1953, Dr. Salk, on a radio broadcast to the public, told of the encouraging progress that he had made. Because he had not published his findings in a professional journal first, Salk was soundly criticized and his claims met with skepticism in scientific circles. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which had invested a great deal of money in the Salk project, decided that only widespread tests would bring conclusive results, and so they assigned to Dr. Thomas Francis Jr., Salk's former teacher at medical school, the job of heading the commission that would make the tests. The answers won't be in for another year, but other tests of the vaccine have indicated success.

Despite the great publicity given him, Dr. Salk is unchanged. He still is working sixteen hours a day, six days a week, and even

his few moments of leisure are spent deep in thought. As a family man, however, he recognizes his responsibility to his wife and three sons, to whom he devotes his Sundays.



Dr. Jonas E. Salk  
Triumph Over Polio?

The "young man in a hurry," as he was derisively called by a colleague, has come a long way. Born in Manhattan in 1914, the son of a women's wear manufacturer, Jonas Edward Salk as a youth showed superior scholastic

ability. He graduated from Townsend Harris High School (for accelerated students) at the age of sixteen and from CCNY before his twentieth birthday. After graduation from NYU Medical School, Salk joined a former teacher, Dr. Thomas, who was working in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the same Dr. Thomas who is now testing Salk's vaccine. Salk received an invitation to work at the University of Pittsburgh, and despite the fact that the school had no virus lab, he accepted. As a result of Dr. Salk's efforts, such a laboratory was built.

The fight against polio is not over, for even if this dead-virus vaccine works, temporary immunity will be the limit of its success. Dr. Salk is now experimenting with live virus, trying to find the key to permanent immunity. It may not be far off.

### Awards...

• Applications for Student Council Awards are now available in Room 20 Main. These awards are made on the basis of leadership and service in co-curricular activities. Deadline for applications is Friday, May 14.

### Soviet Trip...

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Hall Resident's Fund" and referred the matter to Dean Daniel F. Brophy (Chmn., Student Life), who could not be immediately reached for comment.

According to Henry Stern, the exact amount of this term's fee funds unappropriated by the Committee, is \$1,764.52.

Mr. Brunstetter also went on record as endorsing the idea of rotating the faculty members of SFFC as "a fine idea," but he opposes the Student Council Referendum which would change the structure of the committee from five faculty members and five students to five students and three faculty members. He insisted that at the present time, there is never any "overpowering of students" on the part of the faculty members of SFFC. "In fact," he continued, there is seldom any "dissension" on the committee.

### Club Notes

#### Geological Society

"Pegmatite Minerals Around the World" will be the topic of a talk by Dr. David M. Seaman of the American Museum of Natural History at 12:30 in Room 315 Main.

#### Newman Club

A championship intra-club softball game between the Bras and the Gans will be played at 12:30 in Jasper Oval.

#### Scientific Phenomena Society

A program of films on radar work in Civil Defense, will be presented in cooperation with the Ground Observer Corps in Room 205 Main at 12:30. The Manhattan director of the GOC, Mr. George E. Mueden, will be present.

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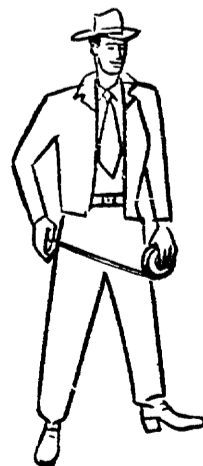
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# The Rich History of Charter Day

By JERRY LUDWIG

History tells us that late in the afternoon of May 7, 1847, the Governor of the State of New York, the Honorable John Young, affixed his signature to an act authorizing the establishment of a "Free Academy." And so today, the first Thursday in May is celebrated as Charter Day. But behind the annual celebration is a story or two.

The first tale deals with a man who lived in the era when popular education was on the rise. He was a crockery merchant, a Democrat, a part-time fireman—and a man destined for great fame in the field of oriental diplomacy. His name is Townsend Harris, and in 1846 he assumed office as the first president of the Board of Education.

Harris' first actions as Board President made it clear that he was determined to sponsor the establishment of a free college. After some difficulty he succeeded in calling a special meeting of the Board to discuss such matters. In the course of this meeting the President left the chair to move that a committee of three be appointed to examine the present allocation of the State "Literature Fund"—the 1846 version of State Aid. Harris was one of those named to the committee.

In six months the committee reported back. The majority found that the Fund was being divided among four schools: the Columbia University and Grammar Schools—whose registered number of students was "shamefully" low; Rutgers Female Institute—which the committee found neglecting many "vital" branches of knowledge as well as "misdistributing" the Fund money; and the Deaf and Dumb Institution—which the committee declared was not, however worthy an establishment, originally intended for a share of the Fund.

On Wednesday evening, February 10, 1847, Harris personally took the floor at a meeting of the Board and mustered approval for two resolutions—the first recommending that the annual portion of the Fund to which New York County was entitled be used to support a free college or academy; the second, calling on the Legislature to authorize the use of sums raised by taxes for construction and maintenance of "said college or academy."

It was further decided that the government of the proposed institution should be in the hands of the Board, with title to its property vested in the City and the Board.

A memo to the Legislature was drawn up, embodying these principles. Townsend Harris had won a complete victory.

The memo sent to the Legislature was simply a rewrite of the major portions of the committee of three's majority report. Proposed by Democrat Harris, it was quickly approved with the strong backing of the close-knit Democratic vote in the Legislature.

Governor Young



Gen. Alexander S. Webb  
Son Unlike Father

John Young, the Governor of New York, was listed as a Whig. But he was quite a controversial Whig, who had on occasion incurred the wrath of his own party. He gained office on a coalition vote of citizens from both major parties.

When the Academy Act came to his hands there was little doubt as to what he would do. The self-styled "middle-of-the-roader" had himself struggled for an education; he had worked for a number of years as a teacher. He signed the Free

Academy Act as soon as it reached his desk. The date, as mentioned, was May 7, 1847, the day of its passage by the Legislature.

There was but one more hurdle to be passed before the Act could take effect. An amendment providing for a city referendum had been tacked onto the Act when it was passed. This was common practice with important issues at that time.

The press on both sides was most vehement. Perhaps the bitterest of all editorial opponents of the Free Academy was Col. James Watson Webb, publisher of the *Morning Courier and Enquirer*. By an ironical twist, the Colonel lived to see his son, Gen. Alexander Stewart Webb, become the second president of the college whose establishment he fought so bitterly in 1847. Taken in all, however, the editorial balance was in the Free Academy's favor.

On Monday, June 7, 1847, the people of the City of New York went to the ballots and voted by more than six to one in favor of creating the academy.

The actual beginning of the ceremonies now identified with Charter Day involves still another story. John Huston Finley, who history generally accepts as City College's outstanding president, was always searching for ways to call attention to the College's rank as an educational institution.

In 1905, Finley hit upon the idea of holding a regular ceremony each year in observance of the College's founding. The first celebration was held in May of 1905. The student body assembled in the College Chapel at the old downtown school to hear addresses by President Finley, Professor Alfred George Compton (Compton Hall is his namesake) and the President of the Student Council.



John H. Finley  
Charter Day His Brain Child

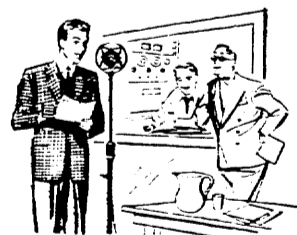
At Finley's request, the faculty voted in 1906 to make the ceremonies an annual institution.

A particularly impressive Charter Day celebration was held in 1907. On that occasion the old chapel was crowded with a great throng come to mark the sixtieth birthday of City College and to say goodbye to the antiquated red-brick building on Twenty-third Street which the school was shortly to desert for its new uptown accommodations.

An old faded silk American flag was brought forward. This flag had floated over the first United States Consulate in Japan. It had been made there by Japanese weavers, under the direction of Townsend Harris, the College's founder. It was a dramatic scene, symbolizing the link between the College of the present and the College of the past.

Over the years many speakers and events have provided the colorful ceremonies with historic value. Most recently, when Bernard Baruch, class of '89, spoke at last year's ceremonies, President Buell Gallagher took the occasion to propose the renaming of the Downtown School of Business in honor of Mr. Baruch.

## How the stars got started...



Red Barber says: "I was a student working my way through the University of Florida when I was asked to be substitute announcer on a farm program. That got me a job. In two years, I became chief announcer. My break in sports came in '34 when I broadcast Cincinnati Reds games. Been doing Major League play-by-play ever since!"

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# City Plays League Foe at Ohio Field

By JERRY STREAR

Oh, sweet mystery of life, what almost happened. Baseball, that haughtiest of outdoor pastimes, nearly returned to Lewisohn Stadium today. When Monday's City-Hofstra tilt was called off due to inclement weather, it was promptly rescheduled to today. But soon, to the dismay of College officials, it was discovered that there was no field available for this afternoon.

No field except one, to be more precise. Lewisohn Stadium is its name. The thought brought shudders to all who were concerned. But thanks to feverish work by the Athletic Office and some quick help by the authorities at New York University, the Convent Avenue rockbed will remain a practice "field" for just a little while longer. Instead, the Conference game will be played

Manhattan despite the painful after-effects of a tetanus injection, will open at shortstop. The third sacker is Vito Giovannello.

### Baretz Hitting

Centerfielder Ozzie Baretz is the only long ball threat that has lived up to advanced billing. He is beginning to display a semblance of the form that won him a berth on the 1952 All-Met team. His long home run against Queens was the decisive blow of the contest.

The rest of the outfield is not set. Mishkin's grab bag consists of Louis Bernero, Jim Eadie, Nicholas Hrinkevich, Albert Wolfman and Ed Lubitz. If needed, Nacinovich can switch from first and play in left field.

All-Met catcher Jim Cohen will be behind the plate. Jim, the workhorse of the team, is a very fine handler of pitchers.

## Juggler . . .



Baseball mentor Sol Mishkin has been operating a la Casey Stengel in order to find a winning combination. Before the season began, it was assumed on the basis of last year's showing plus the arrival of slugger Ed Lubitz and the return of Larry Cutler, that the hitting would carry the team. The pitching was supposed to be weak. But as things turned out, the hitting has faltered and the pitching has come through in good fashion.

# AA Nominating Forms May Be Obtained Now

All matriculated students are eligible to run for Executive Board positions of the Student Athletic Association. Elections will be held on Thursday, May 20, at both the Uptown and Downtown centers.

The requirements are as follows: **President**—must be at least a lower junior; must have served two years on the Executive Board or have served one year and be the recipient of a varsity letter; must have a petition signed by 100 students. **Vice-President**—must be at least an upper sophomore; must have served one year on the Board; must have a petition signed by 100 students. **Secretary**—must be at least a lower sophomore; must have served one year on the Board; must have a petition signed by 100 students. **Two uptown day session Representatives**—must have a petition signed by 75 students. **Uptown evening session Representatives**—must carry at least 6 credits; must have a petition signed by 75 students.

dium Building and in the Main Events Office.

The SAA is the largest organization on campus. It has the main say in deciding athletic policy at the College. The members of the organization hope that all students will take an active interest in this election in order to promote student spirit and support in athletics at the College.

All candidates must have a C or better average. The deadline for petitions is Tuesday, May 11. Petitions may be obtained at the AA Office in the Lewisohn Sta-

## Postnotes . . .

- Next week will be the last chance to buy tickets to the Student Council—APO Boat Ride. Tix may be purchased from members of APO wearing yachting caps, or SC representatives. Boatride is May 16.
- Students with complaints on discriminatory practices by fraternities have been asked to write letters to Arnold Weingold and leave them in his box in Room 20. They will be kept confidential.



Larry Cutler  
Wears Glasses

at the Violets' Ohio Field at 3 PM.

Coach Sol Mishkin, who has been juggling his lineup since opening day in order to find a combination that will win consistently, will start righthander Bill Konig. It's a good bet that Joe Galletta, who had the misfortune to yield six unearned runs on just three hits against Manhattan last Friday, will see relief duty if Konig falters.

### Below Par

Every game from here on in is a "must" for the Beavers if they hope to successfully defend the Metropolitan Conference Championship. City, currently tied with Manhattan for fourth place with a 2-3 record, won the crown with 9-3 last season.

The starting lineup is not uncertain. Paul Nacinovich, the



Jim Cohen  
The Catcher

regular first baseman, is in the throes of a batting slump and Mishkin may replace him with sophomore John Ryan. Larry Cutler is set at second base. He has always been a steady fielder and his hitting, which has been the big question mark with him, picked up in the Queens fracas last Saturday when he contributed a double and a single in the Beavers' 8-6 victory. Mike Kucklinca, who played against Man-

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