

## OP Elects...

The staff of Observation Post has elected the OP Managing and Associate Boards for the Fall 1954, semester.

The new Managing Board will consist of: Andrew Meisels, Editor-in-Chief; Jerome R. Ludwig, Associate Editor; Selwyn Raab, Managing Editor; Martin Stahl and Stanley Wecker, Co-Business Managers; Joan Snyder, News Editor; Bruno Wassertheil, Features Editor; Herschel Nissenson, Sports Editor.

## Klosk Outlines 5-Point Plan for Student Gov't

Ira Klosk, newly elected President of Student Council, has issued a five-point program for next term's activities of the Student Government.

His long-range program is based on the proposition that "the only genuinely democratic system of student participation in College administration will be community government." To this end

discounts in purchases from many stores in the city.

The co-ordination and expansion of the social programs at the College is another essential service the Student Government will perform next semester. This would involve a conference of all organizational leaders to prevent conflict of the major events, such as plays, dances, etc.

## Interest Students

A regular monthly college forum covering topics of special interest to students as students (not outside politics) will also be sponsored by the Student Government.

In the field of academic freedom, Klosk proposed the establishment of a student-faculty committee to act as a watchdog group "to prevent infringements of academic freedom on the campus," as well as a continuation of "the work which has been done this term."

As the final point of his program, Klosk will finally implement the long-talked-about Leadership Training Program to ensure an effective student leadership in coming terms.

Klosk has said, "I will do my very best to carry out this program. Of course, I cannot do it all myself: I will need help to accomplish these things. A successful Council depends on a sound base of hard work, which I will do my best to provide," he emphasized.



Ira Klosk

Long Range Program

he proposes to work for the adoption of the Presidential (Buckwar) Committee report as a first step. The Buckwar report calls for greater student participation in student government.

## Must Prove Usefulness

Klosk feels, however, that "in the long interim, Student Government must step forward and prove its usefulness to the student body by providing essential services and maintaining respect for student leaders."

Among these "essential services" he includes the institution of the NSA-sponsored Student Discount Service: a plan whereby students may receive substantial

## College Music To Be Aired

The City College musical groups will be heard next Wednesday in a transcribed broadcast over WNYC at 5:00 PM.

The vocal ensemble, under the direction of Professor Fritz Jachoda (Music), will present excerpts from Brahms' "Liebeslieder-Waltzes," set #2 and two original songs by Professor William D. Gettel of the College's Music Department, "O Cool Valley" and "Taste a Liqueur Never Brewed."

## Undergraduates

The Boccherini C Major String Quintet will be performed by the College's undergraduate string quintet. The members of the quintet are Professor Otto Deri (Music), cello, Marc Plesser, cello, Myron Rosenblum, viola, and Sidney Fried and Rudolph Klenavsky, violins.

## Alter SFCSA Composition; Five Year Terms Maximum

By RAY HAMILTON

The membership of two key committees in student affairs will be radically revised if the President acts favorably on a report submitted to him yesterday by the General Faculty's Committee of Five.

According to the recommendations the faculty membership of both the Student-Faculty Committee on Student Activities (SFCSA) and the General Faculty Committee on Student Activities (GFCSA) will be rotated so that no member will serve indefinitely.

## Petition Filed Against Senior Package Deal

By DAVE PFEFFER

Complaints have been lodged by a group of seniors regarding the handling of affairs this term by the class officers.

In a petition filed with Dean James S. Peace (Student Life), seventy-five students registered dissatisfaction with the "package deal" offered this term by the Senior Class.

Under the package arrangement, graduating seniors, who must wear caps and gowns at graduation have been unable to rent them from the Senior Class unless they also purchase tickets to various class events. The total price is \$5.50.

## Counter-petition

According to Harry Pollak, Senior Class President, a group of students have gathered 125 signatures on a counter-petition expressing confidence in the Class Council's price policies. They plan to file this petition with Dean Peace when they have gotten at least 250 signatures, "which will be by Wednesday," Pollak stated.

Mr. Irving Slade (Central Treasurer) told the delegation of seniors, "I feel that the class council has the right to set price policies, but it should respect in-

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The suggested new members for SFCSA are: Dr. Marvin Magalaner (English) who will serve for a term of five years; Prof. Herbert Taub (Electrical Engineering) for a four-year term; and Prof. James I. Kendall (Biology) for a three-year term. Two incumbents, Prof. Kurt Lowe (Geology) and Dr. LaVange Richardson (Student Life) will serve two and one-year terms respectively. The three other present members of SFCSA, who have resigned and will not serve in the fall, are Dean Leslie W. Engler (Administration), Prof. Kenneth B. Clark (Psychology) and Dean James S. Peace (Student Life). Dean Peace, however, will be the non-voting chairman of the group.

The membership of GFCSA will have a similar rotation policy with a period of six years. The new members, appointed for terms ranging from six years to one year are, in order of their terms: Prof. Robert Bierstedt of Sociology (six years), Prof. William Pearman (Education), Prof. Robert Stranathan (Mathematics, Baruch School), Prof. Michael Kraus (History), Prof. Charles J. Eberhardt (Hygiene, Baruch School) and Prof. James R. Steven (Civil Engineering). There will also be three members ex officio: the Chairman of the Department of Student Life (Dean Daniel F. Brophy), the Director of the School of General Studies, Main Center (Dr. Bernard Levy) and the Director of the Evening Session at the Baruch School (Dr. Robert Love). Dean Brophy and Profs. Bierstedt, Stranathan, and

Levy are on the committee at present.

President Buell G. Gallagher has expressed his "gratitude to those people who have resigned, for their effective and faithful

Dean James S. Peace  
Non-voting Chairman

service in the past."

Commenting on the complete separation of membership in GFCSA and SFCSA, Dean Brophy said, "the idea of separating the two committees will certainly eliminate one of the causes for concern Student Council has had with regard to members of SFCSA again sitting in judgment on things they had already decided upon. However," he stressed, "in all occasions in the past in which matters have been submitted to both groups, the members of SF-

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## South of Freedom

By Jerry Ludwig

Kenneth Clark, at the age of 40, has made an indelible mark. His face and name may not be remembered by the years, but his words will live as part of the Supreme Court decision which outlawed school segregation last week.

In 1950 Prof. Clark participated in the mid-century White House Conference on Children and Youth—a social "state of the union" evaluation which is undertaken every ten years. The general topic of discussion was "Healthy Personality Development" and Dr. Clark was assigned the task of gathering facts about discrimination.

At the very time the conference studied and discussed, 67 Negro farm families in Clarendon, South Carolina, went to court to demand school buses for their children. A few months after the conference ended, representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which had begun to work in the Clarendon and similar cases, came to Prof. Clark and asked him to do research on the subject, which, unknown to them, he had already covered. His conference report, "The Effect of Prejudice and Discrimination on Personality Development," was subsequently used in testimony in several states and last week it became a part of the Supreme Court opinion.

Dr. Clark, as general social science consultant to the legal staff of the NAACP, was closely connected with almost all of the state-to-state battles in the past few years. It was his job to act as liaison between the lawyers and the social scientists, who participated in the cases as expert witnesses and/or aides in preparing the briefs.

Social psychology testimony had never been extensively accepted by the courts, and never in a civil litigation, so there were many moments of hesitancy during the long months leading up to the Supreme Court presentation.

"We knew we would lose on the law," Prof. Clark explained, "so we banked everything on the social science approach." In South Carolina, Virginia and Delaware he personally testified and presented his argument that segregation has detrimental personality effects upon Negro children.

"We didn't lose them all, you know," said the Professor. "We won the case in Delaware, and in South Carolina Judge (J. Waties) Waring found in our favor, though he was outvoted. What we tried to do was build case on case and we hope that the legal situation would be right when we reached the Supreme Court."

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## Queens Votes To Uphold Ad Bans by SC

The right of the Queens College Student Council to suspend student publications for printing "subversive" advertisements was upheld last week by the student body in a referendum.

The referendum, which passed, 1,071-897, grew out of action taken by the Queens SC, last February, when *The Crown*, a student weekly, ran an advertisement for the Labor Youth League (LYL), an organization on the Attorney General's List of Subversive Organizations. The Council passed a resolution calling for the immediate suspension and possible revocation of the charter of any student publication which published ads from organizations on the "List" when 200 students signed petitions recommending the action.

# South of Freedom

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Then finally, after argument and reargument in Washington; 9-0. "On Monday, May 17, I was proud to be an American," Dr. Clark said. "It wasn't a partisan victory. It was simply a recognition of major changes and differences in our life since 1896." The so-called Plessy doctrine of "separate but equal" was thrown out and in a decision which has been described as more of a sociological study than a legal opinion, the law was re-interpreted in the light of social science.

And there in the decision were Prof. Clark's words: "To separate Negro children from others of similar age and qualifications because of their race generates a feeling of inferiority as to their status in the community that may affect their hearts in a way unlikely to ever be undone."

Prof. Clark wasn't the only City College man who worked toward the momentous decision. Gardner Murphy, the former chairman of the Psychology Department worked with the NAACP, as did Prof. John Davis of the Government Department, who did historical research for the reargument before the Supreme Court. Pres. Gallagher, who is a National Vice-chairman of the NAACP, also worked on the reargument as recently as last December. And of course, on the bench, there was Justice Felix Frankfurter, a 1902 graduate of the College.

While the South has yet to deal with the process of de-segregation, Dr. Clark is already practicing his own preachings at the Northside Center for Child Development, which he and his wife, Mamie Phipps Clark, founded in 1946. He predicts that the court edict will be implemented "much more smoothly than critics imagine."

Prof. Clark was born in Panama on July 24, 1914. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1935, and his Masters in 1936, both from Howard University. In 1940 he completed work at Columbia University for his Ph.D. He began teaching psychology at City College in the summer session of 1940, with a few years out at Queens College. He returned to CCNY on a regular basis in 1947.

The Clarks have two children: Kate, age 14, and Hilton, who is 11. Prof. Clark has two hobbies aside from his professional interests: making shaggy rugs along with his wife, though he admits he hasn't done any work in that line for quite a while; and playing with his boy's electric trains.

Since last Monday the congratulations have been pouring in, but Prof. Clark takes most delight in relating his son's reaction. Hilton asked his father if it was true that the Supreme Court had used some of his words. Prof. Clark said it was. "Well, Dad," the boy said, "I'm really proud of you."



# 'Thirty'

By Hank Stern

One of those moments when you realize how time is passing comes when you sit down to write a column labelled "thirty." You think of all the things you've wanted to say, but never did. This is your last chance.

It isn't easy to distill the knowledge and experiences of four years in twenty inches of eight-point type. It's especially hard for someone like me, for whom the College has been not merely a place to study, but a center of activity for the past four years.

As one of the small but "active" breed of students that has spent more hours in the co-curriculum than within the curriculum, I feel that I have gained more than most from City College.

"Student government" is not at all what the name implies. It is a toy world, where well-intentioned students seeking to participate in College affairs see their efforts made meaningless by the minute responsibility that Student Council has in College affairs.

President Buell Gallagher arrived on the College scene in Fall 1952 as a refreshing contrast to Harry Wright. In his first talk to Student Council, he attacked "dictator administrations" and expressed himself as wholeheartedly in favor of the students doing as much in College affairs as they could. He advised us to read his book, "American Caste and the Negro College," in which he tells of the community government he set up at Talledega College, where he was president for ten years.

Now, two years later, nobody reads President Gallagher's book any more. Not a single change has been made in the tight administration control over student affairs. After fifteen months of talk, new committees are still pondering how to introduce democracy to City College. Three deans comprise a majority of the latest committee.

Although it has been very trying at times, I still believe that Dr. Gallagher is a sincere man, doing his best for the College. The President is a man of great integrity, and I urge all students to help him in his efforts to improve CCNY. Having had the privilege to know him personally, I can say that there are reasons for some of his actions that most of us do not understand. His heart, however, is clearly in the right spot.

There were three professors who contributed, in fact and in spirit, the most to my education. They are Felix S. Cohen, Oscar Buckvar and George Edwards. Their deaths this year have been tragedies for both the College and the tradition of forthright liberal thought.

# Prof Offers Tips to Avert Woes Due to Final Exams

By PAUL KRAMER

Heavy, heavy hang over your head—in fact, over everyone's, the benzedrine days — those of studying for finals. Yet there may be a solution to this studying madness.

Prof. Burt W. Aginsky (Sociology) has come forward with timely tips for the studiers. The Prof. bases his advice to a great extent on two proven psychological principles:

(1) that the greatest ability and capacity for working occur in the morning hours. This is true for the majority of people. It is up to the individual to find out what his best learning hours are, and (2) more important, that the amount of efficiency while studying increases sharply for about the first half hour. It then levels off at its maximum into a plateau; finally, it gradually decreases after about another half hour.

The duration of these periods varies and it is up to the individual to learn how long he can keep studying efficiently and to budget his time accordingly.

### Studying

(1) Estimate the situation. Survey the amount of subject and the time available according to the individual capabilities.

(2) Divide the time beforehand into different periods, with breaks after every period. Take a break after finishing each subject. This allows the subject to sink in without being confused with the following ones. When efficiency becomes low and the subject can no longer be grasped, take a break, or switch to another subject. In the first period, (low efficiency) start with an easy subject; in the second period (maximum efficiency) take the hardest one; then take the others in order of greatest importance and difficulty.

(3) While studying—do not eat;

do not smoke; do not play the radio; do not go to the bathroom; do not comb your hair. Save such things as a "reward" during the break, giving yourself a psychological stimulus.

(4) Work by the clock. When allocating study periods, make a time schedule and stick to it, no matter what. Do not extend a period even for five minutes. This



Save As a Reward

teaches you to estimate the situation properly and keeps you up to date. Unfinished matter can be completed after all the time schedules are over.

(5) Repetition aids in retention. In the morning of the exam, review work will do a world of good. Do not, however, cram any new matter in the morning.

Prof. Aginsky went on to give a few tips on how to take the exam itself:

Most important is to read the

test paper carefully and find out exactly what the question wants.

Adjust to the professor's tastes. If he likes a long paper, give it to him.

Go through true-false questions thoroughly, but quickly, and only once. Put down the first answer that comes to your mind and do not change or review.

Estimate the situation. Read all essay questions beforehand and make a rough outline of what you are going to say in each of your answers. Budget your time properly and you won't have to worry about finishing on time.

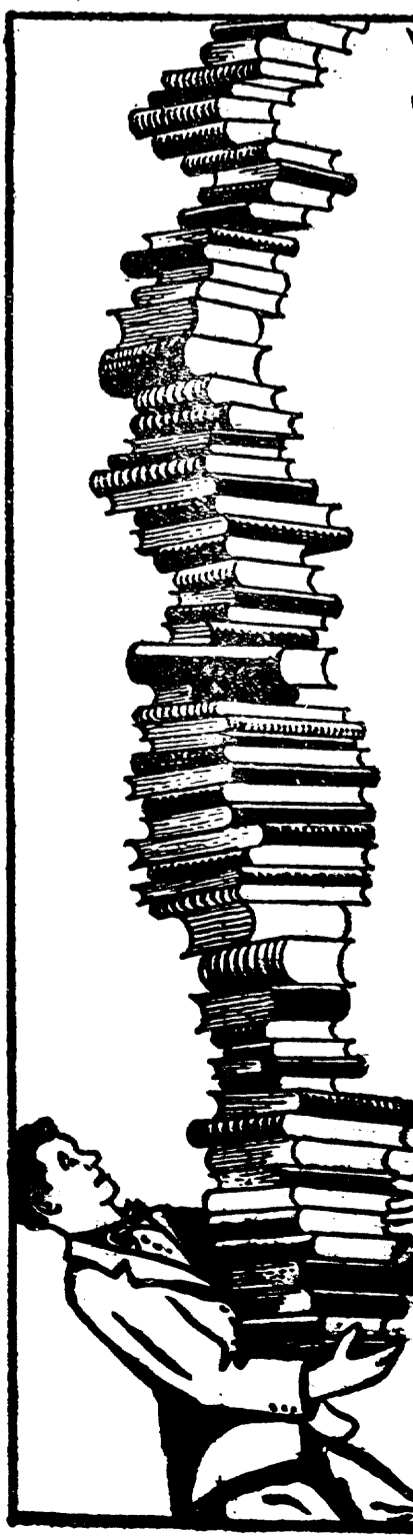
Be relaxed. If you are nervous, stop writing for a minute and think of something else until you are calm.

You will be better off to say only what you are sure of instead of guessing. A wrong question loses more credit than an omitted one.

### Cramming

If you absolutely cannot answer one question, do not try to fake it. Write a note to your professor saying that you don't understand the question and cannot answer it, and write a substitute question of your choice answering that. You will be better off because it will give you a chance to show your knowledge. Your professor is interested in what you know.

Finally, and very important, write legibly. Don't forget that your prof is a human being (sic).



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# Brooklyn 'Hello' Course Girl Teaches Right Way

By PAUL WEISSLER

After bracing herself against the possible flow of righteous indignation from the inhabitants of Kings County, Bronxite Annette Breindel fearlessly declared that "Brooklynese" is, according to her, coarse and uncultured. She further intoned that it is so deeply pressed that it is extremely difficult to correct.

The twenty-year-old Speech Education major, who works as speech instructor for the New York Telephone Company, has a rather arduous task of improving the voices of telephone operators. The sweet, mellow voice that you hear was not born to the girl; it was developed through training. Male students are frequently advised that trying to imitate operators because of their one voice is a risky proposition, especially if you get a "yes" answer. Normally, operators never accept these offers anyway, said Miss Breindel. Telephone operators are carefully supervised and are not given per-

mission to make outside appointments, she added.

After a hard day of exasperating moments, the operator walks into Miss Breindel's class, full of steam to blow off. One operator told of the time she cut into a telephone conversation to tell the parties that their time was up. She heard a man telling his wife, "Nag, nag, nag. All the time you're nagging me. Anything I do, you nag me."

The operator interrupted with a polite "Your time is up," only to be told by the man, "Everyone nags me, and you too. You're nagging me." Unless the time for the call is up, operators are not permitted to listen in on a call. They are "far too busy, anyway," said Miss Breindel.

It isn't surprising that Miss Breindel is being considered for "What's My Line," the popular television show. Bennett Cerf, Dorothy Kilgallen and the rest could be in for quite an evening.

## Fling...

Finished with finals? Ready to fling? Then you'll have a chance at the "Final Fling" Tuesday evening, June 8th. Sponsored by House Plan, this last affair of the College Social Season will take place in the Quadrangle, outdoors between Townsend Harris and the Tech Building.

All students at the College will be admitted free upon presenting their College identification which will admit two.

## Seniors...

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The Senior Class President also declared that the students are not being coerced but "contractual obligations have been made and it's too late to do anything now." He did add, however, that the policy will be somewhat more liberal in the future with people who cannot possibly attend the other functions being permitted to rent caps and gowns for \$3.50.

Pollak also added, "that the class council had set the price, after consultation with Dean Peace. A large number of people," he declared, "have been given caps and gowns separately at \$3.50."

## 2 for 1 Policy On Theater Fix

Two can live as cheaply as one if the two happen to be going to the Cherry Lane Theater. A new policy is being inaugurated favoring City College couples. Upon presentation of some evidence of attendance at the College, two tickets will be sold to thesefortunates for the price of one.

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## Letters

### Posterity

Open letter to the Student Body:

Recently the College lost one of its finest leaders and outstanding personalities. Today Professor Buckvar lives on in the memories of his many students and friends, but it is extremely difficult to convey an accurate picture of this great figure to those who will come to the College in years to come. Unfortunately, things now are, a like situation shall exist for most members of this institution.

It is my proposal that a grant made by some interested group, be it the Alumni Association or even the student body, to finance a program of five-minute and motion picture film interviews with it is hoped, all members of the faculty. These might be handled at minimum cost by the CCNY Film Institute. Such a program would cost about five dollars per interview for a stock. Perhaps the student body might indicate their choice first to insure the most prominent figures being preserved for the College archives during the initial period of limited funds. Imagine the value of a filmed record of Professor Oscar Buckvar, Felix Cohen, "Teddy" Goodwin, and others that we might have passed to our successors. Think well of your loss and weigh my suggestion carefully, we forget.

Barry Edwin Schacter  
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## Photos...

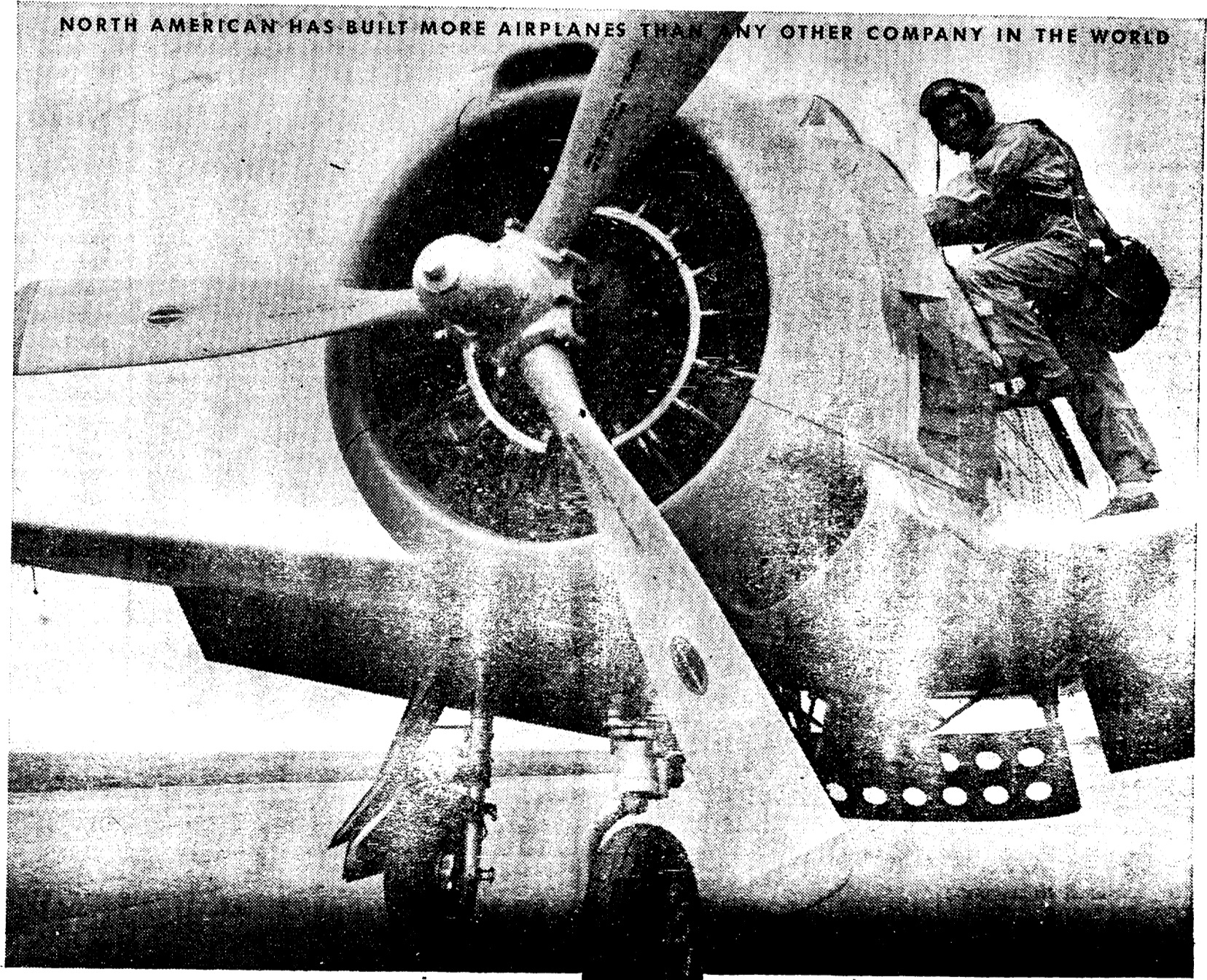
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# Runners End Winning Year With 4-1 Mark

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON

Previous CCNY track and field teams may possibly have compiled better won-and-lost records, but there has never been one with better all-around strength than this year's aggregate, according to

By winning on Saturday against traditional rival Brooklyn College, 75½-64½, the tracksters not only finished with a 4-1 mark, with the only defeat coming at the hands of Hofstra College, winner of the Collegiate Track Conference Championships two weeks ago, but triumphed over the school which had beaten them for third place in the CTC meet.

The other schools which the Beavers defeated in dual meet competition were Farleigh-Dickinson, Upsala, and Panzer.

## Pavlidis Excels

The Bruccemen were particularly outstanding in the distance events, winning 87 out of a possible 90 points in the one and two-mile runs. Tom O'Brien, the lanky senior, captured five straight miles, while captain Paul Pavlidis took four two-miles (he did not run in that event against Hofstra), for a combined total of nine triumphs in the ten distance



Paul Pavlidis  
Nine Triumphs

events. The tenth victory was a two-mile cop by Hill Kowalski.

The team's weakest point was the field events, save for the hammer throw, the discus, and the broad jump, where Mel Cutler, Irv Stein and Joe Gold held forth respectively. This weakness was alleviated somewhat in the Brooklyn meet, when Lloyd Claiborne, a sophomore who was picked out of a hygiene class, won the high jump at a height of 5 feet 10 inches. With Claiborne figuring to improve, the Lavender should be well represented in the high jump for the next two years.

The busiest Beaver was Gold, who, besides competing in the broad jump, at one time or another also participated in the high

## SFCSA . . .

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CSA have refrained from voting on GFCSA.

The original Presidential Committee, of which the late Prof. Oscar Buckvar was chairman, was set up a year ago to study student-faculty relations and student government. The report of this committee was considered by the GFCSA, which thereupon issued its own, dissenting, report. President Gallagher, faced with these two contradictory sets of suggestions, came out with a report of his own which, to some extent, attempted to synthesize the other two. The President's Report was then given to the General Faculty which created the Committee of Five to study and implement his suggestions.

The Committee of Five will not wait until it is all through with its deliberations before issuing reports. From time to time, as matters are decided, they have promised to release their findings.

## SPORT NOTES

Possible evidence of things to come (hopes Coach "Red" Wolfe) was given several days ago when a soccer team representing the Police Athletic League journeyed to West Point and trounced the Army "A" team, 5-1.

The PAL'ers included seven past present and future members of the College's Soccer team. Goalie "Punchy" Friedland was superb in the nets while all-American Lucien Daouphars and freshman Rudy Gedamke sparkled on the halfback line.

# 'Skip' Mishkin Known As Mentor and Coach

As the baseball season ends it marks only the second time in seven years that a Beaver team coached by Sol "Skip" Mishkin has not finished in the first division in the Met Conference.

"Skip's" career started in his undergraduate days at Occidental (California) College where he starred in baseball, basketball and football. Playing ball did not affect Sol's scholastic work as he attained Phi Beta Kappa honors. Mishkin received his M.A. at Columbia University.

Having spurned an offer to play football with the Green Bay Packers, Mishkin joined the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific

Coast League in 1927. In his first pro game he collected a triple, single and double. Sol, who played first-base and the outfield, was considered a long ball threat. As late as mid-July of 1948, his last year as an active player, "Skip" stepped from the coaching lines in an emergency to finish the season with a batting average of .400 and play flawless ball in the field.

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