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Say Hey!

For the unfortunate who have classes, for the fortunate who are cutting, OP shall present a running box score of the third World Series game today beginning at 1:00 PM. In line with the traditional policy of serving the student body, OP will post a running summation, inning-by-inning, for the convenience of instructors who cannot leave the room during their lectures to find out what's happening. All this posted outside Room 16A.

Pope Quits BHE; Says No Pressure Employed

By SELWYN RAAB

Generoso Pope, Jr., resigned Monday from the Board of Higher Education (BHE), because of the pressure of other commitments.

The twenty-seven-year-old publisher's resignation was accepted by Mayor Robert F. Wagner without any comment. Mr. Pope denied Monday that any pressure had been placed on him to resign from his BHE post, to which he was appointed at the age of twenty-three by the then Mayor O'Dwyer.

The Mayor is known to have been displeased with the recent tone and content of The New York Enquirer, a weekly tabloid which was purchased by Mr. Pope in April 1952. On Monday Mr. Pope said he was no longer publisher of the tabloid and that he had "let go the reins" of the paper to undertake a new project—"a new big enterprise which I can't talk about now."

"At a Loss"

Commenting on Mayor Wagner's displeasure with the Enquirer, Mr. Pope said he was "at a loss" to explain it. We have been going pretty strong on this Adams thing," he said, referring to criticism of Police Commissioner Francis W. H. Adams. "Our front-page editorial on Sunday was to the effect that 'Adams must go,'" he said.

Mr. Pope also said that he had not been pressured to resign. He added that he'd had a long talk with Dr. Joseph B. Cavallaro, Chairman of the BHE, in which Dr. Cavallaro tried to persuade him not to resign. "I told him," Mr. Pope said, "that it was not possible for me to remain."

Prof. Observes Desegregation

The desegregation of Southern schools was discussed last Tuesday night by Professor Kenneth B. Clark (Psychology) on Barry Gray's midnight broadcast over WMCA.

Professor Clark, commenting on his recent trip to Milford, Delaware, where he went to investigate incidents caused by the new desegregated school policy, said he found a community of at least 1,500 people "hysterical" because eleven Negro pupils had been admitted to the local high school. He believed the trouble was caused by "a group dedicated to its own ends, trying to influence the Supreme Court when it reconvenes later this fall to implement its fall findings concerning segregation."

Dr. Clark noted however, that the success of this group, which is called the National Association for the Advancement of White People, was only momentary. The crisis passed when a few of the clever students returned to the school. This, according to Professor Clark, took extreme courage, as the teen-agers faced physical harm.



Prof. Kenneth B. Clark in Delaware, Delaware

Auto Lessons at Reduced Rates to be Offered Here

By JOHN SNYDER

Lessons in automobile driving, at reduced rates, will be offered this semester to students of the College. Automobiles will be sent here by the Fordham Auto School, which will also provide instructors to conduct lectures at the College. Students may register for the program on October 4-14, from 10 to 2 PM in Room 20 Main.



Ira Klosk Driving Lessons

The lessons are a project of Student Government, whose representative in dealing with the auto school was Student Council President Ira Klosk. "Driving lessons were part of my campaign pledges," Klosk remarked, "and I'm particularly glad to see them work out."

Twelve half hour lessons and four one hour lectures will cost \$21, which may be paid in two installments. Comparable, lessons at private driving schools would cost between \$40 and \$45, according to Klosk. Schools in Queens charge \$5 per hour; those in Manhattan and the Bronx, \$4.50, Counsel has learned.

The driving lessons will be conducted with three in a car the student driver, his instructor, and another student taking the course,

who will observe. The half hours of observation will be free. Standard shift cars are to be used, but if there is demand, no-shift cars will be provided. A special part of the lecture program, Klosk noted, is the preparing of students for their driving tests. "There are 100 possible questions for the written driving test, ten of which are used," Klosk explained. "All 100 will be gone over in class, so that the student will be perfectly prepared."

The syllabus of the lectures and the curricula of the driving lessons are posted outside Room 20 Main.

Friday Socials Set for Knittle

Plans to hold Friday afternoon socials in Knittle Lounge were made at a meeting of the Student-Faculty Lounge on Monday.

Student Council President, Ira Klosk who attended the meeting, proposed that student-faculty social programs be held on alternate Friday afternoons in the lounge. These socials will supplement the Student-Faculty teas which were instituted last term.

The Student-Faculty Lounge Committee is comprised of one faculty and one student representative from both Day and Evening Sessions, and the two lounge hostesses, Miss Wilderman and Miss Clark. The Day Session representatives are Miss Cynthia Benzing (Department of Student Life) and Gloria Kingsley, SC representative. The Evening Session representatives were absent from the meeting.

The first social will be held on October 8, from 3 to 5 P.M.

A separate division of the Social Functions Agency, under the direction of Sandy Einhorn, former president of the Class of '57, will implement the program.

Resume Friday Night Dances As SC, Hygiene Dept. Agree

Student Council and the Hygiene Department have reached an agreement on the operation of the Friday night dances.

Student Council yesterday elected two temporary members to the newly-formed Student-Faculty Friday Night Dance Committee. Edwin Trautman and Mike Rizzo were chosen, with permanent members to be elected at Council's next meeting, on Wednesday.

The new committee format was approved on September 23 by Dr. Hyman Krakower (Chmn. Hygiene). It will consist of two faculty members, Dr. Krakower and Dean James S. Peace (Student Life), and two students.

Under the old system, which came under attack by Council, policy decisions regarding the Friday night dances in the Gym were made by the Hygiene Department, with Council acting only in an advisory capacity. Last week, as a protest, Council decided not to submit a budget for the dances to the Student Faculty Fee Committee. To settle the controversy, Dean Peace called a meeting of Hygiene Department and Council members, at which the present plan was evolved. These changes were made:

On the old committee, there were paid personnel making policy decisions affecting themselves. While they will be retained, these personnel will no longer decide policy.

The new committee will give its student members an equal

voice in deciding on all social function policies.

Commenting on these innovations before Council, SC President Ira Klosk said that "this clarification of the role of student government is a positive advance for us, and a fine precedent to be followed by other student-faculty committees."



Dean James S. Peace On Committee

Postnotes . . .

• Letters to the editor should be submitted to Bruno Wassertheil, Features Editor of the Observation Post, in Room 16A Main.

All letters must be signed and must not exceed 250 words.

• The Carroll Brown Hellenic Society will meet today at 5 P.M. in Room 212 Main. All students of Greek descent are invited.

Hike . . .

A fall jaunt through the Ramapo hills this Sunday is being sponsored by the American Youth Hostel group at the College.

The group will start out at 8:20 AM from the Chamber Street Erie Ferry. All are welcome, the only requirements being lunch and \$1.50 for fare.

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SC's New Look

In past semesters, Student Council was too often nothing more than a place for people who like to talk and play politician. It is, therefore, with pleasure that we note the promise with which this term's Council has started getting down to business.

After only two weeks of school, Student Council has arranged: An All College Prom, the first of its kind in the College's history;

A Drivers Education Program which will afford an important, convenient and economical service to all the students at the College;

A Leadership Training Program which is not only geared to help the student while in school, but also after graduation;

A coordinated social calendar which ends conflicting events in the College social activities schedule;

An expanded Films Program with really fine films;

A Student Discount Service, a common thing in virtually every European university, but an innovation at the College;

A direct expansion of social activities with an alternate Friday afternoon dance program in Knittle Lounge;

A Personnel Recruitment for Student Council Agencies Program which has had amazing success. Over 250 new students are now working on committees and agencies of Council. **Observation Post** wishes to congratulate them all since the aforementioned accomplishments could never have been achieved without their efforts.

The new order can be seen merely by entering the Student Council office (Room 20 Main). This place, once resembling a Cub Scouts' Rumpus Room in full swing, is now an orderly, well managed office with a battery of twenty-five receptionists on hand to facilitate student communication with Council.

At the head of this dynamic program is a dynamic figure. Ira Klosk, who has, since his election, given unsparingly of his time and effort to make Council a significant part of the College, deserves our praise and may be sure of our cooperation.

The USSR Today

2—The Citizen and the Commissar

By Andrew Meisels

It was my second day in the Soviet Union, and we were at Leningrad's new stadium, the largest in the USSR. I was looking down at the rows of symmetrical, empty seats when my interpreter, a young man about my age, suddenly asked, "Did you ever study philosophy?" Somewhat surprised, I

told him that I had. "I don't suppose they permit you to learn our philosophy, though," he smiled. I told him that we could learn what we liked and that I had read some of Marx's and Lenin's works. "Oh," he said, in quite a different tone, "then you're a Communist." I explained that I hadn't been convinced by what I'd read. He seemed surprised and somewhat shocked.

"Still," I continued, "perhaps if I knew more about the way it works in practice . . ." He brightened immediately and smiled. "What would you like to know?"

I asked him how he could call his government a democracy when there was only one party on the ballot. "No, no," he said emphatically. "You don't understand. Ours is the true democracy. Your many parties are merely symptoms of the class struggle. We have no class struggle—one class, one party," he smiled triumphantly. It was that simple.

"I don't understand," I told him. "Doesn't anyone disagree with the policies of the Party? Don't some people feel the need for another choice, another approach to things?" He smiled at my naivete. "In the last election, ninety-nine point nine seven percent of the people voted for the Communist Party. There's your proof," he said, poking an exclamatory finger in my ribs. "There's your proof the people don't want any other parties."

"And why should they?" he continued. "The Communist Party stands for peace, for progress, for prosperity. What more is there?" I asked him what would happen to a person who tried to start another party. "Nothing," he shrugged, "except maybe he'd be laughed at."

"Is the Party perfect, then?" I

asked him. "Yes," he said, bluntly and to my surprise. "And the Party has never done anything wrong?" "Not the Party," he said. "Perhaps individuals have done wrong, but not the party. Some individuals in the Party are inefficient and must be criticized. Others are traitors and must be destroyed or they will destroy us. "Like Beria," I suggested. His face darkened. "Yes, like Beria." "Beria was a traitor a . . . a spy." He blushed half in anger, half in

what the people thought of Beria, the fallen angel who, until very recently, had been one of the most important men in the state, a man the people had respected and trusted as much as they now respect and trust a man like Krushchev. Could they now all really believe that he had been a traitor, that he had always been a traitor?

It was in Minsk, in the last few days of my stay in the Soviet Union that I got an answer to this question. I was visiting a museum dedicated to the USSR's role in World War II. One room of the museum was filled with pictures of the Russians who had played a prominent role in the war—heroes, generals and political leaders. At the head of the room hung the pictures of the wartime members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. A huge portrait of Stalin was in the center. To his right were smaller pictures of Malenkov and Voroshilov and to his left, Molotov and a big white space.

"Wasn't there another picture?" I asked my interpreter, a funny looking little man who spoke with a whine and wore thick glasses. He glanced around furtively and whispered dramatically in my ear "Beria." "But I don't understand," I told him. "It's a matter of record, isn't it? He was a member of the Committee, wasn't he? Why isn't his picture up there. "Because," he answered simply and with a deep anger, "even during the war, he was a traitor."

NEXT WEEK:
"The Student"



Red Army Officers stopped this man in a Leningrad Park to find out why he wasn't at work.

embarrassment because he could not think of the appropriate English words. "He was . . . he was an agent of the West. He was . . . he was—all bad things can be put to his name. Perhaps you've heard that some of our collective farmers were dissatisfied—that was due to Beria's sabotage. Also bad methods were used in questioning prisoners—that was Beria's fault. It is good that he was found out, or who knows what he might have done?"

"I see," I said. "I'm glad," he smiled, genuinely pleased.

What you have just read happened exactly as I have described it. It was like many other conversations that I had with people of diverse interests and occupations in the Soviet Union. The answers I got were always substantially the same as on that first day, and, in time, I came to believe that here there was little need for the "rule by fear" method we imagine the Russians to have. The average Russian believes. Among other things, he believes that there is nothing to fear, and, believing this, he has nothing to fear.

I was particularly interested in

Class of '56 To Hit the Hay On October 2

Hayride, bus ride, and boat ride all rolled up and packaged is the deal being offered by the class of '56.

On Saturday night, October 2nd, the group will leave from the College at 8:30 PM, travel to South Ferry by chartered bus and then take a romantic cruise on the Staten Island Ferry. Upon reaching the shore of Richmond County, the hay ride will begin, using genuine horses, genuine hay and wooden wagons. At the end of the ride, for the same four dollars per couple, there will be a weenie roast on the shore of Clove Lake, hot dogs and cokes, the compliments of the class of '56.

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Some of the most noted pictures to come out of Hollywood have been culled to form this semester's film program.

Arranged by Charles Waldauer, Director of Student Government Social Functions Agency's Division, program will include a great number of Academy award winning films.

"A Street Named Desire," the Academy award winner which began the program last Monday, is being followed this Monday by "Young Man With A Horn" starring Kirk Douglas and Doris Day.

All the films are being shown Mondays from 3 to 5 PM, in room 126 Main.

The schedule for the rest of the semester will be:

October 11 — **Sitting Pretty.** Clifton Webb, Robert Young, Laureen O'Hara.

October 18 — **The Day the Earth Stood Still.** James Cagney, Michael J. Kelly, Patricia Neal, Sam Jaffe.

October 25 — **Les Miserables.** Jean-Paul Seville, Michael Rennie, Edmund Gwenn.

November 1 — **O'Henry's Full House.** Charles Laughton, all star cast.

November 8 — **Charlie Chaplin Film Festival.** Charlie Chaplin, Jackie Cooper.

November 15 — **Ox Bow Incident.** Henry Fonda, Dana Andrews.

November 22 — **Rhapsody in Blue.** Robert Alda, Paul Whiteman, Oscar Levant.

November 29 — **All the King's Men.** Broderick Crawford, Mercedes McCambridge.

December 6 — **Snake Pit.** Olivia De Havilland.

December 13 — **The Fountainhead.** Gary Cooper, Patricia Neal.

December 20 — **Mr. Belvedere Goes to College.** Clifton Webb, Shirley Temple.

January 3 — **Treasure of Sierra Madre.** Humphrey Bogart, Walter Huston.

Space . . .

All organizations desiring bulletin board space for this semester must make application in writing to Dave Pfeffer, Chairman of the Student Government Facilities Agency.

Applications must give the name of the organization, the bulletin board requested and the number of the bulletin board used last semester. Applications must be in by Monday, October 4, in Room 20

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On Holman

By Sheldon Podolsky

Is this it Nat? Will this be your last year?

A big grin covered Holman's face as he looked toward the ceiling. "You know boys," he looked back at his inquisitors, "I never seem to be able to satisfy my followers. When I was reinstated at the College the big question going around was whether I would coach the basketball team. Now that I am coaching again they want to know for how long. I don't know what to say anymore," he smiled.

Of course the question went unanswered and that's exactly the way Holman wants it.

His close friends say Holman has already made up his mind while his immediate superior in the Athletic Association office says Holman himself isn't sure. Take either opinion for what you will, but here it is.

According to reports Holman has informed interested associates that this will be his last year come what may. Yet the dope from the AA office says no.

An intimate friend of Holman's says that Nat only returned to the college as a coach because of the debt he owed to those who supported his fight for vindication. Another contributing factor was his own pride which will not permit him to decline a challenge.

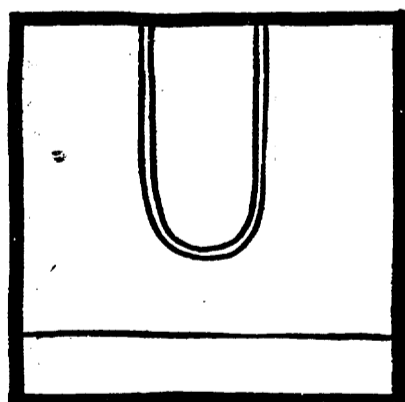
Make no mistake about it. This season WILL be a challenge and nobody knows it better than Nat. When the College loses it will be Nat who will be the loser and when it wins it will be Nat who basks in the glory.

As his friend stated, "Once on a basketball court, it's Nat Holman against the world." He couldn't have put it better and this is Holman's last chance to prove it. Wanna know something? Don't bet against him.

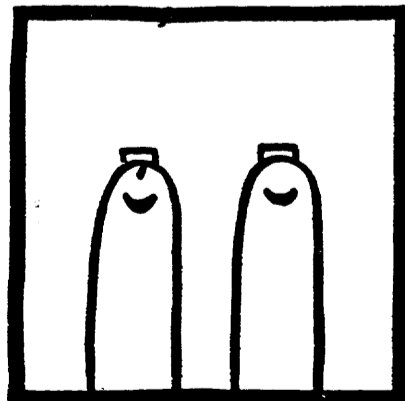
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Loop Coaches Pick City To Retain Soccer Crown

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON

With the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Soccer Conference season opening tomorrow, four coaches have picked the College's defending champions to retain their title.

Six of the loop's eight teams swing into action tomorrow, with the "Game of the day" being the clash between Kings Point and Brooklyn College at the latter's field. In another contest, Queens College meets the Long Island Aggies at Farmingdale, Long Island.

Team Faces Pratt

However, the game of interest as far as CCNY is concerned, will be the tilt between the Beavers and Pratt Institute on the Cunningham Park field in Queens. Game time is 1:30 PM and admission is free.

The coaches who have chosen the St. Nicholas Heights athletes to successfully defend their coveted crown are league president George Davis of Pratt, Ken Pine of the Aggies, Guido Foglia of Queens, and new mentor Harry Karlin of City.

Coach Karlin has flatly stated that "we will repeat our championship. A well-balanced mixture of veterans and newcomers gives us a strong club." Aggie head Ken Pine picked "City and Brooklyn, one-two."

Coach Davis of Pratt, whose team bowed to the Beavers last year by a 7-0 count, predicted that "we'll all be chasing City," while Guido Foglia of the Queens "Knights" said that "the team to beat will be City."

Brooklyn Strong

Coach Carleton Reilly of Brooklyn College predicted in an article in a Long Island newspaper last spring that his team would dethrone the Beavers, and reports indicate that a strong crop of sophomores will make the Kingsmen hard to beat. However, the Brooklynites suffered a blow to their aspirations for a bid in the Eastern Playoffs by dropping a 3-1 decision to Navy last Friday.

The Beavers got together for the first time last Saturday and whipped a hard-fighting Alumni group, 5-3. Considering the fact that it was the first time the team had really played together, the boys seemed satisfied with their performance. Two old standbys, Gus Naclerio and Johnny Koutsantanou, booted in two goals apiece, while sophomore Wolfgang Wostl added the other marker. Last season's high scorer, Morris "Crunch" Hocherman, set up two scores and played generally outstanding ball.

Helped

Other members of the team who showed to advantage were Robert Lemestre, Bob "Hindu" Hayum, "Steady Eddie" Trunk, and Rudy Gedamke. The fullbacks, Jean-Pierre Riviere and Vahé Jordan played well, and Jordan, the transfer student from Hunter, fared nicely, especially when one realizes that fullback is not his natural position.

Tomorrow's lineup will probably be Wally Meisen at goal, Novak Masanovich and Jordan at fullback, Hayum, Trunk, and Gedamke on the halfback line, with Lemestre, Hocherman, Koutsantanou, Wostl, and Naclerio up front.

Fullback Masanovich did not see action in the Alumni game due to a leg injury, while another key man, sophomore Pierre Mayer, almost missed the con-

test due to injuries. While Mayer has been counted on as a right wing this season, he may also see action at fullback.



Johnny Koutsantanou
Sharpshooter

Capsule Comments

By Harry Karlin
Soccer Coach

Last Saturday's game against the Alumni was really the first time the team was together. Taking this into consideration, I don't want to make any hasty decisions.

However, I did see several points which could stand some improvement. The backs, I would say, depended too much on center-halfback Eddie Trunk.

The forward line has terrific scoring power, but they didn't use it. They had the ball down around the Alumni goal most of the time but just couldn't put the ball home. I would also say that the forward line depended too much on Gus Naclerio.

However, the Alumni had a good team, as good as any we will face all season. They kept up with the team all the way through.

Co-Captain Gus Naclerio Terrorizes CCNY Foes

By BARRY WEINBERG

As in the case of Eddie Trunk, foreign influences have had great deal to do with Gus Naclerio's being co-captain of the College soccer team. Gus, born in Italy, was bitten by the soccer bug before coming to the United States in 1947.

A senior, Gus is majoring in languages at the uptown center,



Gus Naclerio
Tough Customer

intending to teach, translate, and do interpreting after his graduate days. An apt student, Naclerio will see military service via the ROTC upon graduating.

A Bronx resident, Gus enjoys watching baseball, especially Yankee games. He also likes to watch basketball and hockey, noticing particularly the passing and playmaking, which he claims is similar to that of soccer.

Being captain of a soccer team is nothing new for the fleet little Italian Gus was captain and all City at Evander Childs High School. Naclerio plays outside left for the Beavers, and has a hard shot with either foot and is also a deft passer and dribbler, which makes him a tough customer around the opposing goal.

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