

## Increase SC Efficiency Council Urged by Klosk

Student Council has been urged to make itself a responsible and efficient body which would merit respect from the faculty, administration, and students, by Council President Ira Klosk. The



Ira Klosk  
"Biggest Event"

advice was given at SC's meeting on Friday.

"The Student Government must attempt to work within the framework that we already have. This will prove to the faculty and administration that we are mature enough to accept more responsibility," Klosk declared. Council's prime concern, he said, would be to make a concerted effort to bring students into contact with the student government activities. Continuing the trend of Klosk's remarks, Dudley McConnell, SC Treasurer, said, "We will not forget about expanding the student government jurisdiction. Nevertheless, we will concentrate on the spheres of juris-

## New Program For Graduates

An experimental graduate program of specialized studies of the New York metropolitan area will be offered for the first time by the College this semester.

President Buell G. Gallagher termed the program a "response to a long felt need for a specialized study of the New York Metropolitan Area as a focus of American civilization." It is being supported by a research grant from the Rockefeller foundation and a teaching grant from the Lucius N. Littauer foundation.

The courses are: "New York City as an Art Center"; "Structure of the Metropolitan Economy"; "New York as a Force in Shaping American Literature"; "Social-Psychological Aspects of Metropolitan Culture"; "The People of the City of New York."

The course dealing with the metropolitan economy will include a study of population distribution, employment patterns, manufacturing industries and the distributive trades. Also to be included in the course are the problems of urban land use, traffic congestion, and the relationship between the central city and suburban areas.

The literature course will give special emphasis to New York as a literary and publishing center and will include an examination of forces in the city that have been significant in shaping American literature to the end of the nineteenth century.

diction that we already have."

Commenting on the problem of crime control in the College community, Klosk promised that Student Government "can and will take action here."

An expanded social program is also planned by SC this semester. A College field day co-sponsored by SC and Alpha Phi Omega is already in the planning stage. Commenting on the Student Union, Klosk asserted that SC, as the true representative of the students, should take an active part in formulating policies for the Union. SC, he said, intends to devote two meetings to discussion of the Student Union and to submit its findings and recommendations - to President Gallagher.

In accordance with Council's policy of bringing Student Government's services directly to the students, SC has set up a discount service for students with merchants in the Metropolitan area.

## Refuses Burns In Lewisohn Despite Laws

The College will continue to burn refuse in Lewisohn Stadium, although the practice has been declared in violation of City air pollution ordinances.

Commenting on the situation, Robert Petross, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, declared, "We are completely at the mercy of the Department of Sanitation for the removal of refuse from the College, and since this department does not provide adequate or sufficient service, we have no alternative for the disposal of this trash other than burning it in the Stadium."

Inspector Benjamin Jacobs, of the New York City Department of Air Pollution Control, asserted last semester that the burning of trash by the College is illegal, and warned that the school would be prosecuted. He now refuses to make any statement on the matter.

Trash has been disposed of in Lewisohn Stadium ever since its burning in the lot between Drill Hall and the Library Building was discontinued because of complaints from tenants of the adjoining buildings.

## Gift . . .

Phi Epsilon Pi donated \$500 to the City College Loan Fund at a dinner last week, which was attended by President Buell G. Gallagher. The gift was to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the first chapter of the national fraternity at the College. A bronze plaque will be placed on the campus to commemorate the event.

## Candidates . . .

It's still not too late to join Observation Post. The next OP candidates class will be held on Thursday in Room 13 Main at 12:30 PM.

All budding writers, photographers or businessmen—experienced or inexperienced are invited to attend the meeting.

Andrew Meisels, Editor-in-Chief of OP who has just returned from a trip behind the Iron Curtain, will instruct the class in the basic rudiments of newspaper writing.

## Meisels Back From Soviet Union Tour

Andrew Meisels, Editor-in-Chief of Observation Post, returned Sunday from a trip behind the Iron Curtain.

As a representative of the City College student body, Meisels toured the Soviet Union, Po-



Andrew Meisels  
Under Kremlin Towers

land, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary. He found Russia "a land of extremes," and was impressed with the Russians' faith in Communism, amounting to "religious fervor." That feeling, he said, was absent in the satellite countries he saw.

### Visited Universities

Particularly interested in student life, he visited Moscow University and Minsk Polytechnic Institute. Most of his time was spent speaking to people, he said. He was granted interpreters by the government, but was allowed to travel unaccompanied when he wished.

Meisels was elected the College's delegate to the USSR in a special election held in May. Leaving New York for Helsinki by plane on August 22, he stayed in the Soviet Union for about three weeks and spent an additional five days travelling through satellite countries behind the Iron Curtain. The cities in his itinerary were: Helsinki, Leningrad, Moscow, Minsk, Brest, Warsaw, Budapest, Prague, and, finally, Paris.

Clark Olsen, a delegate from Oberlin College, accompanied him on his trip.

## BHE Head Notes Perils Facing US

By LEON LEVINE

Communism and the apathy of Americans were cited as the chief dangers to the Constitution by Dr. Joseph B. Cavallaro, chairman of the Board of Higher Education, in a Constitution Day address on Friday.

Dr. Cavallaro hailed the Constitution as the "greatest expression of democratic principles found anywhere" but warned that communism is seeking to enslave the world, making any hope for "peaceful co-existence" futile. He stressed that Communist philosophy has no place for moral judgments and denies the dignity of man, "considering him as a means to an end."

The BHE head declared that Americans must overcome their "lethargy and complacency," in order to fight communism, which has a clear-cut philosophy of its own.

The weakness of the American position, he added, lies in the lack of such a philosophy. He warned that too many Americans lack a clear understanding of freedom and the American way of life. They are prone to describe

them in material terms only, a tendency, Dr. Cavallaro feels to be similar to the Communist philosophy of materialism.

In order to combat this misunderstanding, he urged a return to the fundamental ideas which are found in the Constitution. He described these ideas as "rooted in man's moral and spiritual nature which we call American, but which are universal in their application."

Dr. Cavallaro stressed that these ideas, which offer us the philosophy to combat Communism, are the greatest weapons that we possess.

The BHE chairman expressed the view that an impressive ability to provide material products has caused Americans to overlook the religious and moral roots of democracy.

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## NAACP Back After Absence Of Year From Day Session

A College chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is again being formed at the Day Session, after a year's absence. It is scheduled to hold an organizational meeting on Thursday, September 30.

## Cokes, Bands May Not Stay For Fri. Nites

The Friday night dances in the gym this semester may have to do without both orchestras and refreshments, unless a dispute between Student Council and the Hygiene Department is settled.

### No Budget

Council is said to feel that, while it is footing the bill for the dances, it is having little say in their running. The SC Social Functions Agency, which submits the budget for the dances to the Student-Faculty Fee Committee, has therefore decided not to do so now. \$900 is the amount required to pay for orchestras, Coca-Colas, and decorations for fourteen weeks.

"While there are eighteen votes on the Friday Night Dance Committee, Student Council has only two," SC President Ira Klosk said. He declared that Council "wants a more meaningful part in determining policy. The dances can be improved."

### Meeting

Dean James S. Peace (Student Life) has decided to call a meeting of the principals in the controversy: Professor Hyman Krakour (Chmn., Hygiene), Professor Harry Karlin (Hygiene), Professor Anthony Orlando (Hygiene), and Klosk, Dudley McConnell, and Joe De Maios, student members of the Friday Night Dance Committee.



Professor Kenneth B. Clark  
Invited

# Busy City Phones Buzz; Operators Remain Calm

Things are buzzing in a small Brett Hall room. Due to the 600 calls an hour which pass through the telephone switchboard, the place is a veritable beehive of electric activity.

These feverish doings seem to have no adverse effects on the operators: one of them, Lucille Truant, has worked here nearly six years, and another, Mary Stokes is a veteran of three. The operators—there are three of them—work in two-at-a-time shifts from 8:40 AM till 9:00 PM. Calls come in steadily during the entire day. During registration the lines are even busier than usual. Most calls passing through the switchboard are requests to be connected with some School or Department.

While the operators swallow their 600-call-an-hour dosage quite easily, they might not be able to digest with equal facility a diet of innumerable calls which at present never reach the switchboard at all—the intra-campus calls.

Responsible for keeping the operators' health and sanity at an even keel is the "Intercommunication Dial System." As its name implies, the IDS is a campus-contained system consisting of a set of lines which connect the 130 extension phones scattered around the College. All College extension numbers are listed in a special mimeographed directory.

To get in touch with the outside again, extension users have only to dial the number

## Promethean

Promethean, the City College literary and art magazine, announces varied openings for interested students. The magazine publishes a semi-annual collection of short stories, poetry, art work, photography and critical reviews. This term's issue will feature two prize-winning stories from the Theodore Goodman Memorial Contest, which was held last term.

Promethean will hold an introductory meeting for prospective members on Thursday September 23, at 12:30 PM in Room F13, Army Hall.

## BHE Head

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In order to preserve the great heritage of the Constitution, Dr. Cavallaro believes that Americans "must not only exercise vigilance but clearly understand what is involved."

This understanding can be accomplished by "overcoming ignorance with knowledge through the advancement of education... and fostering the revival of moral values and standards."

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## Recovering



Professor William W. Browne (Biology) who suffered a stroke last August 4, will not be teaching his Bacteriology 41 and Biology 42 classes this term. He is at present in St. Joseph's Hospital in Yonkers, and his condition reported improving.

When the Professor will return to his teaching duties is uncertain. His retire ment is due next June. At present his Bacteriology courses are being taught by Dr. Joseph Webb, Assistant Professor of Biology.

"9," which immediately connects them with the Brett Hall switchboard operators.

This work-saving "Intercommunication Dial System" is the latest thing in telephone equipment, according to Bernard Mintz, Assistant Business Manager of the College, who is also in charge of all its telephone affairs. While many institutions in the United States also have the benefit of the IDS, CCNY, says Mintz, is the leader when it comes to overall modern telephone equipment.

Perhaps it is this up-to-date equipment that causes Operator Stokes to insist that she loves her job. She has memories of her days in the FCC Army Signal Corps during World War II when things were really hectic—so hectic, in fact, that in comparison the College's 600-call-an-hour switchboard seems quite inactive.

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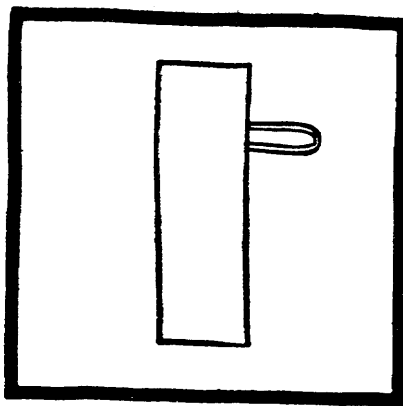
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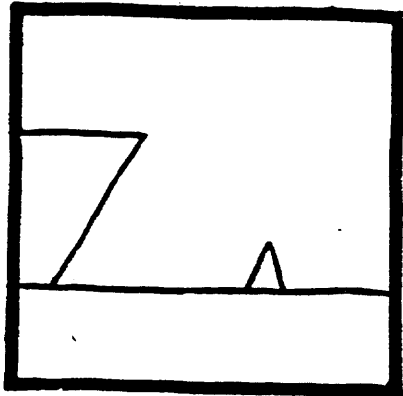
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# Quality for Man & Dog Dept. Secretary Credo

By PAUL WEISSLER

Miss Helen Weil, Secretary of the Education Dept., declared despite rumors to the contrary, college students are getting the same kind treatment from her as animals. Probably the college's foremost pet lover, Miss Weil has taken care of bunnies, cats, birds and chicks (the kind that lay eggs) during her ten years at CCNY.

She recalls one time when a student who had just returned from a farm, brought a baby chick into the office, saying that the professors were complaining it was disrupting classes. Everything was okay until the chick, uncomfortable in the cold office, started to cheep. At that moment Dean Abelson walked in. The chick was warmed and put to sleep. The dean, apparently surprised to become angry,

left. Miss Weil emphasized that such an occurrence is rare; usually the animals are quiet and don't interrupt anyone's work.

It is, of course, impossible for Miss Weil to keep all the animals that she is given by students and college custodians. She gives the animals to the Ellen P. Speyer Hospital, which has a large pet adoption department.

Miss Weil cannot rationally explain her kindnesses for pets. "I've always been easy to soft-soap that way," she said. "Thank goodness, nobody's brought me a horse yet."

## Show Biz...



Dramsoc, a College dramatic organization is auditioning prospective actors and actresses for the November production of Jean Anouilh's "Ring Around The Moon." Everyone is welcome to the tryouts, which will be held from 3 to 5 PM, today in Room 126 and Wednesday in Room 315 Main.

# Prom on Starlight Roof Set for November 25

The College's first school-wide prom has been scheduled for Thanksgiving night, November 25, on the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf-Astoria. Charlie Spivak's orchestra will provide the music at the affair, for which dress is optional. Tickets, at \$4 a couple, will also cover refreshments to be served.

The entire wing of the Roof, which can accommodate 1000 people, has been reserved.

\$1,000

Student Council last semester took the initiative in arranging for the dance. At its final meeting it voted to ask the Student Faculty Fee Committee for \$1000 to finance the prom. On Thursday, the SFFC decided to comply with the request. The money it will donate assures SC that any losses incurred, up to \$1000, will be covered.

Ira Klosk, SC President, terms

the dance "the biggest social event ever to be attempted by the College." A couple out for a night at the Waldorf would probably have to spend about \$15, he observes. "This affair is in line with Council's general policy of trying to give more concrete things to the students as part of their Student Activities fee. Most students can afford this," Klosk added.

### More to Follow

The prom is expected to initiate others of its kind. The Baruch School of Business and Public Administration already has had dances at hotels, as have the other municipal colleges.

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