

OBSERVATION POST

Iris Goldstein Chosen Veep By SC Exec

Iris Goldstein, Class of '56 Representative, has been chosen Student Council Vice-President by the SC Executive Committee. Miss Goldstein, unopposed candidate for SC Secretary in Friday's Student Government elections, succeeds Martin Gruberg. Gruberg ascended to the presidency of Council when Barney McCaffrey was forced to resign the position because of academic ineligibility. The committee decision was made on Monday.

Bob Shore, Class of '55 Representative, replaces Miss Goldstein as class rep to the Executive Committee. The Council Executive Committee consists of the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and three class reps elected by SC.

On Miss Goldstein's appointment, Gruberg said "We had to be absolutely impartial, since the other possible choices would have been Gloria Kingsley, Stuart Schwartz or Bill Brown, who are running in contested elections. Miss Goldstein will be an executive office next term and the experience she will get this term should be very useful to her. In addition she has the most experience of anyone who is going to be on the Executive Committee next term who are not officers on the Executive now," he concluded.

Uncontested Position

One SC representative position remains open in the Class of '59, where two candidates are running for three positions. Any student in the Class of '59 may enter the race as a write-in candidate. A write-in candidate may distribute literature and enjoy the same campaigning rights as a candidate who has submitted a petition, with the exception that the write-in candidate's name will not appear on the ballot.

Jacobs Quits Bookstore Job

Mr. Morris S. Jacobs, bookstore manager, has decided to resign his position. The resignation will become effective at the end of this term.

Mr. Jacobs, a City College graduate, has been working with the store for twenty-six years. He has made plans to go into business in California.

He graduated from City College with a BS in physics and education in 1934. He later received his MS in the same field.

Mr. Jacobs started working in the bookstore in 1929, when he entered the College as a student. In 1934, he was appointed manager of the bookstore at the Downtown Branch. He remained at the Downtown Center for three years, after which he returned to the Uptown Center.

During these years he obtained a law degree from St. Lawrence College. He is a member of the bar association.

According to Mr. Jacobs, no definite appointment has yet been made to succeed him. The appointment will be made by Mr. Aaron Zweifach, the business manager of the College.

Impromptu



"Impromptu Spring '55," a collection of skits and selections from plays, will be presented tomorrow at 12:30 PM and Friday at 3 PM in Townsend Harris Auditorium by the Speech Department. Participants have been selected from the various speech classes.

Some of the presentations include: "Cyrano de Bergerac," by Edmond Rostand; "The Country Girl," by Clifford Odets; "Miss Julie," by August Strindberg; and "Meet the Company," by Cole Porter.

Lucia, Hyg. Dept. Come To Financial Agreement

By NORM ZAFMAN

Edward Lucia will remain as coach of the College's fencing team next Fall. Mr. Lucia withdrew his resignation Friday after coming "to a satisfactory financial arrangement" with the Hygiene Department.

Negotiations between Coach Lucia and Dr. Hyman Krakower (Chmn. Hygiene), which began last week after Lucia's resignation, resulted in the settlement reached Friday. Money made available by the sabbatical leave of an undisclosed staff member of the Hygiene Department will be given to Coach Lucia for the next school year ending June, 1956. A portion of the money will also be given to Coach George "Red" Wolfe restoring him as a member of the Hygiene Department. Coach Wolfe will be assigned to coach basketball at the Baruch Center.

Coach Lucia had submitted his resignation to President Buell G. Gallagher and Dr. Krakower on April 29, after he was informed by the Hygiene Department that his present one half teaching "line" would be continued for the Fall semester of 1955. Commenting then on his resignation, he said, "The one half teaching load has caused great hardship to me and my family."

Lucia Thankful

Coach Lucia said yesterday, "Having come to a satisfactory financial arrangement with the City College of New York for my services as lecturer in Hygiene and Coach of fencing for the year 1955-56, I have withdrawn my resignation. I am thankful for the opportunity to attempt to realize the potential of the team which I have striven to develop. I am very happy to continue my association with all the wonderful people around me."

Physics . . .

The Spring issue of the Physics Review, published by the Physics Society, will go on sale at the end of this week, for twenty-five cents.

Compromise on HP Passed By SU Board of Directors

By STAN ZAROWIN

A compromise motion was passed last night by the Student Union Board of Directors that will ensure House Plan room in the Student Union. The compromise resolution stated that the Board of Directors make it a matter of policy that the Board of Managers shall assign rooms and meeting area to House Plan on a semester or yearly basis, taking into account the future needs of the organization. The motion was passed 10-0-3.

It was decided that the Board of Directors shall make general policy while the Board of Managers concern itself with day to day management of SU.

The compromise motion was suggested by Edward Goldberger '37, a member of the Alumni Association.

Professor Kurt E. Lowe (Geology) prompted the discussion on House Plan's position in Student Union when he stated that he was opposed to some of HP's proposals which would favor a separate administration for itself

at Student Union. Prof. Lowe is a recently appointed member of the SU Board of Directors.

He stated that HP should not be "a group within a group" but that they should "sit tight" and have "patience and cooperate" with SU policy.

Prof. Lowe maintained that "it would be only a mental adjustment" to shift the HP policy to an integrated SU program.

Robert Mayo, chairman of the SU Budget Committee, affirmed that he is against cliques. "It ain't fair," he said, "It would be opposed to modern educational principles." He said that all the organizations are "under one roof" and equal and fair room and meeting locations should be divided among all the groups in SU.

The compromise was reached after nearly two and one-half hours of deliberation.

Advocates of HP's proposals felt that since HP is the largest organization at the College they should be given permanent rooms and special administrators. They said that they have between seventy and eighty groups in their organization, and that in each group there are approximately thirty students.

Miss Dorothy Miller, delegate from the Evening Session, said that although HP owns its building on Convent Avenue at 141 Street it does not own Student Union.

For almost two hours, the committee attempted in vain to arrive upon a budget which was

satisfactory to all the members.

One budget was submitted by Budget Chairman Mayo. Professor Emmanuel Saxe, another member of the Alumni Association, asserted that since student members of the committee do not have a practical knowledge of budgets, their conclusions con-



Robert Mayo
"It Ain't Fair"

cerning budgets are "unlearned."

According to Miss Miller, the committee was trying to "railroad" a temporary budget through. Concerning the attempt of several members of the committee to quickly pass a temporary budget, Gloria Kingsley, Student Council Secretary, said, "This is a shocking attempt to completely disregard democratic processes for the expedience of time."

ROTC to Give Spring Revue In the Stadium

Approximately 850 cadets will take part tomorrow in the annual Spring Revue of the College's Reserve Officer Training Corps. The review, to be held in Lewisohn Stadium, will start at 12:30 PM.

Gallagher in Party

The cadets will form as a regiment, and will be inspected by a reviewing party comprised of President Buell G. Gallagher, Colonel Paul Hamilton (Military Science and Tactics), Brigadier General Edward T. Conley Jr., Chief of the New York Military District, and several Deans of the College.

The review will coincide with the annual formal inspection of the College's ROTC unit by an official inspection team from First Army Headquarters. Colonel R. L. Pooley, Senior Inspector of the team, will be a member of the reviewing party.

Advance Corps Leads

Advance course cadets will assume leadership of the various units taking part, since the entire review will be conducted by the cadets themselves. Awards will be presented to seven outstanding cadets at the event by Col. Hamilton. Marching music is to be provided by the College's band.

The College's ROTC group is one of the largest voluntary units in the country. Its annual review provides the student body with its only opportunity to observe

Mayor Reappoints Cavallaro To BHE for 9 Year Term

Joseph B. Cavallaro, Chairman of the Board of Higher Education (BHE), has been reappointed to a full nine year term on the Board, Mayor Robert F. Wagner announced Monday.

Also reappointed to full terms

on the board were Dr. Ordway Tead, Dr. Cavallaro's predecessor, and Mrs. Heryn S. Ingraham, a civic leader from Brooklyn. The three appointments are for unsalaried positions. The board administers the city's four municipal colleges.

Dr. Cavallaro was first appointed to the BHE in 1945 by Mayor William O'Dwyer. In May, 1953, he was elected Board Chairman, succeeding Dr. Tead who had held the post for fifteen years. He was re-elected chairman last year. The BHE is not scheduled to elect officers until May 16.

Both Dr. Cavallaro and Dr. Tead have taken stands on the question of Communist teachers. Dr. Tead has termed the congressional investigations of schools a "national threat to academic integrity," while Dr. Cavallaro has called for the rooting out of subversives from the faculties of city colleges.

Mrs. Ingraham has been a member of the board since 1938.

Social Studies Mag on Sale

Featuring articles and book reviews on current developments in the field of history, education, psychology, and political science, The Journal of Social Studies goes on sale today at twenty-five cents a copy.

Several of the articles included in the Journal are entitled "Mussolini and the NY Press," "New Harmony and Its Impact on American Education," "The Rise of Independent Burma," and "Flexibility," which is a psychological insight into idealism in America.

Two of several book reviews also featured in the Journal are on "False Witness" by Harvey Matusow, and "The Fifth Amendment" by Dean Irwin Griswold of Harvard University. The magazine, which is fifty-six pages in length, also includes an editorial opposing the recent con-

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Out of Our Hands

Earlier this term we told the Fee Committees that unless our allocation was raised, we could not continue publishing twice a week as we have been doing for the last year. The fee committee said "No."

Because of this, after next week **Observation Post** must discontinue publication for the remainder of the term. It is a step we did not want to take but the fee committee has left us no alternative. At the beginning of the term, we had a reserve fund of almost \$400, which had been accumulated during the eight years of our existence. We have already been forced because of the cutting of our funds to dip into this fund this year. The present Managing Board believes that complete dissipation of this reserve fund would not only leave us bankrupt but would also unfairly penalize the future leaders of **OP**. Unlike other student organizations, the newspapers must pay their bills immediately or find themselves without a publisher.

We have chosen this time of the term to suspend publication because extra-curricular activities are at a low point. But if you find that your club or organization will suffer because of a sudden lack of publicity, don't bring the complaint to us. There is nothing we can do. The place to take your complaint is to the Student-Faculty Fee Committee.

Long Overdue

Your representatives on the Student-Faculty Committee on Student Affairs may be fit for their job from term to term, but the chances are slim. Three out of the five reps aren't elected by the body of students at all, but represent House Plan, Technology Intersociety Interfraternity Council (TIIC) and the Senior Class.

A candidate who has been elected on a platform of better sliderules or hayrides is not one well-equipped to ponder the question of membership lists, for example—or, if he is, it's pure lucky coincidence. A proposal by Martin Gruberg, new Student Council President, would bring sanity and logic to SFCSA, our chief arbiter of extra-curricular activities. Gruberg wants the three social big wheels replaced by students elected by the entire student body, as are the other two members, the SC President and Vice-President.

This is an excellent and long-overdue reform. House Plan, TIIC, and the Senior Class are worthy in their way, but they have no more right to decide the fate of the entire school than would a representative from a Society of Japanese Beetle Hunters. Under the present system, a member of any of the bodies has two votes for an SFCSA member—since he also votes for an SC President and Vice President—in comparison with the average student's one vote.

We hope SFCSA doesn't stall on this vital question. The body was much improved by the new system of rotating terms for its faculty members. It now needs a similarly far-reaching overhaul for its student reps. Let's have all the student members represent all the students.

The Wrong Direction

One thing can be safely said about this term's Student Council. It was not dynamic.

It was a Council that just went through the motions. It met once a week, and achieved some success with its handling of Academic Freedom Week. It also finally worked up enough courage to invite those Russian student editors who never got here and it made itself more efficient by having its committees work more smoothly.

It also had one big flop, with its Student Discount Service, which apparently was a service to no one.

But its biggest disappointment, was its lack of doing anything new for the student body. There seemed to be no initiative left in our student leaders, and they coasted along on the momentum of previous councils.

SC's executive can not be blamed entirely for this semester's record of "do nothingness." Unfortunately, it was a Council that also lacked experience. Only four of the representatives had served before. New bloom may be a good thing but it can also prove harmful when administered excessively.

These inexperienced members, however, will have no excuse next term and they and the new Council members must never forget that SC must always be a body that should move forward with new and better ways of serving the students.

Club Notes

Bacteriological Society and Inter-science Council

Jointly present Mr. Walter Eckelman of Columbia. He will speak tomorrow on the topic "Age Determination by the Carbon Clock." Doremus Hall, 12:30 PM. Followed by Student-Faculty tea.

Educational Practices Agency
Final meeting of the semester tomorrow at 12 noon in Room 210 Harris. Agenda: Recommendations and proposals, plans for next semester, evaluation, Reading Clinic discussion, report from Registrar.

Hiking Club
Will meet tomorrow in Room 312 Main at 12 noon.

Club Iberoamericano
Professor Rafael Becerra (Romance Languages) will lecture on the dramatist-poet Garcia Larca. There will also be readings of his poetry by several members of the club. Tomorrow, 12:30 PM Room 201 Main. All are welcome.

Philatelic Society
Will meet in Room 204 Harris tomorrow at 12:30 PM to elect officers. Attendance by members is mandatory. New members are welcome.

Psychology Society
Will present Dr. Geoffrey Wagner (English) who will speak on "Violence in Recent Motion Pictures." Tomorrow, 12:30 PM, in Room 131 Main.

Robert A. Taft Young Republican Club
Will present Congressman Ralph Gwinn, speaking on the topic "Twenty Years of Our First Socialist-Communist Experiment," tomorrow at 1 PM in Room 124 Main.

ASME
ASME elections will be held in Room 107 Harris tomorrow, May 13, at 12:15 PM sharp. All members must attend.

Biological Society
Will hold a short business meeting tomorrow at 12:30 PM in Room 319 Main, after which they will adjourn to the Inter-science lecture.

Debating Society
There will be an important meeting of the Society tomorrow at 12:30 PM in Room 221 Main.

FDR Young Democrats
Present Professor Jack Shapiro (Music) speaking on "My Experiences as an Amateur Politician." Tomorrow, 12:15 PM in Room 309 Main.

Government and Law Society
Professor Charles Sellson, a member of the faculty of New York University School of Law will address the society tomorrow, at 12:30 PM in Room 224 Main.

Hillel
The Hugi Ivri, Hebrew language group of Hillel will meet at 12 noon today on the steps of Lewisohn Stadium. Topic for discussion: "The Role of Religion in Israel."

IFC
Meeting tomorrow, 12:30 PM in Room 206 Harris.

Geological Society
The Industrial Relations Staff of Socom-Vacuum Oil Company will preview a film on the oil industry entitled "On Stream" for the Geological Society tomorrow at 12:15 PM in Room 318 Main.

Rep From UN To Speak Here

Reverend Benjamin Nunez, the Costa Rican delegate to the United Nations will speak on the subject of "Latin America Today" in Room 216 Main at 12:30 PM this Thursday. Reverend Nunez will cover political, economic and sociological developments in these countries in his speech. His speech will be given under the auspices of the Young Liberals.

Rev. Nunez was educated in the United States, receiving his BS in Sociology from Niagara University, his MS from Catholic University in Washington, D. C., and his Ph.D from Columbia.

Returning to his own country, Nunez was a professor of sociology at the University of Costa Rica from 1944-1952. He founded and headed the Costa Rican Democratic Union from 1941-1946. He also represented his country at the International Labor Congresses and has been head of the permanent Costa Rican Delegation to the United Nations since 1953.

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CCNY Male Animal No Fit Speciman of Species

By MIMI TEITELBAUM

Co-eds who look hopefully on the College as a Happy Hunting Ground for husbands should be forewarned. Despite a four-to-one preeminence of the male animal, the sad truth is that quantity rather than quality prevails.

According to a report published by Drs. Abraham Sperling and Gerald Ehrlich (Hygiene), the average seventeen-year-old, 140-pound City boy is equal physically to a normal 115-pound fifteen-year-old.

Although the report, entitled "An Evaluation of the Physical Status of City College Students on the Basis of Two Standardized Tests" was originally published in the May, 1942 "Research Quarterly" it still rings true today, says Dr. Sperling.

The subjects for the original exams were the freshmen and sophomores in the required Hygiene courses. The two tests they were given were the "Cozens General Athletic Ability Test for College Men" and the "Rogers Physical Capacity Test." Four hundred and ninety-three students took the Cozens and 374 the Rogers. The testing period for the original report was two years. Entering freshmen are tested every term so that the findings are kept up to date.

The report suggests three possible reasons for physical inadequacy. 1—Most of the students come from homes of a lower economic scale, bringing in the possibility of malnutrition and

overwork. 2—The "mental superiority" of the students might have detracted from their physical development. 3—Unknown, and as yet unexplored racial and geographical characteristics might be a factor.

Drs. Sperling and Ehrlich planned, financed and carried out the entire project. According to Dr. Sperling, they first got the idea at the beginning of the Second World War. They knew that the act of pulling one's self onto a loading boat was the exact equivalent of chinning once—and most City College boys couldn't chin even once. Furthermore, many College students were in the Reserve Officer's Training Corps, and were receiving Army commissions upon graduation. "It is somewhat ignominious," says Dr. Sperling, "for a private to have to pull an officer onto a loading boat by the seat of his pants." As the report showed, this was a very strong possibility.

Even the two years of required Hygiene don't seem to do much good, concludes Dr. Sperling. Although the boys improve temporarily, most of them start degenerating as soon as they finish the courses.

Music Professor Not Limited To Band; Also Plays Politics

By JACK MONET

Music is Professor Jack Shapiro's forte, but he has also proved himself adept at playing politics. Prof. Shapiro, who teaches several music courses and plays in the band here at CCNY, is also Democratic Party captain of an election district in Queens.

"I entered politics because I was dissatisfied with the organization of the Democratic Party in Queens," Prof. Shapiro said. "I decided it was not enough to just gripe about conditions—I had to be active and have more of a voice than one anonymous vote in the election."

Boss Rule Autocratic

Along with other citizens in his district, Prof. Shapiro felt that "autocratic boss rule" was not adequately reflecting the wants of the Democrats in their district. The group was also disturbed by "the fact that, for many years, three times more Democrats than Republicans had been registering in the primaries, and yet the Republicans usually carried the borough because the Democratic Party did not bring out the vote."

The group's movement to oust

the party regulars was largely successful, as three of their four candidates for the county committee posts were elected. Prof. Shapiro, one of the elected committeemen, was appointed captain of his district.

The group was never officially recognized by the party though, "because we could not obtain a charter from the executive committee which was still controlled by the group that we opposed," Prof. Shapiro said, "but we have enough strength now to make them consider us in the councils, which is the important thing."

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By DIRAN SARAFYAN
Lecturer in Mathematics

My presence in CCNY as a lecturer in mathematics is due to an unfortunate event. I first came to City College about three years ago as a substitute for Professor Hurwitz, who had been injured in an automobile accident.

This, however, was the beginning of a wonderful and interesting experience for me, especially since my background and education were entirely European. The fall term of 1952, my first, had barely begun before the World Series arrived upon the scene. One day during my lecture I heard very softly but distinctly an announcer's voice describing the game between the Yankees and Dodgers. I looked around suspiciously and noticed that one of my students had a small portable radio with him. I commented on it and he immediately turned the radio off.

After the class I heard the students passionately discussing the results of the games. When I walked into the Department office I saw the other instructors also discussing the Series. The same evening I went to Columbia University where I was taking a course with Professor Murray. When I entered the class I saw my fellow classmates commenting upon the results of the day's game. Then the professor arrived. His reaction toward the animated conversation was apparent when he asked, "Who won?"

By this time I was firmly con-

vinced that baseball was a part of American life.

The next day the student that had the radio was in class without it.

However, I noticed that they had set up a relay system to keep informed on the latest results of the game. This time I did not interfere. On the contrary—after the class I asked some of the students to explain the rules of the game to me so that I could follow the rest of the Series with them. "After all," I thought to myself, "one hundred sixty million people can't be wrong. If they like this game so much it must really be something good."

Thus I became familiar with one of the most important aspects of American life—baseball. Of course baseball was only the beginning of my introduction to American ways. I gradually learned about the American educational system and I got to know more about my students too.

The question, "What is characteristic of City College students?" has been posed to me. Restricting myself to my own field, I answer without any hesi-

tation—"Nothing is wrong with them." After almost three years of teaching here it is my sincere and firm belief that the students here are intelligent and willing to learn.

However, their elementary training in mathematics on the high-school level has been administered so fast that they haven't had time to assimilate it. Thus they lack a firm foundation in mathematics and though they may know or still remember this or that theorem or formula, their knowledge is often superficial.

I found that the American high school student spends about half the time with elementary mathematics than does his European counterpart. For instance, trigonometry is a standard uninterrupted two semester course in Europe, while in this country it is taught in one semester. Here at City the students have extremely competent instructors, but they experience difficulty with mathematics mainly because of this hasty preparation.

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Psychology Professor Seems To Be Slightly Schizophrenic

By STAN WECKER

When it comes to his various undertakings, Professor George Milton Smith (Psychology) seems to have a slight case of schizophrenia. For aside from his classroom duties, he finds time to apply psychoanalytical techniques to

Beethoven and other composers, when he sings with the City College Vocal Ensemble, under Professor Fritz Jahoda.

"This last thing started about six years ago," said the Professor. "I was coming down from the fourth floor in Harris when I heard some really good singing emanating from the Music Department, so I just dropped in and joined them. I've been doing it on and off ever since."

Enjoys Singing

This term, Prof. Smith appeared in the Ensemble's recent joint concert with the City College Orchestra and last fall he sang a solo part in the finale of Beethoven's Fidelio. "I've never had many lessons," he admits. "I just do it because I enjoy singing."

George Milton Smith was born in 1902 in Plantsville, Conn., "very much a one-horse town." After attending grammar school, and later Loomis Prep School he worked his way through Harvard, where he majored in physics. When he obtained his BS four year later, he returned to Loomis to teach physics, but by 1926 he was back at Harvard, this time studying theology. He put in an additional half year at the Union Theological Seminary in New York before deciding that he wasn't cut out for the ministry.

"About this time the Lord and I caught on to each other," said the Professor with a smile. "We

parted, however, without bitterness."

Late in 1927 he switched to Columbia to take up psychology, and emerged with his Ph.D. After a brief period of teaching at Barnard, Prof. Smith was appointed to the City College faculty in 1930, and has been here ever since. The Professor's earlier education stood him in good stead during the war when he was asked to fill in as a physics instructor. His major "semi-popular" publications are "A Simplified Guide to Statistics," and "More Power to Your Mind."

Professor Smith is married, has two teen-aged sons, and a home in Fair Lawn, New Jersey. He is a "pretty fair" tennis player and is "nuts about skiing," although he didn't start until he was "old enough to know better." During the summer, he and his family journey up to the White Mountains of New Hampshire where they are building themselves a cottage with their own hands.

Toured Europe

His musical interests stem from his college days, when he was a member of the Harvard Glee Clubs that gave concerts with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and toured Europe at the invitation of the French government. To budding Carusos he offers the following words of advice: "Singing in the shower bath really builds up the voice, since there's no place that produces better resonance."

Hillel...

Rabbi Herbert Parzan will speak on "Reconstructionism," today at 1 PM, in Hillel House, 475 West 140th Street. Rabbi Parzan is present director of the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation.

In commemoration of Israel Independence Week on campus Hillel will present an appropriate program at its weekly Oneg Shabbat ceremonies, Friday at 1 PM. Wine and cake will be served after the program, which will also be held in Hillel House.

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CCNY vs. Adelphi...

The City College track team will engage Adelphi College in a dual meet this afternoon at 5 PM in Lewisohn Stadium. Track coach Harold Anson "Doc" Bruce says "This meet will serve as a tuneup for the Collegiate Track Conference championships on Saturday."

Among the Beaver trackmen priming for CTC laurels this afternoon will be Jack Kushner, Joe Werfel, Joe Gold, and Jim Spencer.

Dr. DesGrey, Magician, Keeps Sports on 'Level'

By LEW EGOL

There are many ways of building a winning team. The St. Louis Browns went so far as to hire a psychologist—but for originality, the prize goes to City College. The Beavers hired a magician.

He is Dr. Arthur H. DesGrey, Faculty Manager of Athletics at the College, and in addition to his presdidigital prowess, which he has kept on an amateur level, he is also the author of a camping guide, numerous magazine articles on camping, physical education and safety hygiene, and is a crack amateur photographer. In his spare time, camping in the Adirondacks, he has managed to have a woodland area in upstate New York named after him. He refuses to take any credit for this, however, explaining "When I first camped there, with my wife, it was a wilderness region. I reported this to the authorities and they asked my name. When the next map of the area came out it was marked 'DesGrey Point'."

Responsible For Schedules

Dr. DesGrey, as part of his job, is responsible for the scheduling of sixteen intercollegiate teams and the allocation of their funds, in accordance with the budget.

A graduate of New York University, where he competed in track and swimming, he has served at City College for twenty-nine years and was appointed to his present position in 1952. Since his appointment he has been forced to give up his magic as, "My evenings as well as my days are taken up by my job."

Dr. DesGrey is opposed to any de-emphasis of athletics. He feels that the College's program is a healthy one considering its financial state and facilities, and points out that CCNY has more teams than most metropolitan colleges. "Eventually," he says,

Trackmen Eye CTC Triumph

Coach Harold Anson Bruce has entered twenty-three men in sixteen events in the Collegiate Track Conference outdoor championships to be held Saturday in New Britain, Connecticut, starting at 2 PM.

The Bruccemen who finished second to Adelphi by two points in the CTC-Indoor Championships in February are looking forward to a first place performance.

Four Beavers who broke meet records in the winter meet will be in competition again on Saturday: Jack Kushner who threw the shot fifty feet, two inches. Joe Werfel who pole-vaulted eleven feet nine inches. Joe Gold who broadjumped twenty-one feet and three-quarter inches and Jim Spencer who completed the 1000-yard run in 2:27.5. Gold and Kushner have gone on to set City College marks in their events.

Kushner is entered in the shot put, discus and hammer throwing events, Werfel will compete in the pole vault, 100-yard dash, and the 220 yard high hurdles and the javelin throw, while Gold will enter the 220-yard dash, 440-yard run, running broad jump and will run one leg of City's championship mile relay team.

Baseball Mentor 'Peddles' Through Europe Without Any Items to Sell

By JERRY SALTZ

Dr. John LaPlace, coach of the City College baseball team, is a peddler without any wares. However, the Beaver mentor accomplishes this feat with a bicycle, not a pushcart, and for the past two summers, has cycled his way through Europe.

"Aside from the sheer pleasure it affords my epicurean nature," Dr. LaPlace said, "bicycling through the continental countryside has given me a clearer insight into European life. Unlike automobile travelers, I did not view Europe solely according to the character of the life and people in large cities."

Planning the same itinerary this coming summer, Dr. LaPlace, accompanied by a Norwegian-born American friend, cycled from Holland into Germany, through the Ruhr, up the Rhine to Frankfurt, to Austria and Switzerland via the Alps and the Romantische Strasse (Romantic Road), and back to Baaden, Germany through the Black Forest.

Dr. LaPlace and his companion, utilizing English and bits of German and French, had little trouble communicating to the many people they met. "Every-



Dr. John LaPlace
European 'Peddler'

one was very friendly," he asserted, "especially the Bavarians of southern Germany."

A former professional baseball player for the Philadelphia Phillies and Chicago White Sox farm clubs, the Beaver mentor noted that "Although soccer and track remain the most popular sports in Europe, baseball is starting to come into its own."

In his senior year at City, he enrolled in Columbia University to obtain his Health Education Degree. He holds MA and Ph.D. degrees from that same school.

When asked whether he may be scouting for his Beavers among the growing European baseball crop, Dr. LaPlace smiled and replied, "Pure pleasure is my only motive for the trip."

"City College hopes to have freshman teams in most sports, and then concentrate on intercollegiate participation by the Beavers in such sports where the interest prevails. This is only a question of time. Intercollegiate athletics at City College are definitely on the upswing."

The reaction of most students to this statement is "What does he think he is, a magician?" He is.



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