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Library Hours . . .

The College's libraries will be closed tomorrow through this Sunday and will re-open Monday, April 11, following this schedule for the remainder of the Spring recess (to April 17):

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: All branches: 9 AM-5 PM.
 Tuesday, Thursday: Army Hall: 9 AM-9 PM; Reference, Serials: 9 AM-10 PM; All others: 9 AM-5 PM.
 Saturday: All branches closed.
 Sunday: Reference: 2 PM-6 PM.
 All branches will be open today from 9 AM-6 PM.

'Community Chest' Drive Unites Present Charities

By RALPH DANNHEISSER

A Community Chest Drive will be held at the College the week of May 2, supplanting the many individual charity drives held in the past by various campus organizations.

The unified drive was decided upon by the Student Government Executive Committee at a meeting on March 22. At the same time the committee voted that no group might run individual fund-raising drives after April 1.

Among the organizations affected by this ruling was Alpha Phi Omega, College service fraternity, which planned to hold a clothing and book drive this week for the benefit of Bellevue Hospital and an orphanage in France.

The project has not been forgotten, and APO plans to probably do the project next term. For the time being Alpha Phi Omega will conduct their clothing-book drive strictly within its own membership. We have already collected some fifty pounds of

Sheldon Luskin, President of Alpha Phi Omega, said, "Our collection would in no way interfere with the proposed Student Council Community Chest Drive. Our soliciting would be limited to used clothes and used books whereas the proposed Council project would be for money. I think that the actions of the Student Government are pretty ridiculous in limiting what would probably have been one of our biggest projects of the term on the grounds given to me by them."

Chest Drive "will be more gainful for the charities involved and will lead to greater cooperation among the clubs." McCaffrey cited last term's World University Service drive as an example of the effectiveness of concerted action.

The Community Chest project will be run by the Student Government Community Chest Agency and the Phi Tau Alpha sorority. Any groups interested in participating should contact Barbara Robbins, the committee's chairman, or leave a note in Box R3 in the Student Council office, Room 20 Main.

As a part of the week's activities, a show will take place in the Great Hall on Thursday, May 5 from 12-2 PM. The theme will be the "Gay '90s to the Roaring '20s." Anyone interested in participating in the show should also contact Miss Robbins.

Debating Club Leads League

The City College Debating team defeated Columbia University twice last week, on Tuesday and again on Thursday, thus gaining first place in the Northern Division of the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Debate League. The two victories, one at Columbia, the other at the College, give the Debaters a chance for the Metropolitan Championships later this term.

Tuesday's victory was attained by the team of Melvin Drimmer and Arnold Lieberman, who debated the negative side of the topic—Resolved: That the United States Extend Diplomatic Recognition to the Communist Government of China.

Two days later, debating the same topic, the affirmative team of Eric Liner and Julius Reichel again defeated Columbia, this time on the College campus. Although both Liner and Reichel are novices to the Club they defeated Columbia's varsity team of Edward Siegel and William Fischer.

Until last week, the College's debaters had had a 1-1 record having both won one and dropped one to Yeshiva University. Should City College cop the Northern Division title, they will face their Southern Division counterpart for the Metropolitan title. At present CCNY's nearest rival is Columbia with a 2-2 record.



Barney McCaffrey
Eliminate "Annoyance"

ed clothing and any student interested in disposing of any old clothes or books can contact any member of APO, and he will make arrangements to collect all material at your home."

In explaining the committee's action, Barney McCaffrey, Student Council President, said that the great number of collections constitute "an annoyance to the students and a great deal of trouble to the people who run them."

He felt that the Community

Wagner Budget for College Omits Sports Appropriation

By PAUL WEISSLER and NORM ZAFMAN
Special to Observation Post

A request of \$20,000, which would have been used to increase the athletic program at the College, has been stricken from the proposed New York City budget of Mayor Robert F. Wagner. At the same time the proposed budget included \$85,000 for inter-high school sports. This is the first time that

such an appropriation has been suggested. The proposed budget was submitted Friday to the Board of Estimate. Public hearings on the budget will be held from April 11-13. The Board of Estimate is empowered to include the request if it so desires.

The request was part of a \$55,000 appropriation to expand intercollegiate athletics at the four municipal colleges, the rest of which was also omitted.

President Buell G. Gallagher, who, along with the other municipal college presidents, had submitted the request through the Board of Higher Education to the

Budget Director Abraham Beame, said, "I am very disappointed as the now prepared budget does not include the requested \$20,000. On the whole, the proposed budget is an encouraging one, aside

We are hopeful, but realize that the situation is not bright."

Mr. Beame, who prepared the budget in cooperation with Mayor Wagner, refused comment, saying that it was not the gen-



TIMES GONE BY
Nat Holman being sworn in as "Honorary Borough Commissioner" after Grand Slam of 1950, by the then Borough President Robert F. Wagner Jr.

GFCSA Holds Special Forum On Club Lists

The General Faculty Committee on Student Affairs held an open forum to review the membership list ruling yesterday afternoon. It was then announced that their decision on the problem would probably be made at an April 21 meeting.

Three students, Student Council Secretary Gloria Kingsley, Gil Robinov, of Students for Democratic Action, and Bruno Wassertheil (OP) along with Professor Stuart C. Easton (History) spoke against the ruling while Arthur Pittman, Stuart Schwartz, SC Representative of the Class of '56, and Paul Weissler (OP) argued for having lists. Dean James S. Peace (Student Life) presented his Department's reasons for wanting the ruling.

The GFCSA was asked to reconsider the rule, passed last term by the Student Faculty Committee on Student Affairs, at its meeting two weeks ago on an appeal by Students for Democratic Action. Young Democrats and Young Liberals. At that meeting it was decided that in order to become better acquainted with the issues they would hold a closed forum with resource persons invited to provide information.

Those who spoke for the ruling argued that it would emphasize student responsibility, aid the Department of Student Life in maintaining complete records, and better inform the College as to who was using its facilities. Those who believed the ruling should be amended felt it was stifling political activities at the College, aiding the "guilt by association" technique and making it a risk to join a campus political or religious club "due to the sensitivity of the time."

Professor Easton submitted a proposal to the Committee at the close of the meeting which called for the exclusion of political and religious clubs from the ruling.

from this single item, but money is a small price to pay for the defense of integrity. It seems to me that 2% of our operating budget could be well spent in supporting amateur athletics." Dr. Gallagher had said previously that the additional money was clearly necessary in order to continue the athletic program without relying upon "gate receipts" from sporting events on a large scale commercial operation.

Student Council President Barney McCaffrey claimed "the chances of a restoration of the cut are very slim, but Student Government and the Varsity Club will still send small delegations to the Board of Estimate hearings. The Varsity Club will submit petitions signed by City College students to the Board.

Sixteen Profs Get Promotion

Six faculty members were promoted yesterday to the rank of full professor. Ten other members were raised from assistant professor to associate professor. The announcement was made today by President Buell G. Gallagher.

Raised to full professor were: Henry Leffert (English); Herbert P. Wirth (Mathematics); Ross Scanlan (Speech); Issac B. Berkson (Education); Alois X. Schmidt (Chemical Engineering) and Russell L. Biddle (Chemistry).

Promoted to the position of associate professor were: Frederick Sethur Economics); Samuel Everett (Education); Albert C. Friend (English); Harry Rudman (English); Herbert R. Liedke (German); F. C. Rose (Physics); Elliot H. Polinger (Romance Languages); Sylvan M. Edmonds (Chemistry); Virgil N. Argo (Biology) and Robert Stein (Electrical Engineering).

eral policy of the Budget Committee to reveal reasoning behind Committee actions.

The status of Fencing Coach Edward Lucia, which depends upon the approval of the \$20,000 request, is still in doubt. Professor Hyman Krakower (Chmn., Hygiene), said, "There is no decision on Coach Lucia. If the \$20,000 is not included in the budget, the Department's salary for Coach Lucia cannot be increased for the Fall Semester. I do not know if an adjustment is possible now."

Coach Lucia has prepared a resignation which will be submitted if he is not restored to a full teaching line for the Fall Semester. He is presently teaching a half line.

Dr. Arthur H. DesGrey, Faculty Manager of Athletics, noted that "although no definite designations were made for the expenditure of the \$20,000, it was scheduled for the re-establishment of some freshman teams and the hiring of new coaches. I am very disheartened. We had envisioned the money as a boon to our program."

At the present time, the College's intercollegiate athletic program costs \$30,000 annually. Of this sum, \$28,000 comes from student fees and \$2,000 from basketball receipts. President Gallagher said that he does not see an increase in student fees necessary. He hopes that "the \$20,000 will still be included in the City budget by the Board of Estimate" by the end of the hearings.

Leo Klauber, President of the Alumni Varsity Association, commenting on the budget report, said, "We believe the failure to make this appropriation will be detrimental to the athletic situation at the College. Intercollegiate athletics are a part of the College education and as such should be provided for in the budget."

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Counsels Deny Matusow Testified at Prof. Trials

By GERALD LAZAR

Saul Moskoff, Assistant Corporation Counsel to the Board of Education and Michael A. Castaldi, the special counsel to the Board of Higher Education, have denied charges that they used Harvey Matusow to "put the finger on" alleged Communist teachers.

Mr. Moskoff said Monday that Matusow, who has confessed lying in trials of alleged Communists, was employed by the Board of Education in 1952 "but was dismissed when he attempted to bribe one of his associates." He added that none of his information was used in uncovering Communists for the Board of Education. Mr. Castaldi, called last week to the stand during the trial of Dudley David Straus, a suspended Queens College instructor, denied he had ever seen or talked with Matusow and had not used him "or his ilk" in gathering evidence.

Dr. Corliss Lamont, author and lecturer, receiving an "Intellectual Freedom" award from the New York Teachers Union Saturday at

the Commodore Hotel said, "This city has spearheaded the witch-hunt against teachers throughout the United States." He continued, "We have discovered the Board of Education in 1952 employed the professional informer, Harvey Matusow, to help put the finger on alleged Communist teachers." The burning shame of New York City for our generation has become the anti-freedom policies of the Board of Education, the Board of Higher Education and the various educational authorities who cooperate with them."

Asks Investigation

He added, "I call on the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights of the Senate Judiciary Committee to undertake immediately, a thorough investigation of the informer racket."

'Lower Credit Limit for SG President'—Barney McCaffrey

A proposal that Student Government presidents be allowed to take as few credits as they wish during their stay in office, was made yesterday by SG President Barney McCaffrey. He added that he will propose this to Student

Council at the first SC meeting after the spring recess. The request would have to go through Administration channels for implementation.

"To realize the potentials of Student Government and to fulfill the office of President with all its varied tasks, requires the full time of a student," McCaffrey stated.

Requests More Time

McCaffrey feels that the Student Government could be "more respected and responsible" if the President could devote all his energies to the efficient maintenance of his position. "Student Government is the governing agent of the student body, and the President should be able to devote the amount of time as befits such an organization."

The proposal was objected to by Martin Gruberg, SG Vice-President, who termed the idea "ridiculous." Gruberg added, "Doubtless it would be more efficient to have a professional president, and a paid administrator would be even more efficient."

However, this would not make him a student." Gruberg said that an SG president can do an adequate job carrying 12 credits as a minimum.

Gruberg expects that McCaffrey's proposal will be referred to the Government Structures Committee for further discussion, instead of SC's acting on it immediately.

—Katz

'Distortion'

Distortion of information and censorship are probably the most serious charges that can be leveled against any newspaper. Last week, the press at City College was sharply rebuked for just such alleged practices by Professor Marvin Magalaner (English) in a letter to The Campus.

But if Professor Magalaner had examined the charges before he made them, he would have found that those made against this newspaper were both unjust and unfounded.

He complains that the college community is dependent for coverage on the decisions of like-thinking managing boards of both newspapers, who have "unlimited power" in deciding what is happening at the school. We believe that the student body will concur that both newspapers are far from being alike in their viewpoints on many issues, and this is one reason we have always fought for the continuance of two newspapers at the College, as a check against such a danger. The people who comprise the Managing Board of **Observation Post** are chosen by a staff which is made up of all elements of the student body. Some of these people are at the present time working for New York newspapers, and so are not completely devoid of any journalistic experience on which they may base their decisions.

Any student or faculty member is always welcome to express his views to us orally or in a letter, which we will always publish. It was through this same device, "Letter to the Editor," that Professor Magalaner was able to state his views on the "shortcomings" of the press.

One example of distortion of the news that the professor gave was the fact that **OP** printed the entire letter of Students for Democratic Action concerning their views on the compulsory membership lists while we neglected to mention an official statement from the Student Faculty Committee on Student Activities setting forth their views for passing the ruling. An examination of the facts will reveal that SFCSA's statement added nothing new to the question that had not been printed before. The reason we published SDA's letter in full was that they were the first protesting group to comply with the ruling and we considered their reasons for so doing, important to the entire school.

"Another interesting example of what may or may not be censorship" which occurred to the professor, was the result of an **OP** poll asking how students felt about the membership ruling. We did not publish the results because we found the poll had been tampered with. Because of this reason and since only a small percentage of students took part in the poll, it was felt that the poll was so inconclusive as not to warrant further reference. There were no dark or surreptitious reasons for doing this; in fact, if anything, the inconclusive results favored the editorial stand of this newspaper. However, if Professor Magalaner was so interested in the poll, he could easily have learned the results by asking us, as other interested faculty members and students did.

To the best of our knowledge, no scheme as yet has been devised by which a free person could exist without the danger of occasional distortions. For that reason, we have welcomed and will continue to welcome criticism from all quarters. Probably the strongest refutation of Professor Magalaner, is the fact that the same organizations he took to task so severely will always give him this right. This is a free press.

Next Case

Journalism is a serious business—but it does have its light moments.

Last week, pained at an editorial that appeared in **Observation Post**, the editors of **Vector** and **Tech News** gave vent to a jumble of words that would have made Noah Webster blush.

"Libel!" they roared, and, not sure that everyone heard them, added a cry of "slander!" for good measure.

It was warm last week and most students spent their leisure hours basking in the sunny Quadrangle. But the editors of **Vector** and **Tech News** spent their time inside—knocking on doors. The first was that of the Student-Faculty Committee on Student Affairs. SFCSA listened politely to the editors' lament and referred them to the Student Court. The door of the Student Court opened a little wider and they consoled the editors, saying they'd think it over.

If the Court acts judiciously, we think the case will be thrown out of court. It would be a mockery on itself if the Court took up a case every time someone howled—struck too deeply by the truth.

QUESTION: Why are you active in student affairs?

Dan Rosner, U. Sr. 5; Former President, ASME:

You feel that you can benefit an organization, and then you feel you can benefit yourself benefitting it. There's a certain amount of satisfaction gained when you see a group growing under your leadership.

Murray Beja, L. Jr. 1; Recording Secretary, Alpha Phi Omega:

I want more out of City College than to come and go on the subway.

Al Klugerman, L. Jr. 1; Executive Treasurer, FDR Young Democrats:

I believe in the principle of student's governing their own extra-curricular affairs.

Dudley McConnell, L. Jr. 5; President, Class of '57:

I want to do something for the College; that's the main thing. I feel you get more out of the school if you put something into it, and you become prouder of your school.

Iris Goldstein, U. Jr. 1; Chairman, SC Civil Liberties Committee:

It's like a drug. When you become active in one organization, you come into contact with others and are attracted to them. Then, when you turn around, you're really in it. I've learnt more about life and leadership from my extra-curricular activities than from my classes. Also, some of my work acts as a supplement to my school work.

Third Hillman Lecture Given

Dr. Kenneth D. Johnson, Dean of the New York School of Social Work, spoke at the College yesterday on the topic "Health, Education and Welfare For All." This was the third in a series of lectures sponsored by the Sidney Hillman Foundation.

Dr. Johnson said that the future condition of this city, or any other, will be determined by the people living in it today. Each community only reflects the opinion of its inhabitants, he added, and therefore we cannot do any city planning without knowing the people of the city. The citizen is an essential part of everything done in the city. Dr. Johnson said, because he either provides the money through taxes or the man hours through volunteer work. All these citizens, he maintained, must be provided with an equal amount of health, educational and welfare facilities.

Dr. Johnson emphasized that all slum areas must be obliterated. He asserted that our society will not be a healthy one until the social, health and educational agencies are improved and placed in a position where they can be utilized by all.

The fourth lecture in the current series will be delivered on April 19 by Dr. Joseph G. Cohen, a Dean of the Board of Higher Education, in charge of the Teacher Education Program.

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Complaint

As an officer and a member of House Plan and as a member of the City College community for three years, I feel it is time that something be done to evaluate the implementation of the function of our school newspapers. I feel that it is generally agreed that this function is to keep the student body informed of campus activities.

It has come to my attention that in many cases the newspapers do not serve this function. Affairs such as Carnival which affects at least 2000 students, get limited coverage, while should such groups as the SGFC do anything, no matter how trivial, they rate one-half of the front page several times a week. In a number of cases news items are completely disregarded. e.g. Recently I submitted an item inviting the students to go on an House Plan sponsored Camping trip. I submitted this on three different occasions; it was never printed. Yet the school papers are the main way an organization can reach the student body and failure to print such items may result in the subsequent failure of the event.

I repeat: it is time to evaluate our newspapers.

Vice-President of House Plan
David Gorfein

Explanation

In a letter printed in *Observation Post* two weeks ago, Students for Democratic Action called upon President Gallagher to explain satisfactorily his having referred to Eric Brown as a "Communist speaking as a Communist." (This remark was attributed to him by The Campus.)

Since that time, the officers and the faculty advisor of SDA have met with Dr. Gallagher to discuss this matter. He explained to us that, because his words had been taken out of context, they had lent themselves to the misinterpretation we placed on him. The President further assured us that he had never meant to call Brown a "Communist."

SDA is, therefore, satisfied that President Gallagher not only has not, but would not, term a student a "Communist" on whim, and that he shares with us a desire to uphold the principles of freedom of thought at the College.

Students for Democratic Action

Pipe Organ Now Majestically Mute, But Once Ruled Music Dept. Roost

The pipe organ, which at one time comprised almost the entire Music Department at the College, has not only a rich past here, but also a future.

An organ will be located in the Student Union Chapel, when the Manhattanville Campus and Student Union become occupied.

The massive pipe organ located in the Great Hall of the Main Building will remain there in its present majesty, even if it is seldom used.

Heyday

In 1905, however, when the instrument was erected, under the supervision of Professor Samuel A. Baldwin, noted church organist and choral conductor, the organ was the center of musical life at the College. That year also saw the establishment of the Music Department, under the chairmanship of Prof. Baldwin.

In those pre-radio days, the Great Hall organ also served the music-starved general public. In 1908, Prof. Baldwin initiated a program of recitals which continued until 1917. In one year he held sixty recitals before a total of over 80,000 listeners.

Bach's Birthday

Although no longer an integral part of the College's musical life, the organ still is occa-

sionally used for public recitals by guest performers. Perhaps most notable of recent recitals was the one in honor of the 200th anniversary of the death of Johann Sebastian Bach, the great 18th century German composer, who perfected the organ as a musical instrument.

According to Professor Mark Brunswick (Chmn, Music), the College's organ, considered by

many authorities as one of the best in the Americas, will continue to be part of the tradition of the Great Hall, even though modern musical theory has de-emphasized the importance of the organ to music appreciation.

"Unfortunately," Prof. Brunswick said ruefully, "the organ is not a democratic instrument, since so few students seem to appreciate it."

Rugged? . . .

A three day camping trip, sponsored by House Plan, will be held during the Easter recess. It will begin on Monday April 11, and will last until Wednesday afternoon, April 14. The cost is \$11 per person.

Chartered buses will carry the campers to the Hudson Guild Farms, located in New Jersey. Sleeping bags and other such equipment will not be required since the "campsite" features comfortable sleeping quarters in addition to prepared meals.

Approximately two dozen people are scheduled thus far to take the trip. Anyone wishing to join the excursion may make arrangements to do so through House Plan.

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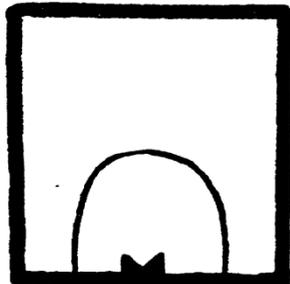
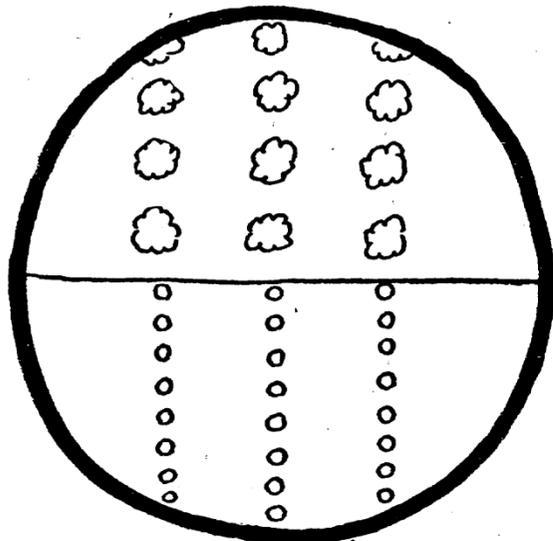
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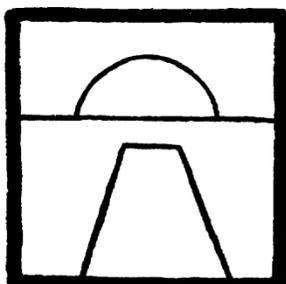


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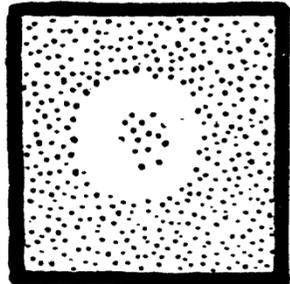
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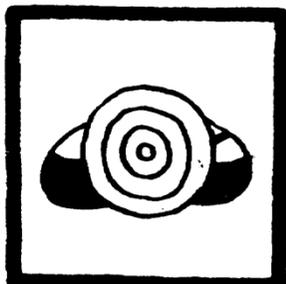
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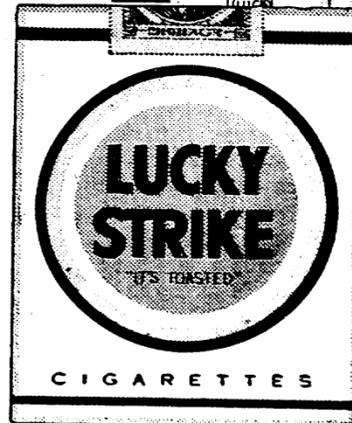
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Spring Sports

Track Team's Easy Victory Strengthens Hopes for Title

The track team's resounding, 101-39, triumph over Hunter last Saturday has led Coach Harold Anson Bruce to expect big things before the season ends.

"We're out to get that conference championship," Bruce said determinedly, "and we've got the boys to do it."

Much of Bruce's optimism for the coming season will rest on the shoulders of his squad's co-captains, Joe Gold and Jim Spencer. Both boys, particularly Gold, who scored sixteen points in the Hunter meet, have shown themselves to be in good form, and as they fare, so, usually, does the team.

Gold Top Man

Joe, who is the conference champion in the running broad jump, also figures to be Coach Bruce's top man in the 220-yard run, the individual quarter mile, and the mile relay. The track mentor feels that the lanky star is one of the "greatest quarter milers City has ever had."

Spencer, who has proven himself a top competitor in the 440 and 880-yard runs, may be con-



Coach Harold Anson Bruce
Optimistic

verted to a miler this season. The fleet-footed senior, strengthened by his cross-country and indoor track leg work, has been able to go longer distances with greater speed and stamina. His conversion to the mile would fill an habitually weak position.

Although the javelin position has yet to be filled, Coach Bruce feels that this year's field team will do their share in bringing that conference championship to City.

Weightmen Strong

"Jack Kushner is a sure bet to break the College's discus throw record before long," the Beaver mentor predicted. He has already heaved the shotput over fifty feet and the stout weightman promises to break a few college rec-

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Eleven Events on Easter Vacation Schedule for Four Beaver Squads

By BERT ROSENTHAL

While City College students will be enjoying an eleven day Easter vacation, the Beaver athletes will be busily engaged in their athletic endeavors. The baseball, lacrosse, tennis, and track teams will face a combined total of eleven opponents during the holidays.

Baseball

Sporting a 1-0 Metropolitan Conference record, after trimming Hofstra 5-3 last Saturday, the diamond men will first play non-league opponent Fordham at Rose Hill Field tomorrow. Two Met tests against NYU at the Violet's Ohio Field in the Bronx on Saturday and versus the Wagner Seahawks at Babe Ruth Memorial Field (McCombs Dam Park) next Wednesday.

The Rams, piloted by veteran mentor Jack Coffey, toppled Hunter last Saturday, 4-1, and will furnish strong competition for the Lavender, if last season's thirteen won, six lost record is any indication of their present strength.

Lacrosse

Conquerors of Big Ten champion, Ohio State, 12-3, in their

initial game, the Lavender Lacrosse men will play host to Adelphi this Saturday and then engage their traditional rival, the Alumni next Saturday, both at Lewisohn Stadium. Goalie Ronnie Reifler, sidelined with a dislocated shoulder the last two weeks will return to the nets against the Garden City outfit.

Tennis

Following their resounding 8-1 triumph over Hofstra last week, the City tennis team will take to the road for three matches during the holidays. Queens will furnish the opposition on Friday, with Manhattan and Wagner scheduled for next Wednesday and Saturday respectively.

Track

Still gloating over his squad's 101-39 success, Coach Harold

Anson Bruce will lead the St. Nicholas speedsters to three away meets; Saturday against Upsala in East Orange, N.J., next Wednesday in Rutherford, N.J., to face Farleigh Dickinson and to Hempstead, L.I., in an attempt to outrace Hofstra.

Holiday Sked

Date	Sport	Opponent	Place
April 7	Baseball	Fordham	Away
April 8	Tennis	Queens	Away
April 9	Baseball	NYU	Away
April 9	Lacrosse	Adelphi	Home*
April 13	Track	Farleigh Dickinson	Away
April 13	Baseball	Wagner	Home†
April 13	Tennis	Manhattan	Away
April 16	Lacrosse	Alumni	Home
April 16	Track	Hofstra	Away
April 16	Tennis	Hofstra	Home†

*Lacrosse home games at Lewisohn Stadium.
†Baseball home game at Babe Ruth Field (McCombs Dam Park).

†Tennis home game at Fleet Tennis Club, 150 Street and Gerard Avenue in the Bronx.



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