

# OBSERVATION POST

## OP Elections . . .

Bruno Wassertheil, a twenty-year-old senior, was elected Editor-in-Chief of the Observation Post last Thursday. Joan Snyder, last term's Editor-in-Chief, and Fred Boretz were both elected Associate Editors.

Other members of the managing board are: Mike Spielman, Managing Editor; Jack Monet, News Editor; Stan Zarowin, Features Editor; Lew Egol, Sports Editor; and Jack Levine, Business Manager. Ralph Dannheisser was elected Assistant News Editor, and Dave Gross, Bob Mayer and Barry Mallin were elected Copy Editors.

## Membership Lists Curb Political Activity: Wilson

By DAVE GROSS

Compulsory membership lists were termed "one more technique" for "dampening students' political activity" H. H. Wilson, Professor of Political Science at Princeton University, asserted yesterday. Prof. Wilson was speaking before a student rally sponsored by the Political Action Committee (PAC).

Other speeches were given by Robert Engler '42, Professor of Political Science at Sarah Lawrence College, Mr. Stanley Feingold (Government), and Howard Schumann, Chairman of PAC, Gloria Kingsley, Student Council President, presided over the rally.

### Discourage Participation

Mr. Wilson said that membership lists tend to discourage political participation by the student and detract from the intellectual activity at the College. Mr. Wilson had also repudiated arguments for membership lists. He stated that it was "cynicism" to say that present political associations cannot harm future careers. It "verges on the dishonest" to say that membership lists can be kept secret, he concluded.

"Membership lists are essentially a problem of political free-

dom," Professor Engler said. They have dangerous consequences, while they discourage student political participation, he added. Lists threaten our basic concepts of freedom, he continued, and when a university takes such an action they are not only departing from their historic democratic road, but also they are the way to becoming an agent of indoctrination. Professor Engler warned that membership lists can be used without the knowledge of the student.

Mr. Feingold did not challenge the legality of the lists ruling only its "propriety." He said that it was one thing to stand up voluntarily and be counted, but an entirely different matter to be compelled to do so. "It is a revision of the democratic process" to tell those students who do not wish to stand and be counted to "shut up." In conclusion Feingold said that "the College ought to provide the students with symbols of freedom and not of fear."

Miss Kingsley read several letters from faculty members, protesting Membership Lists Ruling.

## Concert Set For Town Hall

The College's annual winter concert will be held tomorrow at 8:30 PM in Town Hall.

The concert will include both instrumental and choral selections. The CCNY Faculty String Quartet will perform Bela Bartok's "Divertimento for String Orchestra." The choral work will be excerpts from Schubert's "Mass No. 6 in E flat major." They will also perform Beethoven's "Symphony No. 8 in F major."

The CCNY Faculty String Quartet is composed of Professor Felix Galimir (Music) violin; Michael Tolomeo, violin; Professor Jack Shapiro (Music) viola; and Professor Otto Deri (Music) cello. Roger Horn, double bass will perform with the group.

Tickets are \$1 and \$1.25. They may be purchased at the Music Department office, Room 230 Goldmark Wing or at Town Hall.

## Bible . . .

Professor Maximilian G. Walten (English), will speak on "The Bible as Literature" today at 1 PM in Hillel House, 475 West 140 Street. On the same program there will be presented a "Hillel Original Biblical Quiz." All are invited.

## Center Structure Revised; Students Voice Opposition

Student leaders expressed opposition yesterday to some of the provisions in Dean Daniel F. Brophy's plan for the reorganization of the administrative structure of the Finley Student Center.

They have arranged for the Board of Directors to meet during the inter-session and Dean Brophy has said that he would defer action on his plan if the Board wishes to consult with him.

The fact that the members of the Board of Student Managers will be responsible to the Director of the Student Center, and not to their student governments, drew the most criticism from the student leaders

Bob Mayo, an Evening Session representative to the Center Board of Directors, said "Dean Brophy's system makes a pretense of giving Student Government authority without the administrative machinery to carry it out." "The responsible elected Student Government leaders," he said, "have no voice save involved impeachment proceedings."

### Violates Principles

Jared Jussim, President-elect of Student Council, said, "Dean Brophy's plan violates basic principles of good administration." According to Jussim, "The new system creates a semi-autonomous body, thus creating conflicting areas of student authority in co-curricular activities in the Center."

Criticism was also directed at the creation of one student man-



Dean James S. Peace  
Director of Center

aging board to represent both the Day and Evening Sessions. "Conflicting school and work schedules between Day and Evening Session students," Mayo said, "will make it virtually impossible to get the two groups together often enough to make group deliberations meaningful."

William Stern, President of the Evening Session Student Council, said, "Proper liaison between two separate managing groups for the Day and Evening Sessions would accomplish the same as one group, without the disadvantages entailed by having one group." "The liaison between the two groups this semester has been excellent," he added.

Mayo will also press for a specification of the responsibilities the Student Board Managers will have in the day-to-day operation at the Center.

The governing and managing structure of the Finley Student Center will be reorganized next semester, Dean Daniel F. Brophy (Chmn., Department of Student Life), announced yesterday.

Authorization to revise the administrative structure of the center was given Dean Brophy yesterday by the General Faculty, representatives of the faculty of the four schools of the College. They designated the Department of Student Life as its "administrative agent to operate and maintain the Center with the assistance and cooperation of students, wherever such joint effort is practicable."

Dean Brophy's plan for the Center calls for the creation of two boards, the John H. Finley Center Board of Advisors and the Board of Student Managers. Both Boards are to serve in an advisory capacity to the Department of Student Life. They are to replace the Center's present advisory groups, the Board of Directors and the two student managing groups representing the Day and Evening Session Student Governments.

The Board of Advisors is to be composed of nineteen members representing the alumni, faculty, administration and students. The alumni and faculty are each to be represented with four members. Students will be represented by four members from the Day Session, three from the Evening Session and one from the Baruch School.

The other three members of the Board of Advisors will be the Chairman of the Department of Student Life and two members of the Division of Student Activities. These three members will not have voting privileges.

In composition and function, the Board of Advisors would be similar to the present Board of Directors. On the student managing level, however, there are several significant changes.

Instead of two separate managing groups, representing the Day and Evening Sessions, there is to be one group, the Board of Student Managers, with representatives from the two sessions. As before, the students will be selected by their respective student governments.

As at present, the students will be selected by their respective student governments. These students, however, instead of being directly responsible to their student governments as they are now, will be responsible to the Director of the Student Center, Dean James S. Peace, according to Dean Brophy.

## Hoopsters Host Rutgers Tomorrow Holman Plans New Lineup, Attack

Rutger's University will be here to play the College's cagers tomorrow night at 8:30 PM in the Wingate Gymnasium. Judging from its two trips across the Jersey State boundary into New York this season, the Queensmen are not looking favorably towards the

contest. The Lavender will be trying to leave the visiting Scarlet "red" after the game, and are favored to do so.

A visit to Columbia's gym on December 10, resulted in a 95-49 loss, and a trek to Fordham's Rose Hill court ten days later saw the Jerseyites shellacked by the Rams, 94-54.

City Coach Nat Holman, who was very disheartened by the team's losing 77-53 performance in Brooklyn in its last effort, is preparing some readjustments for tomorrow night's tilt. Stan "Bugs" Friedman, a 5-9 speedster, who performed so well against the Kingsmen as a substitute, will probably start at one of the forward posts in place of the veteran rebounder 6-4 George Jensen, who only netted six in the defeat.

The mentor also plans a new style of attack at the outset of the contest. "Since we lost the ball twenty-eight times in Brook-



Coach Nat Holman  
Plans New Lineup

lyn." says Holman, "I intend to have the boys play a more possession type of game tomorrow

night. We will also use a single pivot, in order to open up the middle to allow a more driving style of play."

Syd Levy, the Beavers' leading scorer with a 14.3 average for six games will be the starting center. The 6-9 pivotman has been the top point producer in the team's last three contests; he tallied seventeen against Hunter, twenty-six in the victory at Queens, and seventeen against the Flatbush quintet.

Ralph Schefflan, and Joe Bernardo, a pair of fast, shifty operators, will open at the guard posts. Bill Lewis, a corner player with a good jump shot will be at the other forward position.

However, Holman says, that if the going gets rough under the boards, Jensen will be quickly inserted. Otherwise, the coach will remain primarily with the speedier, shorter "five."

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## HP . . .

The last meeting of House Plan Council will take place on Monday, January 19 at 4:00 PM in Room 121 Finley. Four positions on the managing board will be filled at the meeting. All Houses must be represented.

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## Students as Spectators

The statements that have been issued on the management of the Student Center are not surprising, but are disappointing nonetheless. We can remember back to a time when the Center was called the Student Union—even in official pronouncements—and the name conveyed more of the spirit of a place where the students' wishes predominated. The name may not be important, but the spirit is being chipped away bit by bit.

Our concern revolves largely around the concept of the all-student Board of Managers. As it was first conceived, its job was to pass on the day-to-day operation of the Center, while the Board of Directors (now Advisors) saw to general policy outline. In Dean Brophy's statement, the Managers Agency is relegated to "undertaking" operating responsibilities "within the discretion of the Director of the Student Center."

It is also established that the Agency will advise the Director on matters concerning the student body. We would prefer to see them with definite responsibilities rather than wide-open possibilities.

The wealth of "advice and consultation" which will be showered on the Director, by both the Agency and the Board of Advisors, may keep many people busy but may also accomplish little else. The Department of Student Activities is to hold full sway in the Center, with the Board of Advisors to make suggestions not in the least binding. As for the Managers Agency, it seems so much window-dressing, until such time as the Director gives it something or other to do.

There is no mention in the Brophy report of the fact that the Managers Agency, whose members are elected by Student Council, should be directly responsible to Student Government. As an autonomous agency, it could do nothing to further the over-all expansion of SG. Without SG's backing, it speaks for no one but its members. This lack in the report needs badly to be remedied.

We also disapprove of the report's combining the Day and Evening Session's Managers Agency into one, further weakening the structure. It will, of course, be very difficult to get students of the two groups together often. Considering what they have left to do, though, even a little time might suffice.

As for the Advisors, who are well-named, the students will be outnumbered by non-students for the first time. Two ex-officio members from Student Life have been added, for no discernible reason save that of caretaking. This scarcely seems necessary, since the Department has no checks on its actions anyway, save those of "consultation."

It looks as though the students will have a stimulating time as spectators in the Center. This, we suppose, is what they mean by education—watching someone else at work,

## The Half Dozen

Sometimes Student Council is funny, sometimes sad (in more ways than one), sometimes laudable and sometimes culpable. It is rarely shocking, but succeeded in being just that last Wednesday night.

It was then that by a narrow margin only it preserved its Civil Liberties Committee. By a vote of 8-6, Council retained the committee which has probably done more valuable work than any other SC committee, and seen more activity than any other. This is the group that has had to handle some of the hottest issues at the College; the group into whose hands come matters infinitely more important than any other committee—whose major concern lies in other spheres—could cope with.

Indeed, it is a sorry situation when a half-dozen Council members are willing, some even eager, to scrap a group whose creditable history goes back farther than their thankfully brief tenure. On a lesser issue, we might guess that when they voted, they were plagued with end-term blues, short memory or general fatigue. But when a question as important as this one comes up to a vote, there is an indication that another disease might have been prevalent among the half-dozen. It's called stupidity.

## Letters

### Religion Classes

In your article of December 14 dealing with the formation of a committee to investigate the feasibility of incorporating religious courses in the College curriculum, President Gallagher is quoted as hoping that something can be done to remedy an alleged "vacuum of values."

I am inclined to think that there exist other avenues other than those of sheer dogma that can be explored to fill this alleged "vacuum." Nor can the values which we seek be found in the study of traditional religions.

The emancipation from dogma and superstition which we now enjoy to a relative extent, itself derives from the secular struggle of several centuries to free mankind from the shackles of obscurantism.

An ideologically neutral education, such as ours, is itself the product of this emancipation from Judeo-Christian doctrinal obscurantism.

I think the answer to any or all of man's strivings resides within man himself.

To find the answer in doctrinal pillars of strength that are not really there is to deny man's capacity to think out his own happiness for himself.

Why then seek fulfillment in study of contradictory doctrines and dogmas which for thousands of years have misled and corrupted mankind?

The literary and intellectual aspects of religion are already discussed in courses given in the Philosophy and English departments. The teaching of denominational doctrines, however, is extraneous and irrelevant to the philosophy of higher public education.

Charles K. Krantz  
L. Sr. 1

### Membership Lists

It has been with growing dismay and concern that I have read your editorials concerning the membership list issue. This issue has been dealt by your newspaper in a remarkably adolescent manner, and upon further reflection the beliefs expressed strangely resemble (in form and perhaps in essence) those issued for consumption by some of our local newspapers. I do not wish to make this a polemical digression but when one considers the difference of intellectual capacities of the two audiences one may feel deprecated.

The young man or woman who enters college demonstrates (by that very act) a great deal of maturity. It is this maturity which will direct him in his search for extra-curricular activities. He will be fully aware of the advantages and disadvantages of any one club. Regardless of the nature of the group (be it political or social) he must be aware of the possible future repercussions for his act. This is an aspect of his maturity. With the courage of his convictions he must assume full responsibility.

Whether he is a fascist, communist, Republican, Democrat, etc., the student is proud of his affiliation and is not afraid of publicizing that fact. The charge made that the list is an infringement of a student's right to make a free choice is both specious and misleading. What is implied is that upon being questioned on his extra-curricular activities the person may not answer truthfully. The list is not an infringement of his right to join a particular group, but it is an infringement of his right to lie.

In a manner reminiscent of the

moral indignation of Zola, the fiery eloquence of Webster and the militant attitude of Marx, the issue has been brought by your newspaper to the attention of the student body. But, gentlemen, there is no devil, there is no exploiting class, the administration of City College does not wish to violate student liberties, usurp student prerogatives, destroy the college's reputation. I condemn your newspaper working in connivance with other elements for having created an artificial state of conflict between the administration and the student body.

Let us be aware that the road to a harmonious constructive, and responsible relationship between the faculty and the student body can only be travelled if the spirit of cooperation and compromise exists.

Sal Westrich

## Wanted...

Any student interested in serving as Student Government Assistant Treasurer should contact Martin Jacobs, Associate Vice President for personnel, through Box E-1, Room 151 Finley. Experience is preferred, but not necessary.

## Tea...

The Government Department and the Government and Law Society will co-sponsor a tea today from 3-5 PM in Room 132, Finley Student Center. All students and faculty members are invited.

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# Fencers Seek First Win In Duel With St. Peters

The College's fencing team, undaunted by its 14-13 defeat by the Columbia Lions in their season's opener, will cross swords with St. Peters College tomorrow at 2 PM in the Wingate gym.

The St. Peter's fencers will face a new Lavender lineup which City Coach Edward Lucia has nominated in an effort to bolster his inexperienced foil team. Lucia has placed veteran epee-man Joel Wolfe into the foil division. His decision was forced last week when Wolfe took sixth place in the AFLA (Amateur Fencers League of America) novice individual foil competition, an event in which he competed against foils from many eastern colleges.

In the same event, captain Morton Glasser placed fourth. Paul Tannenbaum, who won two

of his three bouts in his debut against the Lions, will, with Glasser and Wolfe, comprise the foil team.

Replacing Wolfe in the epee will be either sophomore Stan Hochman or Tony Urciouli. With veteran epee-man Norm Zafman and Jonas Ulenas, the epee team remains the cornerstone of the Lavender attack. Zafman won three out of three bouts against the Lions, while Ulenas copped two of his three matches.

Lucia said, "I am relying upon them to support my squad which has been severely weakened by graduation and ineligibilities."

The sabre team: Marty Wertlieb, Elliot Mills, and Manny Feinberg, will complete the Beaver lineup. Lucia expects the sabremen "to better their 3-6 won-lost showing against Columbia, which I feel was not the best they could do."

Last year the College swordsmen romped over St. Peters, 22-5.

# Wilkes Tests City Grapplers In Tech Gym

The College's Wrestling team will play host to an undefeated Wilkes College squad at 2 PM tomorrow in the Goethals Gym.

The Beavers will be looking for their second win of the season. In two previous matches, the matmen beat the Long Island Aggies, 16-13, and lost to Lafayette College, 22-8.

In two matches so far, the Wilkes men have swamped Swarthmore 29-3, and Hofstra, 28-10.

The lineup for the Beavers will have Sal Sorbera wrestling in the 123 lb. event and Al Taylor competing in the 130 lb. class. Both men are undefeated in two matches. Wrestling in the other events will be: Vince Norman (137 lbs.), Fred Starita (147 lbs.), Ira Zingmund (157 lbs.), Bernie Stolls (167 lbs.), Mike Steurman in the 177 lb. match, and heavy-weight Jim Zoubandis. Zoubandis missed the Lafayette contest because of the recurrence of an old shoulder injury, but will be a sure starter against the Pennsylvanians.

Wilkes boasts a strong veteran outfit, led by Don Reynolds and Bob Morgan. Others who are expected to see action are Dave Thomas, Robert Masonis, Keith Williams and Stan Abrams.

# Runners to Vie In AAU Meet

The College's track team travels to Columbia University this Saturday when they continue its season to compete in the Metropolitan AAU Senior Championship meet. The field events are slated for 11 AM, while the track contests will be held at 7 PM.

Beaver mentor, Dr. Harry de Girolamo, who expects fine performances from his sprint medley relay quartet of Shelly Roach, Joe Werfel, Bob Marsh, and George Best during the season has entered them in the Met competition. Marsh, who has been ill may not run. His place will be filled by either Bill Plummer, Al Lampell, Randy Crossfield, or Gene Sherman.

Members from the sprint medley squad and Gerald Zutler are vying for starting berths for the mile relay team.

Co-captain Plummer is entered in the 600-yard race, while Irv Stein and Jack Kushner are scheduled to compete in the sixteen-pound shotput event.

# Hoop Tix...

Tickets for the City College-St. Francis basketball game next Tuesday are on sale in Room 2, in the Lewisohn Stadium Building for sixty cents to Athletic Association members. The game will be played at the Terrier's court in Brooklyn. General admission at the gate will be \$1.00.

# Hoopsters...

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The Scarlet will be seeking its first triumph over the Lavender since the 1928-1929 season; the only time that Rutgers has ever defeated the cagers. City has won fifteen of the sixteen games played between the two schools.

Winners of only two of twenty-four tilts last season, the Queensmen have gained its only triumph in six games, this year, 83-57, against Newark college of Rutgers.

Lack of height and experience is the main drawback of the visitors. Their tallest starting player is 6-4 center Kenneth Eiker. Ralph Bayard, a junior, is the team's leading scorer, with a 20.4 per game average.

# Swimmers Face Hunter; Beaver Mentor Confident

Swimming mentor Jack Rider is confident of victory when his squad meets the Hunter College mermen in the latter's Bronx pool at 2 PM tomorrow. A terse "We'll win" is the coach's pre-meet prediction.

The key reason for Rider's optimism is Jim Johnsen, team captain. In the Beavers' two

meets to date, Johnsen has practically carried the squad. He copped the 100, 220, and 440-yard freestyle events in the successful season's opener against Manhattan, and then repeated in the 220 and 440 when the squad bowed to Lafayette.

In addition to Johnsen, two other Beavers have excelled. They are Sol Stern and Shelly Manspeizer, who are slated to compete in the 200-yard backstroke and 200-yard breaststroke, respectively.

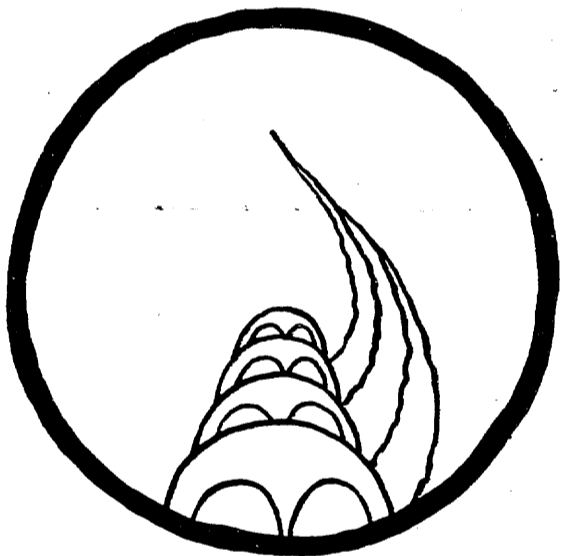
The Lavender will be facing a comparatively weak Hawk squad. The Bronxites were hard hit by graduation last June, and coach Joe Santora is in the midst of a rebuilding process. Many of his performers have little or no competitive experience. Nevertheless, there is a nucleus of five veterans who could give the Beavers trouble.

—Mayer



Coach Jack Rider "We'll Win"

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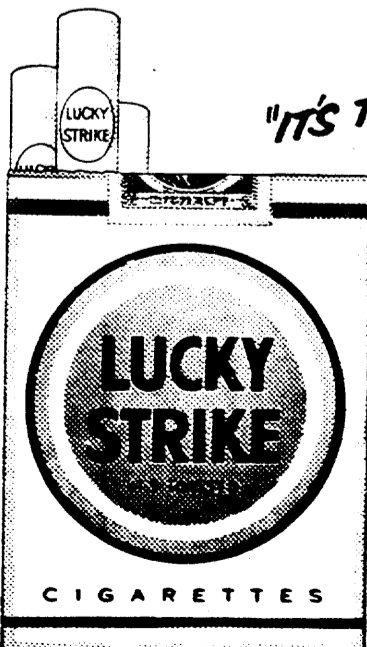


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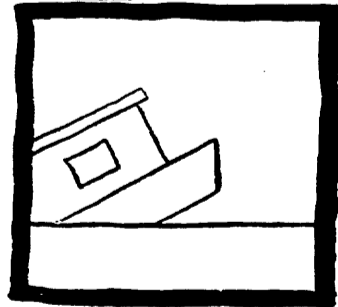


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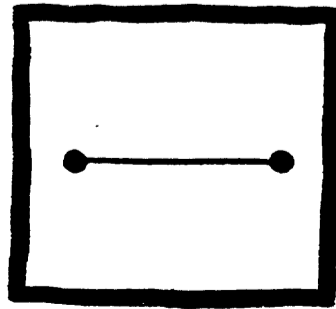


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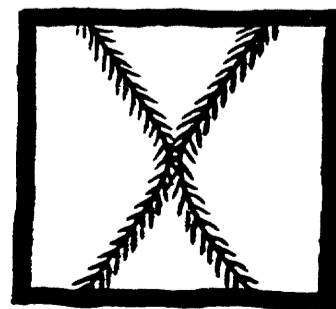
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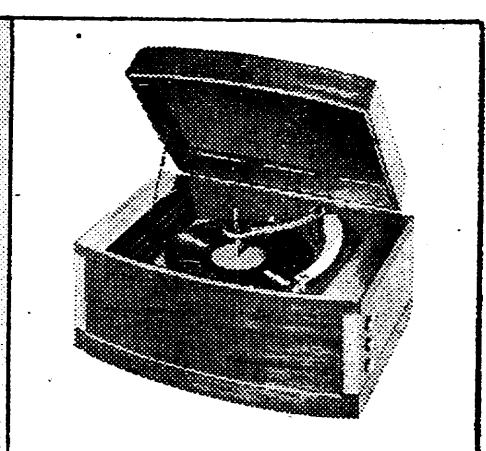
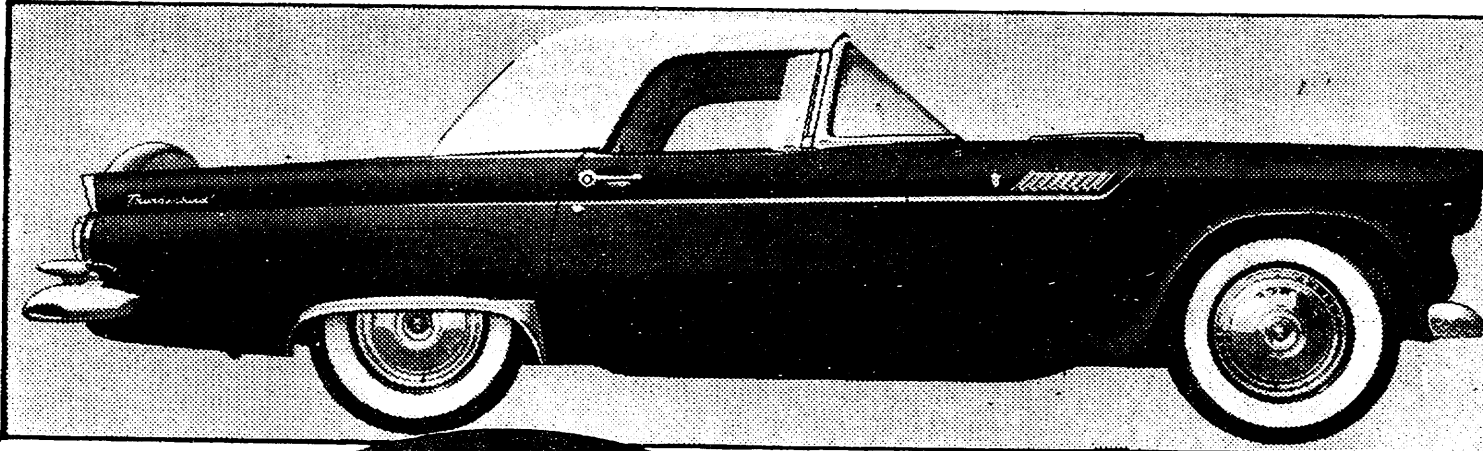
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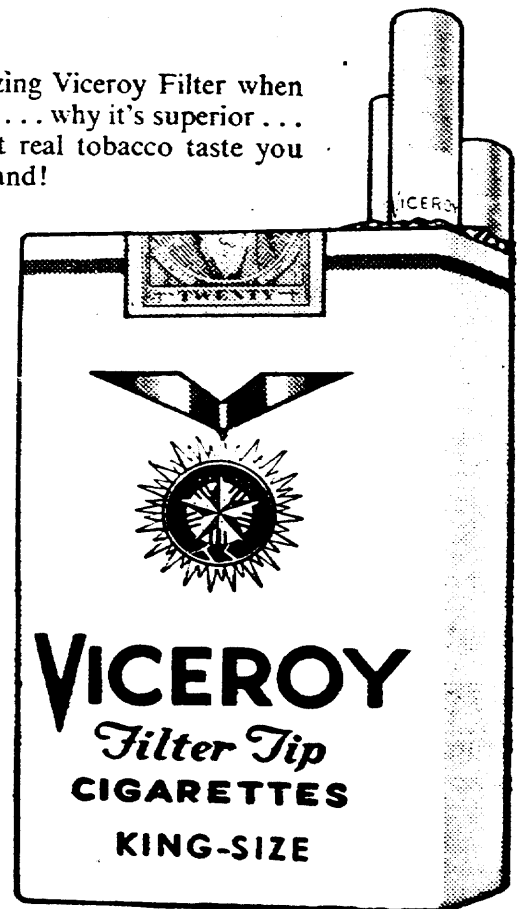
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- 2 Mail your entry to Viceroy Thunderbird Contest, P. O. Box 6A, Mount Vernon 10, New York. Write plainly or print your name, the name of your college and your mailing address at college! Submit as many entries as you wish—but with each entry include the picture of the Viceroy Filter Tip tora or cut from the back of two (2) Viceroy packages.
- 3 Contest open to all students attending colleges and universities in the U.S.A.
- 4 Contest closes midnight, January 31, 1956. Entries judged by The Reuben H. Donnelley Corporation on the basis of aptness of thought, originality and interest.
- 5 Prizes listed elsewhere in this ad. Winners of the ten Thunderbirds will also be permitted to designate the school organizations to which Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation will award RCA Victor Color TV Sets! Write the name of the organization you want to receive this award on your entry.