Mercury's Faculty Advisors Editors
Defend Right to Retain College Seal

By MICHAEL SPIELMAN

Six editors and the faculty advisors were defended before an open hearing Wednesday evening the right of the humor magazine to bear the College's name and seal. The hearing was called by the City College Administrative Committee, which will make its recommendations to the Board of Higher Education.

A decision will be reached by the BHE "probably at its next meeting" on January 21, according to Dr. Charles H. Tuttle, Chairman of the Committee. Mercury announced that it will postpone its next issue, originally scheduled for February, until the question has been settled.

Recommendations by the Advisory Committee on Publications, which had charged Mercury with being "dull and uninteresting in the extreme, inter­ spersed with vulgar offense to common decency and good taste, and frequently pornographic," gave rise to the three-hour session.

In addition to Dr. Tuttle, who presided over the hearing, five other members of the nine-member committee were present: Dr. Joseph B. Cava­ llaro, Chairman of the BHE; Gustave Rosen­ berg, Judge Simon Rifkind, Mrs. Ruth Shoup, and Dr. Renato Azzari.

Dr. William Turner Levy, faculty advisor for Mercury at the Baruch Center, volunteered to speak first, and blamed the Advisory Committee on Publications for Mercury's "failure to improve." He cited a letter written by President Bussell G. Gal­ lagher to the Committee, dated January 9, 1956, which stated:

"When you are ready to give your report, and when the present session of the City Congress of College Publications is complete, you should communicate directly with the editors and faculty advisors of the magazine. Your comments should be written or oral, but should be made directly to the named persons, not to me or to any other per­ son. In the course of a second reading (next fall) you may care to comment to the editors on the degree in which your earlier comments have been taken seriously. The only time that you should report to me would be in ex­ tremely remote possibility that you had arrived at the con­ clusion that the editors of MER­ CURY refuse to cooperate with the Review Committee. In that case, you would wish to inform the editors, in advance, of your intention to so report, and you would wish to make your report to me in the presence of the editors. In short, I believe that the function of this Committee to Review College Publications is one of friendly and constructive advice and counsel."

Dr. Levy said that the Review Committee had never met with the magazine's editors, and that Mercury first learned of its ac­ tion when President Gallagher made public a report the Review Committee had sent to the Ad­ ministrative Committee.

In answer to the specific charges, Dr. Levy conceded that Mercury was "frequently vulgar," but defined vulgarity as "that of being offensive to the refined, and transgressing the bounds of good taste." He went on to say that "We live in a vulgar society - even in America vulgarity might be considered vulgar."

Dr. Levy denied, however, that Mer­ cury was pornographic. Reading from an article in last week's New York Herald Tribune, Dr. Levy quoted assistant District Attorney E. Liebler's definition (Continued on Page Two)

Senior Cruise and Ball Slated for Spring Term

Next term's Senior Class Farewell Ball and a Moonlight Cruise, was announced yesterday by Senior Class President-elect, Martin Pollner.

The main event of the term, the Farewell Ball, will be held at the Hotel Statler's Cafe Rouge on Monday, June 9, at 8:30 PM. Music will be provided by a so­ ciety orchestra and either the La­ Plata Sextet or Al Friedito's or­ chestra. The Senior Class is also planning to contact such celebri­ ties as Steve Lawrence and Fran Leslie for guest appearances.

Tickets: $5 per couple, or $4 for­ those with class cards. Reserva­ tions can be made during registra­ tion week in Knittle Lounge. The event will be free to class card holders, and $1 to others. During the evening there will be dancing on the lawn, refreshments served, a community sing, and a "rookie meeting.

Senior Rings

Senior rings will also be dis­ played during registration week, at which time, deposits will be accepted. If not ordered at this time, rings may be placed on order at the College bookstore. Defend Right to Retain College Seal

SG Arranges Reduced Rate Foreign Tours

A reduced flight to Europe has been arranged through Trans­ American Airlines and is available to students at the College for the coming summer months. The flight will be offered by Student Government.

The fare will be $350 per person, reduced from the regular price, if the seventy reservations are not filled by the time Paris is reached. The flight will leave from Idlewild Interna­ tional Airport on June 20, at 8:30 PM, and return to Paris August 31, at 10:00 PM.

Because of a Civil Aeronautics Board ruling, the flight will be restricted to members of the Col­ lege community and their imme­ diate families.

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Parties interested in obtaining reservations should contact Michael Horowitz, SG Treasurer, at TA 2-6008, or Joel Rosenberg, Speaker of SG, at TA 2-6900, or Joel Rosenberg, Speaker of SG, at LA 1-9139.

A mailing list has already been arranged to approximately 2,000 mem­ bers of the College's faculty and administrative staff. More than enough flight arrangements. The flight to Europe will also be open to the presidents of all campus organiza­ tions.
**One Man's Meat...**

It is clear, from the evidence cited at the hearing on Wednesday, that the Advisory Committee on Publications was sadly delinquent in its responsibilities to Mercury. There had been no attempts by the Committee to distinguish a magazine better itself. On the contrary, against the exasperation whether the fact that Mercury has been done a great any meaning in some of the comments and questions of sev-

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March of Dimes Benefits

Sophs to Start
College Drive

A March of Dimes drive will be initiated at the College during sophomore registration. It is
planned to sponsor a sale of special sophomore class cards at Knaile Lounge, Sherpa-
nd Hall.

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4-Point Plan To Improve Mercury Suggested to Committee by Advisor

(Continued from Page One) of pornography as "any visual representation showing acts of sexual intercourse or sexual perversion."

Dr. Levy explained that, as downtown advisor, he must give his approval before the magazine can be sold in the Baruch School. This puts him somewhat in the position of a censor, he said, but he has not deemed it necessary to put a ban on the publication.

Museum Piece

In addition to teaching at the College, Dr. Levy is also a duly ordained Priest of the Anglican community.

At one point, Dr. Charles H. Tuttle, questioned Mercury's adviser about a photograph of a statue of a female nude on page eleven of the October 1956 issue. "Would you be happy?" he asked, "to have this come into your home if you had adolescent children?"

Dr. Levy answered "Definitely yes," and explained that this was an "official photograph of the Museum of Modern Art," a place where he would encourage his children to go.

Mr. Irwin Stark (English), Mercury's uptown advisor since October, also thought that Mercury's latest issue was "thin, silly, vulgar and extremely dull—but I didn't consider it so offensive that I should submit my resignation." There had been one example of pornography, a photograph of a professional model, that he objected to in discussion with the editors before publication. This photograph did not appear, Mr. Stark said, although he understood that it had recently been printed by a New York newspaper.

Mr. Stark suggested a four-point program that he thought would help to improve the situation:

- An Advisory Committee that would function as Dr. Gallagher originally intended.
- Awards for particularly meritorious work.
- Clarification of the duties of the faculty advisors.
- Appropriate Standards

Franklin P. Brehens, who was co-Editor-in-Chief of the October 1956 issue, but who resigned for personal reasons one month before the Review Committee's report was made public, asserted that Mercury's standards were "not as high as they could be, but not lower than is appropriate for a City College publication." Brehens discussed the question of personal orientation and taste as an example from an article written by him on Martial's epigrams. "I was absolutely amazed," he said, "when Dr. Gallagher pointed out a line to me that might be construed to have an objectionable meaning." He cited other examples in literature of unintended double entendres, including the line from the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta Trial by Jury: "Be firm, be firm, my pecker (meaning breast), which in the United States has had another line substituted for it.

Mercury Attacked

Others to speak on behalf of the magazine were Saul Sofer, present Editor-in-Chief of Mercury, Carl Gottlieb, Managing Editor, Arnold Rosen, former editor of the class of 1942, Jerry Arrow, downtown editor, and Harvey Issacs, former downtown editor.

One speaker, Tom O'Malley, representing the evening session publication Catholic Views, spoke in favor of prohibiting the use of the College's name and seal to Mercury. "I believe the editors of Mercury had the responsibility to seek our the Committee and ask for advice," he said.

O'Malley cited an editorial in the Tablet, a publication of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brooklyn, as an example of a "bad and misleading impression" of City College students that Mercury gives.

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'All-America' for Wostl, Lemestre; Four Booters Cop All-State Awards

By BOB MAYER

Two All-American honors and four All-New York State berths have been awarded to members of the College's basketball team. Co-captains Wolf Wostl, left halfback, and Robert Lemestre, right halfback, were named to the All-American first team, and Novak Masanovich, center forward, received state awards.

Wostl and Lemestre were awarded All-State honorable men. Details of the All-America voting and the remainder of the team will not be released until tomorrow.

In the state selections, however, the Beavers pulled a modified coup. No other school from the metropolitan area is represented on the first team, while only two other colleges in the state—Albany and Cortland—were awarded second positions.

The selections were made on the basis of ballots cast by coaches and referees after every game played throughout the season.

The remainder of the first team includes: John DeLuca, Cortland, goal; Cortlon Maxwell, Albany, right halfback; Bill Hughes, Brockport, left halfback; Jerry Silvey, KPI, center halfback; Paul Dammer, Albany, left halfback; Herman Druckman, Cortland, and Bob Ormstadt, boyant player, was the solid man at opposite ends of the field.

For Wostl and Lemestre, the Co-captains Wolf Wostl, inside left, and Robert Lemestre, right halfback, gained both national and state honors, and Novak Masanovich, center forward, received state awards.

Robert Lemestre (above)

Wolf Wostl (right)

ever, for they made their marks at opposite ends of the field. Wostl, at inside left, was one of the College's top scorers, tallying twenty-four goals in his career. His fierce competitive spirit and powerful all-around play earned him a "Big Bad Wolf" reputation in the Metropolitan Conference, and he was named to the All-Met first team three times.

Lemestre, although not a flamboyant player, was the solid man of the Beavers' virtually impenetrable defense, alternating between the halfback and fullback slots. His selection was somewhat ironic, since he received only a second team berth in the All-Met balloting.

Masanovich, also a senior, broke into the starting lineup this semester in spectacular fashion. A converted defensiveman, he tallied sixteen goals from his center forward slot, breaking the City and Met Conference marks.

The swimming team's hopes for an undefeated season were dashed at the Columbia pool Wednesday. The Lavender mermen entered the pool with a 3-0 record, and emerged on the short end of a 57-29 score.

Losses in both relay events proved to be the mark of defeat for the Beavers. In the 400-yard medley relay, which made a difference of fourteen points in the scoring, the Beavers were edged out by six-tenths of a second.

The only winners for the Lavender mermen were Jim Johnson in the 440-yard freestyle, and Dick Fischer in the 200-yard breaststroke. Steve Kenes barely missed a first in the 50-yard freestyle when he was nipped by Richard Stepick of the Lions by one-tenth of a second. Stepick was timed in 24.2.

The Lions took the lead at the outset of the meet by winning the first four events. In addition to the relay and 50-yard freestyle, they took the first two places in the 200-yard butterfly, and first and third in the 220-yard freestyle.

In the diving event, a close battle was waged between Columbia's Bill Lee and the Beavers' Al Smith. Lee finally emerged victorious with 22 points to Smith's 49.6. Marvin Gettleman took third for the College.

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