Surrender to Fear

The Council of Municipal College Presidents took a step backwards yesterday by refusing to allow John Gates to speak at the College. The chance was before them to reaffirm their belief in academic freedom as a meaningful entity.

But the presidents showed by their action at City College it is no more than an empty gesture of the past.

In their statement, the five presidents said that they are in complete agreement in an unequivocal condemnation of the decisions handed down by the Municipal College Presidents. It is evident that the decision was reached by the presidents of the colleges.

The reason given for this surrender is that the presidents do not believe that students can be led on the road of freedom of thought, which Buell Gallagher once taught at Brooklyn.

The presses rolled again last night for OP. Whether or not they will continue to run is up to you.

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By SHELLY HALPERN

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The Decision

There is complete agreement among the five Administrative Council Presidents in our unequivocal condemnation of Communist. Just as this Council of Presidents has, since May 1950, refused the courtesy of the campuses to persons under indictment for any reason, or awaiting appeal from a conviction, we are now all of one mind in refusing to extend campus courtesies to persons convicted under the Smith Act.

On each of the five campuses the common purpose of opposing Communism has been accomplished through somewhat different procedures. We reaffirm our belief that uniformity of method in dealing with Communism is not of the essence, and it is our intent to respect one another in a variety of methods and procedures, each appropriate to our own circumstances.

Think that the five presidents by action have violated the rights of office and all principles of scholarship to which they are dedicated. They served a massive
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The transmutation of new blood into the formerly anemic veins of OP is the thing that will ultimately tell the story in weeks to come. Thus far, the response to our appeal for help in restoring and sustaining the journal is encouraging, and we sincerely hope that everyone we can get. All are welcome—but our expectations are tempered with the hope that something else will remain, that the thing disappears after the first late night down at the printers.

It looks as if a ray of light may yet break through the gloom, for once in the long and wearisome campaign against apathy, it seems to have taken a tumble but by no means has it been overcome. Apathy must not be allowed to repeat its former wrong.
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GRAPHS, STATISTICS SHOW

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By NORM WEINER

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Leon "Chief" Miller

This is the first in a series profiling the four spring coaches—Leon (Chief) Miller, Dr. John La Place, Dr. Harry De Girolamo and Dr. Harry Khushi.

Looking forward to a "big improvement over last season's record," Coach Leon (Chief) Miller begins his twenty-seventh season at the helm of the College's lacrosse team.

With the exception of such returnees as Sheldon Cashin, Lenny Fagen, Merritt Nevin and Mike Volpe, the Chief will again face the problem of building a top-notch team out of a bunch of kids who may never have seen a lacrosse game—much less played in one.

Alone in New York

Born on the Cherokee Reservation in the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina, the Chief has almost single-handedly kept the sport of lacrosse alive in the New York City area. For years the Lavender squad was the only college team in this area and is still, today, the only team in New York City.

When the Chief entered Carlisle Indian School in 1910, it was at the peak of its athletic fame.

Tiger-Like Fencer Put Opponents Through Mi

By JOEL WOLFE

On the fencing strip, Elliot Mills resembles a tiger stalking prey. He sets himself in a low crouch and springs at his adversary with great speed and agility. This unbeatable combination of natural talent and conditioning has vaulted Mills on to the top rung of the Beaver fencing team's saber division. This agile left-hander received his highest honor yet by being selected to represent the College at the Intercollegiate Fencing Championships this Saturday at the Concourse Plaza in the Bronx.

Last year, as a member of the championship Saber squad, Mills turned in an outstanding performance and qualified for the individual championships. This was done in spite of a badly injured back, which necessitated his going to a chiropractor between the individual and team competitions. During the year, Mills led the entire squad by virtue of his compiling a dual meet record of eighteen wins and only four defeats, during which time he capped fourteen consecutive bouts.

Mills was a three-letter man at Midwood High School, gaining awards in baseball, football and soccer. It was here that he learned the full value of conditioning. The star saberman believes the rough conditioning program which Coach Laela has instituted for the team, will enable him to endure the tough grind of eleven bouts which are fenced in the Eastern Championships. The end of these competitions is a time when the good fencers are often beaten by men who are not as sound physically, but are in better shape.