

# OBSERVATION POST

## Complete with Esthete

They said it couldn't be done, couldn't be done, couldn't be done! They said that OP could never be aesthetic. But on July 29, 1952, five sweating OP editors were killed in a gondola crash. Critics lauded the subsequent issue as "heavenly." Yes, they said that Bernie Lefkowitz would never, never be an ethereal Managing Editor. Well, look at that pic on Page 4. When that kid starts smiling you just want to swing your purse. If you want to be one of the "boys," just fit down to our gay "home" away from home (336 Finley) today at 12. Bring halos.



## Dr. Gallagher to Consider Changing Suspension Rules

By STEVEN LUDWIG

Revision of the system governing suspensions and expulsions at the College is being discussed by President Buell G. Gallagher with Student Government leaders and members of the Department of Student Life.

President Gallagher is currently drafting a proposal for the revisions, based on the recently revised Board of Higher Education (BHE) bylaws, to be used as a basis for future discussions.

The President stressed that he is drafting the proposed revisions only because "somebody had to make the first draft and I'm doing it because I have the revised BHE bylaws handy. He continued that the revisions he would propose would be "purely tentative" and "for discussion only."

The BHE bylaws revisions to which President Gallagher referred expand the powers delegated to the presidents of the municipal colleges, and to the deans, particularly those of the Department of Student Life.

Previously, a student could be dismissed from one of the five municipal colleges only by a vote of the BHE. The new bylaws put this dismissing power in the hands of the college presidents, and the BHE will act as an appeals group.

In addition, the dean's powers would be enlarged to take the initial responsibility for suspensions out of the presidents' hands. The new role of the presidents would be to handle final appeals in all suspensionary cases. The BHE would be the final court of appeal in the case of expulsions.

President Gallagher revealed that revisionary plans were being discussed yesterday, after conferring with SG President Mike

Horowitz and with Larry Schiff, President of the Baruch School Student Government.

Horowitz, said that he felt the revisions would take effect "before the end of the semester," and that "we will have little cause to complain in the future about suspension proceedings."

"We may find ourselves at odds with decisions reached by duly-authorized bodies," he continued, "but I think we will not see a repeat of the 'Promethean' incident, with a summary suspension imposed upon students."

"Never again," Horowitz declared, "will a student be suspended without a hearing."

Horowitz asserted that he was "really pleased" to find the President "in agreement that a set of written ground rules for all suspension and expulsion cases should be devised."

### State Aid Discussed

Following his conference with President Buell G. Gallagher and Baruch School Student Government President Larry Schiff, SG Presi-



President Buell G. Gallagher

dent Mike Horowitz revealed that the issue of state aid had been discussed.

Horowitz proposed to send a delegation to contact gubernatorial candidates Averell Harriman and Nelson Rockefeller "to quiz them on their stands on the issue."

Referring to a statement by Alumni Association President Har-

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## On-the-scene Report:

### Nat'l Student Association Lauds Freedom Aid Plan

By PETER STEINBERG

The consensus of the College's six delegates to the National Student Association (NSA) Congress in Delaware, Ohio last month is that the most imaginative and far-reaching action taken at the Congress was the passage of a program on federal aid to education.

The program would "provide scholarships for at least 60,000 students at the inception." It also provides for government financial support to help institutions defray the costs incurred in accepting students. The government was also urged to establish a "low-interest student loan program." This program would be available for those students unable to qualify for national scholarships.

To supplement this resolution the Metropolitan New York region approved a resolution introduced by Student Government President Mike Horowitz. The resolution requires a regional committee to send questionnaires to every can-

didate for Congress from the New York area soliciting individual opinions concerning federal aid to education.

This resolution had originally been defeated by a close vote on the NSA Congress floor. In my opinion that vote had been indicative of the rather unrepresentative nature of the Congress.

The most dramatic issue that the Congress concerned itself with was undoubtedly the segregation issue. With confederate flags flying from the placards of two southern regions of NSA, southern segregationists from the University of South Carolina introduced

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## Desegregation to Be Hastened By Faubus Action: Dr. Clark

By MYRA JEHLLEN

The present crisis in Little Rock should accelerate desegregation in the South, rather than hinder it, Professor Kenneth B. Clark (Psychology) declared yesterday in an interview with *Observation Post*.

Dr. Clark, who is mainly responsible for the social science briefs which figured in the Supreme Court historic integration decision, warned, however, that the greatest danger to the fight for integration, at this time, would be the Federal government's failure to take decisive action.

Calling Governor Faubus inadvertent "friend of integration," Professor Clark explained that he had weakened his position by taking so extremist a stand: "He has made up the mind of the moderate white." By closing the schools, Dr. Clark said, Governor Faubus has "removed all ambiguity from the question and clearly demonstrated the weakness of the segregationist position."

The Governor, has forced many parents to face the pragmatic reality that the schools will have to be reopened even at the cost of integration, thus losing their support. "He has painted himself into a corner. He is a desperate demagogue, and the desperate stand is generally a weak one."

Therefore, Dr. Clark explained,

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## Committee Queries College Cribbing

Another venerable institution at the College — not as sturdy and imposing as the late-lamented flagpole, perhaps — may be on the way out.

A fusillade, directed by the Student-Faculty Committee on Liberal Arts has been aimed with cool deliberateness at the time-weathered practice of cheating.

A list of queries, prepared by the Committee, is being distributed to all department heads in the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The purpose of the investigation is to determine whether "a uniform policy towards cheating exists at the College."

The questionnaire was part of a report issued by the Committee during the summer, summarizing its activities and findings during the past academic year.

Although the Committee may be commended for its high purpose, there are certain passages in the query sheet that demonstrate the essential impracticality of the project. For instance, it is only in the second question that a "quantitative estimate of the number of students involved in cheating per semester" is requested.

An accomplished cheater is about as easy to snare, as a teacher who has posted his final grades and is headed for his annual cruise. The history of the College is replete with tales of long-necked, pop-eyed individuals who have made answer-borrowing a science.

The story is told of one student — now an alumnus — who brought a hollowed out copy of "Anna Karenina" to an Art final. The book served as a kaleidoscopic device, complete with levers and pulleys, which corresponded, as closely as the student's reflexes

allowed, to the slides projected on the screen.

Another documented tale concerns a scholar who arrived at a geology mid-term complete with a violin case loaded with flexible rock formations.

Blackened fingernails, bulging watchbands and complicated systems of hand signaling have all served as successful dodges in the past.

Not content with this penetrating thrust at the status quo, the Committee further inquires, "What do you think should be done to minimize cheating among students?" Ed Liebowitz, Class of '59, a veteran of a number of anti-cheating campaigns, urged, "More proctors and less examinations" as an answer to the problem.

One section of the questionnaire which is signed by Dean Morton Gottschall quizzes Chairmen as to whether "your department is ready to accept cheating as 'normal' behavior." An outspoken faculty member replied, "We've been accepting it as 'normal' for the last twenty years. We start worrying when everything seems kosher."

"Exhibit Three," as the questionnaire is rather ambiguously entitled, concludes with this psychoanalytic query, "Do you believe most of the students react without repugnance to cheating?" To this Myron Klafter exclaimed, "I think it's all disgusting." Klafter is an evening session, non-matriculated student.

After the Committee is finished with cheating, it will start on the less perplexing problems concerning the Used Book Exchange and Club Publicity.

—Lefkowitz

# Integration Predicted by Prof. For Southern School System

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action by the Federal government at this time would be decisive. He spoke of an immediate and long-range responsibility of the Federal government. In an immediate sense, Professor Clark implied that the Government could find Governor Faubus in contempt of its injunction not to interfere with integration.

Commenting on Attorney-General Rogers' statement that the Federal Government intends to wait for civic action in Little Rock, Professor Clark said that he saw no connection between local pressure and the need for forceful action from the Federal Government, and he felt that the statement was a "mistake" on the part of the Justice Department.

In the long-range view, Professor Clark said that the outcome of the Little Rock referendum on integration, which has been moved up as a result of public pressure, should have no bearing on the Federal Government's action. "A decision of the Supreme Court," he said, "cannot be reinterpreted by a referendum." The issue has been clarified, segregation "has no place to go" and now is the time for action, Professor Clark concluded.

The fight for desegregation in the South has had effect in the North, he said, in the form of

aroused consciousness of segregation in northern schools. He cited the example of schools in New York City where renewed activity in Harlem was evident in the recent boycott of a segregated school by seven Negro students.

The role of the North, more specifically of the student in the North, Professor Clark suggested, should be an alert and intelligent refusal to become confused or misled by theories of "gradualism." "The segregationist position cannot sustain itself," he pointed out, "either economically, logically, or in the realm of politics, domestic or international." Its only support is blind passion, but "fundamental social problems cannot be resolved in terms of passion."

We must realize, he said, that the basic issue is the rights of citizens. These cannot be compromised, even temporarily, without being destroyed; arguments for postponement of desegregation and continuation of second-class citizenship are essentially arguments for the destruction of constitutional rights.

### Consultant to NAACP

In addition to teaching at the College, Professor Clark is currently a consultant to the legal staff of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

## SZO . . .

The Student Zionist Organization will have an "International Night," Saturday, October 4 in the Hillel House, 475 West 140 Street. The event will feature dancing, singing and various forms of entertainment. New Hillel members will be admitted free; old Hillel members will be charged fifty cents admission.

## Students Will Receive Federal Financial Aid

The House and Senate have accepted similar bills which would provide federal loans and scholarships to college students and extend to high schools aid to be used in the fields of languages, the sciences and mathematics.

Forty million dollars would be provided during the first year and sixty million dollars during each of the next three years for a federal scholarship program.

### State-Wide Scholarships

The scholarships would range from \$500 to \$1,000 depending upon financial need and would be competed for on a state-wide basis.

Designed to encourage capable students to attend college who might otherwise be unable to continue their education, the program would also provide forty-five million dollars in other grants which would then be matched by the states.

—Mendell

# Postage Stamp Features Bridge Designer's Work

Dr. David Barnard Steinman, Class of 1909, has probably come as close as any living American will ever get to being pictured on a US postage stamp.

A present postal regulation states that no American may be honored by a stamp until at least twenty-five years after his death. Apparently, Dr. Steinman's handiwork has managed to transcend this rule.

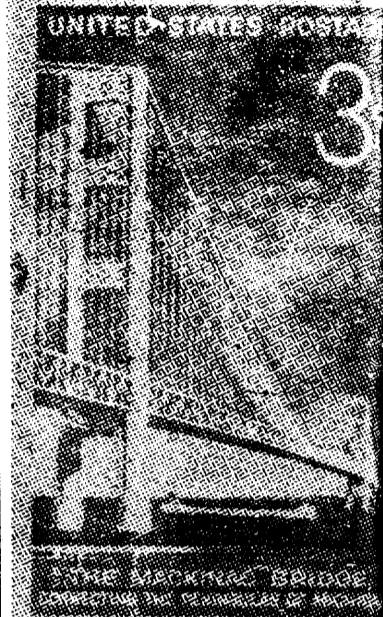
The world-renowned bridge-builder was paid tribute by the US Post Office Department June 25, when they issued a three-cent stamp depicting his most famous creation, the Mackinac (pronounced Mackinaw) Straits Bridge.

### Cost a Million

Five miles of steel and concrete, the bridge is the largest single span structure in the world. It took three and a half years to build and cost \$100,000,000—making it also the world's highest priced bridge to date.

The span, linking upper and lower Michigan, was opened to traffic last November, but was not dedicated until June.

The commemorative stamp put three dozen men and women on the Federal payroll for a week. They handled the requests of thousands of stamp collectors desiring first day issues and envelopes bearing the postmarks Mackinac City and St. Ignace, Mich., at each end of the bridge.



The stamp missed by a moment and a day, however, the anniversary of the first bridge in Steinman's life—and Brook Bridge—which joined New York and New Jersey.

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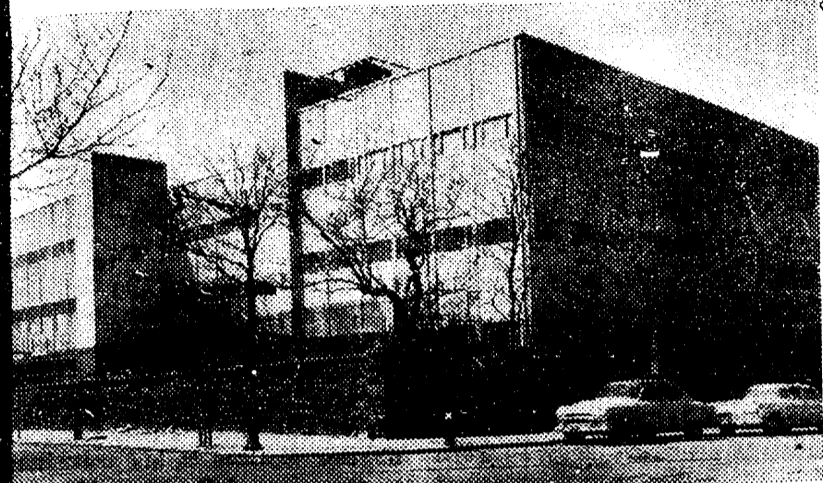
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Great Teachers — I:

# Cohen's Associates Preserve His Memory

By BERNIE LEFKOWITZ

In the memory of his students and colleagues, the spirit of Morris Raphael Cohen, great teacher and philosopher, is still alive. His impact: sharp, cutting and vibrant, seems tempered by the decade since his death and the twenty years that have passed since his retirement from the Philosophy department.



The Morris Raphael Cohen Memorial Library

Each individual associated with Professor Cohen has a story to tell, an impression to convey. But nowhere is there sheer adulation, and for a reason. As Professor Yervant Krikorian (Chairman, Philosophy), expressed it, "Morris Cohen hated hero-worshippers."

A student standing in the entrance of the library that was dedicated last term as a memorial to the noted philosopher, said, "I know he was a great teacher, but you call FO 4-5192, my uncle can tell you much more about him." A Mr. Arnstein answered at number. "Sure I knew Cohen," he said, "I was in his logic class in 1927. There were twenty-five students at the beginning of the semester, but by finals only six or seven remained in the class. The fellows just wouldn't take it."

Take what? "His methods were

upsetting at times," Dr. Morton Gottschall, Dean of Liberal Arts and Science, recalled. "He was very critical. He had to clear away all the distortions. He was ruthless in baring misconceptions and conventional errors, he taught intellectual independence and self-reliance, and sometimes he did it in a way that hurt, but it was effective."

A tired, fiftyish schoolteacher at P.S. 138 in Brooklyn has yet another view. "I remember Cohen lecturing at the New School. To us he symbolized a whole generation of self-educated immigrants who had risen from the slums of New York."

Schloem Asch, Dean of Men at Swarthmore University, was born in 1900, twenty years after Cohen, in the same town of Minsk, Russia. Asch, like Cohen, was reared in the strict Talmudic tradition on the Lower East Side. Asch was one of Cohen's students. "Cohen had

so many interests," Dr. Asch said, "he could talk about history, philosophy, ethics, mathematics, poetry, law—almost anything."

"But for me, he represented the uncompromising liberal. He had his standards," he continued, "and he never deviated. No matter if the times changed from liberalism to reaction, he always maintained his position as a guiding spirit and moving force behind progressive thought in the United States."

Even while a student, Cohen was active in liberal organizations on campus. He graduated in 1900 and studied for his Masters degree in mathematics and law at Harvard University. At Harvard he roomed with Felix Frankfurter, a future justice of the United States Supreme Court. "Even then he knew more than most practicing lawyers know now. Every judge and lawyer in the United States has been influenced by Cohen," Justice Frankfurter once declared.

Cohen returned to the scene of his undergraduate studies in 1904. At first he taught mathematics, but a "growing involvement with the things about him" prompted his switch to Philosophy. Over the following thirty-four years he established a reputation that circulated around the globe. Harold Laski, a famous British philosopher and historian, described Dr. Cohen as "the greatest American Philosopher since William James."

Dr. Cohen had many friends, admired, and enemies at the College. One of his closest associates was Professor Krikorian, who joined the City College faculty in 1923

and as such served for thirteen years on the same staff with Cohen. However, the relationship between the two men had started much earlier.

"I first met Professor Cohen



MORRIS RAPHAEL COHEN  
*Precise and Articulate*

when he spoke at Yale in 1909. The physical impression of that first meeting has remained with me over the years," Dr. Krikorian said.

"His facial features were remarkable. They were so sharp and

lear. Nothing was coarse or blurred. That's the way he was: precise and articulate."

According to Professor Krikorian there were "two Cohens." "The scholastic Cohen was unrelenting. He respected you only if you stood your ground," he observed. "But at home he was ascetic, almost saintly."

During his career and after his retirement, Cohen wrote and edited twenty books. Among the most widely read are: *Faith of a Liberal*, *Introduction to Logic and Scientific Method*, *Reason and Nature*, and *Currents of American Thought*.

It was his influence that almost resulted in a visiting chair for the British Philosopher, Bertrand Russell. Cohen actively campaigned for the CCNY position for Russell two years before his death on June 27, 1947.

The mention of his works suggested to Professor Krikorian the "only befitting tribute for Cohen, a course built around his philosophy."

"It's only fair," he concluded, "that the memory of undoubtedly the greatest teacher that ever taught here be revived every once in a while through his works and contributions."

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# Meet Observation Post's Managing Board



**SANDY HELFENSTEIN** adds glamour and old-time journalistic savvy to the OP mast head. "Succulent Sandy" or "Chiefie" thinks that the women's place is anywhere but at home, and this term she's out to prove her boast. She readily admits that she did not get her job through *The New York Times*, but guarantees that by February the students will not be able to tell the difference between the two papers.



**BERNIE LEFKOWITZ**, a twenty-one-year-old senior, is the fighting OP Managing Editor. Two years ago, he toiled in *The Campus* salt mines, but an apocalyptic vision, which appeared while he was pounding out columns for their fetid sports pages, convinced him to don the winning colors. "With my experience I am going to stoke the furnace of a tramp steamer headed for Sevastopol," he said laconically.



**LUDWIG BEETHOVEN**, as he is affectionately known to his erstwhile compatriots, likes good food, good women, and short paragraphs, in that order.

The nineteen-year-old journalism major may have to abandon his "What, me worry?" attitude and devote some time this semester to his scholastic interests due to some technical difficulties with the Administration. "Luddy" was a fighting OP Managing Editor last term.



**ESTRELLA MEIJOMIL**—that's right! Not a typographical error—is our harassed, artistically-inclined Features Editor. She manages to turn out an occasional brilliant feature and piles of discarded copy between fits of eating and tirades of cussing. An eighteen-year-old idealist who is trying to reform, she plans to enter the hard-headed world of journalism "to bring me down to earth."



**HERB ROSENBLUM**, twenty-two year Health and Physical Education Major has been kept busy the past two years dividing his time between his job as Cross Country Team Manager and member of the Track Team. Herb has ulterior motives in his ascendance to the post of Business Manager Engaged to ol' "Chiefie" and a collector of money for many years. Herb has predicted: "this year *Observation Post* will really get the business."

## Trail Blazing

By SANDRA HELFENSTEIN

Now that you've been convinced that the Southern tip of the campus actually is that far removed from the Northern end, and that one should never confuse Park Gymnasium with Mott Hall, you may consider yourself a full-fledged City College student.

Perhaps the rigors of the first day were a little trying. Perhaps you weren't even informed that classes were to begin today. But you did get here and from a quick glance around the campus, there haven't been any serious casualties — as yet.

You've entered the College and will make your exodus after the traditional four, or perhaps five years, if you really become a devoted student. Graduates of the College leave after accumulating various amounts of knowledge. Some get a truly mediocre education because of a less than mediocre effort. If you're the type that sits in the back seat and hopes that the professor will just continue to ramble on and never become aware of your existence, you will have the opportunity to join this select group.

Perhaps though, you're like the Cityites who throw themselves completely into their work and forget that there is a world divorced from books. You'll get an education this way, and a good one too, but perhaps not the best the College has to offer.

The A-1 special type of education isn't actually difficult to attain. All it necessitates on your part is a sincere interest in what you're being taught, plus, an "I'm going to get more out of College than just book larnin'" attitude. The people in this group don't always run straight A averages, but they often find that their learning outside of the classroom is a fair compromise for being summa cum laude.

The College is flooded with organizations that want you to join. Don't be a non-joiner. Find an organization that interests you and which you would like to work with. You'll find yourself enjoying College life tenfold if you feel that you're really part of its activities.

You're entering the College when the world is in a sorry mess. I'm not going to advise you to forget all the troubles of the world and be a happy-go-lucky young rah rah, everything is wonderful type fellow; nor will I tell you to pace the South Campus lawn meditating on your inability to convince the supreme leaders that your program for the salvation of the world is the only one.

If you are bothered by the shape our world is in today, and you won't be Mr. Original if you are, join the Sane Nuclear Policy Group at the College, or join the NAACP, but don't just sit around watching in anguish while the world travels along its maniacal path.

Remember, don't let the bigness of the College scare you. Don't feel unimportant and insignificant. The College will offer you much and you will be able to give much in return. Strike up a fair bargain and your four years will be memorable ones.



Most OPeople agree that Sports Editor **STU BADEN** has finally come of age. The eighteen-year-old chemical engineering major who has "always loved sports" and has a "New Yorker-type sense of humor" hopes to combine his talents and produce "the only complete sports page on campus."

## Suspend...

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old A. Lifton published in "The Alumnus," Horowitz said he agreed that the municipal colleges should receive state aid, thus permitting out-of-town students to attend the College, but that the colleges should be permitted to maintain their free tuition basis.

President Gallagher commented that there was "no question" about the colleges' requesting state aid and that it was "quite likely that if we receive state aid, we will have to admit students from outside the city," but the College would retain its "free status."

**Caduceus Society**  
is accepting applications for membership between now and **Sept. 26**

## The Forgotten Freshman

By BERNIE LEFKOWITZ

For about eight dollars or so, the sentimental senior can purchase a storehouse of pressed tears and other assorted trivia collected under the title of *Microcosm*. Here condensed to 240 sparkling pages, are the omnipresent intangibles guaranteed to make a potential alumnus swell with pride at his own rascality.

Off to a flying start in the '58 edition, the editors have scribbled an inscription on page 5. Here, in almost all of its absurdity, in almost all of its terrifying inanity (terrifying because these are graduates who penned it), is their dedication:

"Some called City College a 'subway college.' They were the ones who came to school just in time to make their first class and rushed right home after their last class. They were the ones that deceived themselves into thinking that City College was a 'subway college.' They gyped themselves, we are sorry for them.

"But there were also many interested, active students," the editors continue, now burning with a gem-like flame, "it is to these people—the late-hour toilers in the cold printers' offices . . . that this *Microcosm* is dedicated."

Oh, hard-fighting, forward-marching editors, take back your hogwash please. The apathetic students have not deceived themselves.

Perhaps, if the Mike editors had sought the real roots of the problem, they would have lambasted a stale and meaningless freshman orientation program that orients the lower classman into a swirling frenetic limbo. How many freshmen in this entering class are, I wonder, "aggressive and dynamic?" How many — much too many unfortunately — are introverted and withdrawn? It is toward these uncertain and insecure people that the Administration should direct its efforts. Instead of constantly praising the student leader, the faculty should concern itself with this army of untouchables.

There are, however, a number of positive steps that can be taken to ameliorate the problem, but most of which will probably be disregarded. I should like to suggest two such programs.

The first was introduced a number of years ago by Professor Muller (Rom. Languages). According to Dr. Muller's proposal, the freshman class would be divided into groups of approximately ten students. A faculty advisor would meet with the assigned group, off-campus, at his home, at a theatre or even an art gallery. Dr. Gallagher dismissed the suggestion abruptly because the "heavy work-load on the faculty requires a strict limitation of off-campus student-faculty conferences."

Professor Leffert's (Eng.) suggestion is an important modification of and addition to the earlier plan. "Let us remodel the archaic system of freshmen orientation and replace it with a program of cultural orientation," he urges. Dr. Leffert argues for a series of lectures by the acknowledged "specialists or experts" in each department of the College of Liberal Arts and Science.

This is President Gallagher's opportunity to legislate culture and social awareness on St. Nicholas Heights. But once again, I am afraid that my plaint has fallen on stuffed ears. Once again the 1959 *Microcosm* will feature synthesized nostalgia for the neglected many.

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The editorial policy of Observation Post is decided by a majority vote of the Managing Board and Rita Ashkenas, Larry Gottlieb, Joan Reinstein and Edith Shapiro.

## Clean Slate

The crisp September air is tense with the promise of things to come. Reluctant as most may be to admit it, there is a refreshing quality about the fall term which makes us look with anticipation towards the indiscernible future.

Consciously or unconsciously, we are making hasty resolutions, relieved and somewhat surprised that we ever muddled through last term. We vow that this semester we will finally have everything under self-disciplined control.

Fortunately, most of us have not let things slip so far from our grasp to make compensation for past errors too difficult. Our fresh-smelling new notebooks, as yet unmarred by doodlings or incoherent notes, are material symbols of the hypothetical clean slates we have been given to work with.

Unfortunately, however, the College as a whole cannot partake of this fresh start enjoyed by individual students. Peering over its institutional shoulder, we see that the College's slate is chalk-ridden this semester with as much unfinished business as at the close of last term.

This is so, undoubtedly, because it is far easier for one person to gather his forces toward a given end than for individuals in a group to come to terms with each other.

Indeed, most of the old problems facing us in the new school term stem from a lack of unified action. Student Council, with its painfully tedious sessions, at times seems to serve no other purpose than to gratify its members' individual needs for attention. Were these individuals to put aside their petty egotism and work for cohesion and unity, SC would be a far more effective and worthwhile body.

Perhaps the most flagrant example of conflicting self-interests was last term's Student Government Boatride-House Plan Carnival mix-up. Although the inconvenience it caused is now part of the past, we have no assurance that it will not happen again. Let us hope that our new student leaders will have the foresight to prevent a similar occurrence this year.

Although editorials directed at compulsory membership lists tend to sound like a broken record, the problem of lists still remains in all its stifling reality. We fervently hope, perhaps with youthful naivete, that the Administration will arrive at closer terms with intellectual freedom this semester.

And of course, no editorial of this sort would be complete without allusions to the Smith Act Ban. It is fitting to mention the Ban in connection with membership lists. Like the list question, the infliction of the Ban upon speakers convicted under the Smith Act places an almost insurmountable barrier along the path to ideological understanding. Communism, which is feared by those who cherish freedom on all levels, must be understood in its entirety in order to combat it. We reiterate our hope that the Board of Higher Education will employ the methods of true freedom by lifting the Ban in the near future.

This body which is the College, if endowed with self-will and the ability to think, would be as conscious-ridden as a student who has not fulfilled any left-over assignments from the term he received sixteen credits' worth of Incompletes.

Since, however, the College is an inanimate institution, and not a conscious creature, it cannot resolve its problems by force of its will. It is dependent for its reforms upon the thinking individuals who use its facilities.

It is we, the individuals who lend the College a vicarious life of its own, who must unite to rid it of overburdening problems amassed as the result of previous mistakes.

# The Last Hurrah

By STEVEN LUDWIG

Observers of the College's political scene have long noted the gradual metamorphosis which has been taking place in Student Government. The heyday of the collegiate counterparts of "political bosses" is almost ended — Mike Horowitz serves as but an anemic reminder of the knowledgeable rogues who were his predecessors.

Gone are the colorful meetings which were liable to deteriorate into pugilistic exhibitions. To a different era belongs the Student Council session at which Ken Regenbaum expressed his disapproval of a resolution by igniting a copy of it before the assemblage. Those flamboyant days of political leaders who were once referred to in the editorial column of Observation Post as "hacks, cheats and punks" are little more than blurred legends now.

The reason for the present condition can be traced definitely as far back as the term Bill Brown was SC President, two years ago. Brown was a sincere officer, but he lacked both the drive and the perfidious streak which had served to make his predecessors effective in office.

Stan Wissner, who was SC President after Brown, was an idealist in the purest sense. His complete lack of organizational ability and his general incompetence in office were phenomenal.

It was during this term that an alteration from robust battling to petty skirmishes became apparent. A resolution came before Student Council to send a representative to the Moscow Youth Festival which was scheduled to take place the following summer. The Council decided to authorize someone who was going to Europe to stop off at the Festival as Student Government's delegate and at its expense. At this point the discussion retrograded into quibbling over what point in Europe was acceptable as a debarkation place from which a representative should

be authorized to extend his trip at SG's expense.

Bart Cohen, following Wissner in office, completely lacked the knavery which characterized the old guard, but he was able to achieve his goals, primarily because the members of the Council had tremendous respect for him personally.

Steve Nagler, last term's SG President, had the dubious distinction of having more Council members despise him than had ever despised a President before. Nagler was a complete throwback to the "political bosses" who had finagled their way through office years before.

Despite the massed opposition to his tactics, Nagler accomplished a good deal. In particular, it is to his credit that he arranged for the faculty-Student Council curriculum discussions which lent Student Council prestige at a time when it was greatly needed

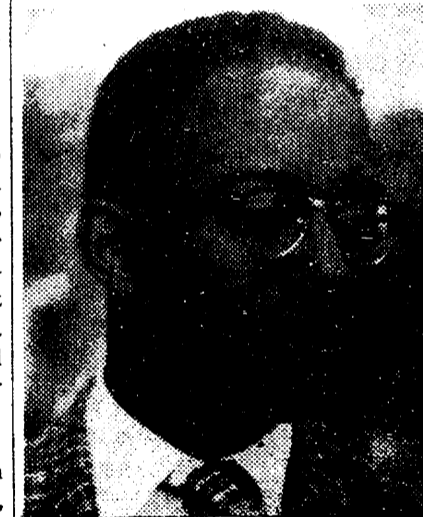


Steve Nagler  
Bucked Odds

(following the feud between high-handed Nagler and his unctuous Vice President, Artie Genen, which resulted in Genen's resignation) and which impressively proclaimed Nagler's vision of a Student-Faculty Government.

And now Mike Horowitz, the last vestige of the old guard, is President. Horowitz lacks the flare for the spectacular which his distant predecessors had but his tie to the old guard is evidenced by the absence of a certain wetness behind the ears which is the trade mark of the new guard.

Paul Kahan, who, by virtue of being Vice President, is heir-apparent to the presidential throne, has a veritable flood behind his ears. In the past he has little bothered to learn the ways of Student Government—his voting record is negligible since he was generally either absent when a vote was taken or he would abstain from voting. And Kahan is reported to have not come off very well this summer when, as President of Summer Session Student Government, he spoke at a reception in honor of a group of Russian students who visited the College. It is hoped that Kahan will



Bill Brown  
Ineffective Sincerity

demonstrate more interest in Student Government this term than he has previously and that he will become more eloquent — it does not do for a representative of thousands of students to have a vocabulary consisting solely of monosyllabic cliches.

This term marks the finish of an era, the era of the old guard. When the representation by schools system goes into effect next term, the old guard will be completely ousted. There will be a Student Government of the students and by the students, instead of one along Hamiltonian lines; for the students but not of or by them. It will be characterized by sincerity mingled with inexperience and callowness.

The time of the "hacks, cheats and punks," of the fast-talking, finagling, lucent rogues will be ended. The old boys were characters, they were arrogant, they were flashy, they had color—it's almost a shame to see them disappear.

### A News Analysis

## NSA . . .

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a long segregationist document which attacked the Supreme Court, the federal government, and the people of the North, Middle-West and West. The dramatic highlight was reached when delegates from North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas were given standing ovations as they attacked the resolution on moral grounds. The resolution was then defeated by an overwhelming majority of delegates, with combined majorities from every section of the country.

In an action separate from the Congress itself, one of the southern NSA regions passed a "Southern Manifesto." Considerably different from its Senate namesake, the manifesto calls for the law of the land to be upheld in the integration crisis. It disputes the claim that the majority of southerners and particularly southern students are in favor of segregation and are willing to oppose the federal government and federal law.

In another action a special resolution was passed on the seventh World Youth Festival, to be held in Vienna next summer. The resolution, adopted in an atmosphere

of fear of possible contamination from communist sponsored events, declares that, while USNSA condemns the festival as a communist-dominated propaganda event, it recognizes that the Festival "may prove interesting to such students who wish to attend and engage in discussions with other individuals present."

This attitude, plus the general lack of interest shown in Latin American student affairs caused a Venezuelan observer to bitterly remark that when he returns home and tells the Venezuelan students what occurred at the Congress, two thousand students will join the Communist Party. This same observer was in a suicidal state when a subcommittee of the International Affairs Commission refused to pass a resolution condemning United States arms shipments to Latin American dictatorships, despite the vigorous fight for the resolution by the College's delegate to the subcommittee.

In a final analysis, the Congress had to be a disappointment. As a really strong student union, which NSA professes to be, it could have had a great affect upon our nation's educational policies.

# An Historic Flag and a 'Fox' Movie Revive Townsend Harris Memories

By ESTRELLA MEIJOMIL

An incongruous combination — a thirty-one starred American flag of faded Japanese crepe coupled with a not-so-faded movie actor — united this summer to resuscitate the memory of Townsend Harris at the College.

With minor excavations around the school grounds inconveniencing harried Summer Session students, the historic flag, the first to be hoisted in Tokyo by any foreign nation, was unearthed here in early July — without the aid of pick and shovel.

The relic, which has led as eventful a life as Harris himself, was discovered by the Alumni Association when it moved from its old headquarters at 280 Convent Avenue.

Meanwhile, John Wayne, the actor in question, had already contributed to Harris' revival by portraying him in Twentieth Century Fox's production of "The Bar-

undre the sponsorship of a committee headed by Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.)

The flag accompanied Harris on his one-hundred-mile trek from the fishing village of Shimoda into Tokyo. The first commercial treaty with Japan—opening that country to trade and cultural relations with the Western world—was negotiated and concluded under its shadow.

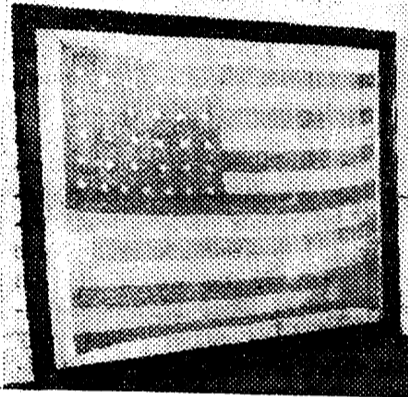
It was presented to the College by Harris' niece after he had brought it back with him to America in 1862. In 1921, the relic was framed by students at Townsend Harris Hall High School, the College's erstwhile preparatory institution.

When the high school closed in 1942, the flag disappeared and was



John Wayne  
Alias Mr. Harris

presumed to be lost. It is presently new quarters in the Finley Student Center, lending silent support to Harris' "second coming."



A Memorable Flag

barian and the Geisha." The initial showing of the film at the New York Paramount will bring Harris back not only in spirit but materially as well. The entire proceeds of next month's world premiere will go to the City College Fund through the courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox.

The Fund, to which the Finley Student Center owes its existence and part of its maintenance, is attempting to enlist student aid in the selling of special student-rate tickets.

Publicity centering around the discovery of the flag will no doubt lend fuel to the reawakening beacons ignited by Twentieth Century Fox, resulting in increased proceeds. (The filmed portrait of America's first Consul-General to Japan will be initially presented

## Bridges . . .

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City to the Long Island peninsula on May 24, 1883.

Four years later, Dr. Steinman was born in that bridge's shadow, on the Lower East Side. Twenty-four years later, in 1911, he built his first bridge, and after sixty-nine years and three hundred bridges, he is still far from ready to hang up his T-square and call it a career.

Long regarded as a visionary, if not an out-and-out romantic in the hard-headed world of engineering, Steinman has often faced vigorous opposition to his ideas and innovations.

The ivory-and-green Mackinaw span, which its designer calls the "safest bridge in the world," stands in silent testimony to Steinman's belief that he could build a bridge able to withstand winds of the highest speeds.

## Baruch Invited . . .

Bernard Baruch, Class of '89, has been invited to the Senior Class "Prom '59" at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, 33 Street and Seventh Avenue, Saturday evening, December 20. Reservations are limited, prom chairman Warren Randell said, since 120 people have already signed up. Tickets priced at \$17.50 per couple with class cards and \$3 more without them will be sold in Room 223 Finley beginning today.

## UBE Open for Student Use Despite Rumor of Its Closing

Students at the College can again take advantage of the Used Book Exchange's (UBE) service, last term rumored to be on the brink of extinction.

According to Warren Randell, this term's UBE manager, David Newton, director of the Finley Student Center, had asked that the Exchange, which uses Center facilities, contribute funds to offset maintenance costs of the Center in the spring term. Gerry Tashbook, then manager of the UBE, refused to do so, where upon rumors that the service would fold began to circulate the campus.

The Exchange, however, has not closed and once more is buying and selling used texts.

A percentage of the profit made by the UBE, said Randell, goes to the Center and the remainder is put into the Central Treasurer's Fund, a College reserve.

The Exchange, in Room 213 Finley, will stop buying books tomorrow, but will continue to sell them until next Tuesday. It will be open every day from 10 AM to 5 PM, and Wednesday and Thursday nights from 6 to 8 PM for the benefit of evening session students.

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# Grad Invades TV World: From Page Boy to Author

The sort of tale of which legends are made is currently circulating among recent grads still waiting for that big break.

It concerns a former member of their ranks — one Larry Cohen. His rise in the cut-throat cosmos of TV has made the contemporaneous ascent of the Explorer satellite look like a tired old lady climbing a long flight of stairs.

And, hearing his story, it is no wonder that they ask if he was born with a silver script in his mouth.

Like thousands of other recently hatched graduates, he went in search of employment. In his case, he sought out Talent Associates for an office boy's job.

Unlike thousands of other graduates he got a better job than the one he applied for.

As fate would have it, company president Alfred Levy happened on the scene, and, seeing Larry, asked:

"What have you done, boy?"

"Nothing," gulped Larry. "But I like to write."

Levy gave him an assignment. Two days and two nights later, Larry returned—play in hand.

They liked it.

The rest is anti-climactic.

Two of his plays were performed on the Kraft Mystery Theater—"87th Precinct" and "Night Cry." He is currently working on a half-hour crime series and a family situation comedy.

Oh, yes. He also gave up a \$50-a-week bread-and-butter job as an NBC page boy that he had taken just in case his TV debut didn't come off.

Like so many of his ulcer-ridden colleagues, he feels unsuccessful and insecure.

This is largely because of a shrinking market for the output of TV writers.

"I see almost every dramatic show going off," he wails. "Kraft, Studio One, Robert Montgomery



Larry Cohen  
Big Break

Presents. At least when I worked as page boy, I knew I'd get \$50 at the end of the week. Now I don't know whether I'll make \$200 or \$150 or \$500—or nothing."

Although he spares no harsh words for TV critics (he feels that overly-critical critics, a lazy public and sponsors' fear of controversy share the blame for the decline of serious TV drama), he has nothing against commercials.

"Commercials are good for going for a beer, for washing your hands, for checking the wife out on the bills."

Larry's entrance into television writing was indirect. Writing, in

fact, was not even his major field. He graduated as a films major.

But his ambition more than makes up for this lack of prescience:

He bought a book of the world's greatest short stories and decided to adapt every one of them for TV. After producing a version of Hemingway's "Soldier's Home," however, he found that the high royalties that would have to be paid to the original authors made this project impossible.

Cohen, who has a list on his wall of stories he wants to do, says: "All I want is work."

We can't print the comments of his still-unemployed ex-classmates.

## Club Notes

### CCNY STUDENTS FOR A SANE NUCLEAR POLICY

Will be launched for this term's activity by its very active, enthusiastic, alert, although summer-weary membership in Room 319 Finley, today from 12:30-2 PM.

### DEBATING SOCIETY

Will hold a brief meeting for all members at 12:30 PM in Room 214 Finley. Plans for the forthcoming term will be discussed.

### DRAMSOC

All those interested in directing, producing, acting or anything else are invited.

### THE NEWMAN CLUB

Will officially open its school year with a Mass of the Holy Ghost to be held at 12:15 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, next door to the Catholic Center on 1/2nd St. Following the Mass, free refreshments will be served at the center.

## Hey! . . .

House Plan Association will hold its first major event of the term, the annual "Welcome Party," tomorrow at 8 PM in the Finley Center Grand Ballroom. There will be dancing to the music of Joe Di Stefano's band, as well as Folk Singing and Square Dancing. Admission will be by last term's HP card or special invitation.

## Insuring Plan Success Cited

Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) has been termed a "definite success" by Bob Bisnoff, SHIP's student representative.

Several reasons were given by Bisnoff to explain the reasons for the student's preference of this plan over those previously offered. One is the comparative low cost of the plan (\$16.20 per year); another is the broad accident and sickness coverage.

This is the first plan to offer coverage to students engaged in athletic activities, both varsity and intramural. Formerly, athletes were protected only by the Stein Fund, a special fund set up to pay the hospital expenses of students hurt in varsity and intramural games.

In the past, a large percentage of student loan money has been used to pay medical bills. According to Bisnoff, SHIP will make this expenditure unnecessary, freeing the money for other purposes.

Application forms and literature dealing with the plan may be obtained in Room 126 Finley. One such form appears on page three of this issue, and may be turned in to Dean James S. Peace (Student Life) in that room, or mailed to: Health and Accident Program, The City College, Convent Ave. at 139th Street, New York 31, NY.

## Two Juniors Elected To Anti-Testing Unit

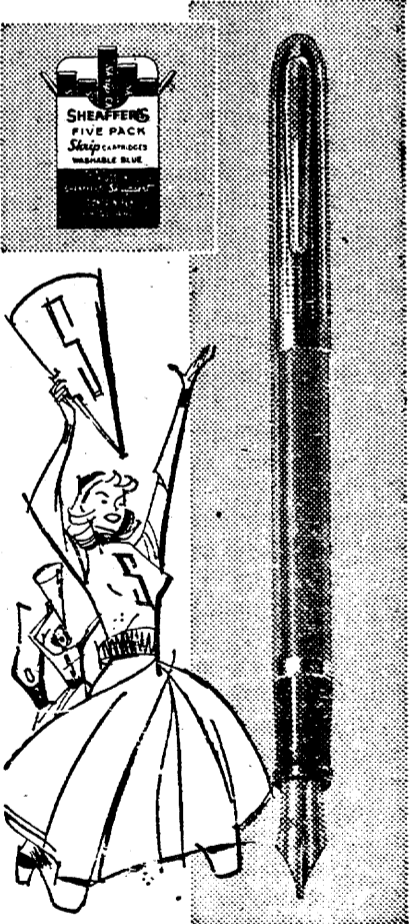
Two students at the College, Harold Leitenberg, an Upper Junior, and Rose Marie Davoli, a Lower Junior, have been elected to the National Student Council for a Sane Nuclear Policy, a nation-wide organization comprised of campus groups working towards "an international agreement for the permanent cessation of nuclear weapons tests with full provisions for control and inspection."

Norman Cousins, editor of "The Saturday Review" and co-chairman of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, and Norman Thomas, executive committee member of the National Committee, extended greetings to the new student organization at a public meeting Monday evening, September 8. The meeting culminated an all-day conference from which the National Student Council emerged.

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# Navy Battles Booters to 2-2 Tie at Adelphi; Veteran Cross Country Team Opens Practice

## Squad Below Par in Debut, Schlisser Tallies Twice To Gain Tie

By PETER FRANKLIN

If last Saturday's soccer game between City College and the United States Naval Academy at Adelphi College had been extended ten or fifteen minutes, the 2-2 tie might have ended in a Lavender triumph.

The Beaver Booters, who were titled "Number One Soccer Team in the United States" by the All-American Selection Committee last year, just didn't look it for the first half of the match. Not until the second half did the Booters begin to click and by then there was just time enough for a tie.

Excuses can be made by the carload: the team did not have a full-team practice until the date of the game; the Booters always have trouble on a grass field such as at Adelphi; Navy had tremendous reserve strength; and other such explanations can be offered. But any way the story is told, the Beavers just didn't come through—the Navy men can tell their grandchildren, they tied City.

### Navy Scores First

Navy got right down to work when just two minutes after the opening whistle in the first quarter Karl Rippelmeyer, inside right, sent the ball in to the Beavers' net. Fighting against a strong Navy defense and a brisk wind coming down-field, the Lavender was unable to tally and could only hold the Sailor's attack throughout the quarter.

In the second quarter, the Beavers no longer had to fight the wind but Navy was still there pushing and City had to concentrate mainly on defense. Neither team could break the ice during this quarter. The Beaver defense was led as usual by stalwart All-American, John Paranos.

### Schlisser Scores

At the end of the half Navy led 1-0.

When City came back on the field for the second half, it was a different team. The crowd of over 1,000 finally saw the now-famous College ball-handling, passing, and scoring which earned it its number one title.

Rippelmeyer again scored in the third quarter at the two minute mark giving Navy a 2-0 lead, but from that point on, the Beavers took over the field.

Three minutes later in the quarter, Gabe Schlisser, inside left, tallied for the first Beaver goal. Navy was now on the defensive and City

kept the Sailors' goal hard at work stopping Beaver attempts.

In the fourth quarter, it was the same story and Schlisser scored again at 20:45; the score was tied at 2-2. Navy then used the strategy that it and Army are famous for—an almost whole new team came in for Navy. The game ended a few minutes later as a tie.

There were no over-time periods



Coach Harry Karlin Satisfied

in the match because it was an exhibition game sponsored by the 1958 Annual Soccer Coaches Clinic. Coaches from the metropolitan area had been invited to the match "to view soccer played at its best." Admission was charged and the proceeds of the game went to the Family Service Association of Nassau County.

Certainly, the promise of the coaches to show soccer played at its best was carried through. Most probably the field at Adelphi has never in the past been graced by better soccer players than on Saturday. Individually the players presented almost phenomenal skill with the soccer ball.

Beaver goalie, Walter Wolke was credited with eighteen saves much to Navy's regret. His counterpart on Navy, Billy Kee stopped fifteen Beaver attempts. Considering that both goalies played under the handicap of getting use to a new rule (the goal area is now a semi-circle instead of a rectangle)



John Paranos Sparks Defense

both men protected the goal area superbly.

Anastios Soukas, the only newcomer to the Beaver Booters starting line-up this season, showed that he was worthy of a starting berth Inside Right. According to manager Stan Greenwald "Soukas is a boy to keep your eye on."

In a post-game conversation, Professor Karlin remarked how satisfied he was with the way City played. Dr. Karlin said, "Considering that the boys have had only five real practices and that at none of those practices was the whole squad there, the team played admirably."

He also pointed out that the team "looked good" in the second half. "It was the first time in

CCNY	Navy
Wolke	G Kee
Spinosa	RB Herbein
Solney	LB Marvin
D'Agostino	RH McCall
Paranos	CH Meeham
Dawkins	LH Ortega
Clark	OR Cawein
Soukas	IR Rippelmeyer
Minerop	CF Hamont
Schlisser	IL Martin
Wachter	OL Abington

CCNY Reserves: Bienstock, Sund, Manfredi. Navy Reserves: Hill, Carter, Parker, White, Swister, McKee.

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Navy 1 0 1 0

Goals: CCNY, Schlisser 2. Navy, Rippelmeyer 2.

my career as coach, however, that the boys had to come from behind in the second half to tie up the game," Dr. Karlin said.

When questioned about the possibility of post-season games for the Beavers the Coach said, "At the present the arrangements for play-offs have not been decided on definitely." "There is," he continued, "a good chance that City College will compete in the play-

## Cleary and Taylor Return To Bolster Harriers In Fall Season

By STU BADEN

A determined Cross-Country squad is currently working out for the 1958 season. The team will be out to better last year's record of six wins and one defeat.

The lone loss came at the hands of Hunter in the season's opening event, a quadrangular meet between the four municipal colleges (Queens, Brooklyn, Hunter, and City). The Harriers then went on to defeat Iona, Kings Point, Merchant Marine Academy, Fairleigh Dickinson, and Montclair State Teachers College, in dual meets. The Harriers finished second in the CTC championships.

The team has lost co-captain Randy Crosfield via the graduation route. Junior Bob Cleary is expected to be number one man again this year, if he can find time for both studies and practice. Cleary consistently led the varsity last season, and posted the best time for any Lavender Harrier: 27:53 for the five mile course.

Ralph Taylor will be challenging Cleary for the number one spot. Co-captain of last year's team, Taylor's best time was 28:01.

Other returnees to the squad include Marv Holland, Dennis Corr, Dave Pargman, and Tom Dougherty. Two members of last season's freshmen team, Irv Kalet and Walter Fischer, will be joining the squad this year. Another addition to the squad will be Phil



Coach Harry deGiroilamo

Grau who led last year's Evening Session team.

The Evening Session Cross-Country team which raced to an undefeated 5-0 record last season will be led again this year by Ed Cleary, Ernie Nichols, Dave Shipper and Ben Patton.

## Muscles Bulge, Crowds Gape, College Student in Top Shape

Tom Sansone, an Evening Session student at the College last term, has been chosen as this year's Mister America.

In last year's Mr. America competition, Sansone placed twenty-fourth. This is not the first time that Sansone has been a physique contest winner. Among his other triumphs are those of Mr. New York State, Mr. Valentine, Mr. New York City and Mr. National Collegiate.

Tom, a 6-1, 205 lb. 22 year old body builder switched to evening session to give himself more time to accomplish his greatest desire—to become Mr. America.

Not only does he possess 19 inch biceps, but he presses 250 pounds in strict style. As subdivisions of the Mr. America title Sansone won best chest and arms.

Sansone was one of the originators of the College's Weight-Lifting Club, and a member of the Club's Eastern Collegiate Weight-Lifting Championship team of 1953.

Sansone, a Health and Physical Education Major, frequently spent his free mornings working out at the College's Weight-Lifting Club. Club president, Herb Rosenblum said, "Tom worked very hard for the title. Those of us at the club are very proud and happy that he won."

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