

# OBSERVATION POST

## Council Vetoes Proposed Plan

Student Council defeated a plan for Council representation by Schools at their Wednesday meeting. The vote was 9-6-1.

The plan, introduced by SG President Steve Nagler, would have provided for the election of representatives to Council by Schools (School of Technology, School of Education, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences) rather than by classes.

### New Plan Proposed

A new plan will be introduced to the Council tomorrow by Dudley Franklin, freshman class representative. It will provide for representation on a population basis. Under this amendment, one council member would be elected for every 400 students. This would decrease Council membership at first, but with the growing enrollment seen for the next few years, the number would gradually increase.

### Referendum

If approved by the Council, the plan will be submitted as a referendum to the student body. If the students vote in favor of the new system it will be effected on a trial basis for a year, after which the College will have the opportunity to vote on it again.

"I believe this system will be far more democratic," said Franklin. "The students are entitled to better representation, and I have faith that the Council will go along with what is best for the students."

## Wagner Asked to Set Aside Land for New Baruch School

Mayor Robert F. Wagner has been requested to set aside space in the Lincoln Square development for a new building to house the Bernard M. Baruch School of Business and Public Administration.

In a letter sent to the Mayor on February 25, Hyman Epstein, Chairman of the College Division of Local 384 of the Board of Higher Education (BHE) Employees, and Dorothy Greenman, Vice-Chairman, requested consideration be given to their proposal.

The Lincoln Square project is located in the Sixties.

The reason given for the desired change is that "the important job... is being performed in a building handicapped by fantastically primitive facilities. The overcrowding and the lack of space for even the most essential curricular and extra-curricular activities have to be seen to be believed."

"The Middle States Association," the letter continues, "in its routine evaluation of the City College for accreditation purposes in 1955 called attention to these conditions as 'indescribably congested, well-nigh fantastic.' The report even suggested that the few recommen-

## Exhibitionist?



The annual Activities Fair, sponsored by Gamma Sigma Sigma, will be held Thursday, March 20, from 10 AM to 4 PM in the Grand Ballroom in Finley Student Center. Interested organizations will be asked to prepare exhibitions, on a general theme to be decided upon. There will be a prize of \$10 for the best display. Those interested may contact Bessie Harris at AU 3-5025 after 6 PM.

## Hillel to Continue Negotiations For May Boat Ride With HP

Hillel Council voted last night to continue negotiations with the House Plan Association to have a Boat Ride on May 11. The vote was 11-6.

Having the Bear Mountain Boat Ride with House Plan would entail throwing the Hillel-sponsored event open to House Plan members. The annual Boat Ride is traditionally a closed event.

### Conflicting Dates

According to a spokesman for Hillel, House Plan wishes to be permitted to join the Boat Ride because of the date conflict between House Plan's Carnival on May 3 and Student Government's Boat Ride on May 4.

House Plan members who come to Carnival will not be able to attend the SG Boat Ride on the next day, the spokesman explained. Consequently, House Plan officials have begun to look into the possibilities of having the Hillel Boat Ride opened to House Plan members.

### 500-1000 Guaranteed

House Plan has "practically guaranteed" 500 to 1,000 customers for the Boat Ride, the spokesman asserted, since it is estimated that sixty-five to seventy-five per cent of the people in Hillel are also House Plan members.

Tickets will probably cost \$2.

## Pogo...

Walt Kelly, creator of Pogo, will speak this Thursday at 12 Noon in the Grand Ballroom of the Finley Student Center, sponsored by Observation Post. Mr. Kelly will discuss the G.O. Fizzle Year, and analyze his forthcoming book, "Not So Square a World."

## Carnival and Boat Ride Set for Same Weekend

By PETER FRANKLIN

Conflict over the scheduled dates of House Plan's Carnival and Student Government's Boatride has arisen once again.

Carnival is on Saturday night, May 3. The Boatride is on Sunday, May 4.

Last year, the controversy arose when both events were also planned for the same weekend.

At that time, and at the present, both organizations have claimed that it would be impossible for either one to change the date of their respective activity.

According to Marvin Binstock, president of House Plan, an agreement between Bart Cohen, SG president last term, and Rolf Mueller, HP president last term, was made to prevent such an occurrence again.

The agreement was that this year Carnival would be at least one week before Boatride.

Binstock said, "Student Council last term, not knowing of this agreement went right ahead and voted on the date of Boatride without contacting House Plan."

"Because we must be assured of good weather for Carnival which is held out-of-doors it is impossible for us to move the date up," he continued.

"We can not move the date back," he added, "because the Music Department is holding their annual Music Contest the following week."

Frank Kasper, co-chairman of Carnival, charged that, "it is indeed unfortunate that Student Council chose to take the line of action that they did in making their decision." "They did not," he continued, "have the true interest of the student body at heart."

Steve Nagler, SG President says that he will bring the matter up before the Student Faculty Committee on Student Activities at its next meeting.

He claims that House Plan has

acted in a very immature fashion by trying to put SG in an uncomplimentary light. "Before seeking to find a decision to their problem," Nagler said, "they have brought a one-sided story to the student body."

Immediately after the dispute last year, Martin Pollner Senior Class President, proposed a resolu-



Steve Nagler, House Plan "Immature"

tion for a "Club Coordinating Agency."

The purpose of the organization, Pollner said, would be "to alleviate discrepancies such as the House Plan Carnival and Student Government Boatride being one day apart."

The plan was to have all organizations on campus under certain categories according to their constitutional functions. These organizations would meet weekly. A representative of each of these classifications would also meet bi-weekly with the SG Vice-President and would arrange a social calendar, hear and aid organizational grievances and aid in the publicity of organizations.

## Gates



John Gates, who was barred from speaking at the College a year ago, will speak tomorrow at 2 PM in the Grand Ballroom of the Finley Student Center. His speech, sponsored by Observation Post, will take place one week short of a year since he was banned.

## Physics Dept. Co-Sponsoring Weekly Series

The Physics Department, in cooperation with the Physics Society, is holding a series of seminars this semester.

Faculty members will discuss current research in physics. In most cases, lecturers will describe research which they are currently conducting or which they have recently completed.

Last Thursday, Dr. Robert Lea (Physics) described an experiment carried out by himself and fellow research workers at Brookhaven, Long Island. The experiment as explained determined the particles which resulted during the collision of two high energy protons, was the first such successful experiment in this field.

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## Vindicated

Another invitation has been extended and accepted, and this time John Gates will make an appearance at the College.

Mr. Gates has vindicated himself in the eyes of the men who so adamantly opposed his speaking at the municipal colleges less than a year ago. They no longer fear that he may win over the minds of the students by subversive methods. Mr. Gates has left the Communist Party; Mr. Gates no longer writes for a Communist newspaper. Therefore Mr. Gates can no longer stain our virginal minds.

John Gates has not said that he is no longer a Communist. But whether visitors to the Colleges are Communists is unimportant to the Administrative Council. This is as it should be. They do not prohibit Communists from speaking at the Colleges; this would squelch the spirit of inquiry and intellectual freedom they so eloquently propound. But persons convicted under the Smith Act are completely excluded from the Administrative Council's discussion of intellectual freedom. They are considered in the realm of the "untouchables" and "undiscussables."

Those persons unlucky enough to have been jailed for their beliefs seem to differ from their fellow Communists only in the fact that they have served a prison term and are unable to speak at the City Colleges. We sincerely believe that there are very few people including our esteemed Presidents who can see a distinction between the ideas of the Communists who have been convicted and those who have been able to duck the prison walls.

We are glad that John Gates is being allowed to speak at the College tomorrow. We were very disturbed when he was prohibited from speaking at the College last year. We don't feel that his denunciation of the Communist Party makes him any more adequate as a speaker or as a person than he was last year. But our goal is the complete revocation of the Smith Act Ban and perhaps in its own esoteric way the Administrative Council is slowly wending its way towards repeal.

## Distaff

It's time to devote a few inches of copy to a deserving Team of players. One, which for the past eight years of intercollegiate competition, has never come close to their present winning record of 5-2.

The Team's winning capacity is due not only to an increase in the quality of players, but also to their unvanquished spirit. This is evidenced by the close-score games in which they have met well-reputed, undefeated opponents.

The Adelphi and Hunter College teams, both under the "well-reputed, undefeated" category, are the only losses of the season at this point. The future games, especially at St. Joseph's, are definite obstacles to the Team's three-game winning streak.

The Hoopsterettes, the College's Women's Basketball Team, the object of these obstacles, should receive the College's support and due recognition for representing our College so admirably.

The Park gymnasium is often a lonely place on Wednesday night when the girls do their best. A few people in the stands wouldn't be at all bad for their morale.

## Gov't Grant To Dr. Noble

A government grant of \$1,995 has been awarded to Dr. Jeanne L. Noble (Student Life) to carry on research on "Social Class and Color Difference in the Attitude and Concepts of Women's Roles among a Group of Pre-Adolescent Girls."

The main purpose of Dr. Noble's research is to find out if race, more than social class, influences the attitudes, skills, and exceptions of children. She expects to have her findings published in June.

Dr. Noble is limiting her study to 11-year-old Negro girls attending New York City schools. She will interview thirty-five girls, half of whom will be from the upper middle class and half from the lower middle class.



Dr. Jeanne L. Noble  
Receives Grant

Dr. Ruth Hartley (Psychology) is also conducting a "Study of the Development of Concepts of Women's Roles," but because it is time consuming, she said, she has been forced to limit her study only to white children.

When Dr. Noble's work is completed it will be possible to draw a parallel with Dr. Hartley's findings, Dr. Noble said.

## Russia...

"Religion in Russia" will be discussed Thursday by Rev. Georges Bissonnet, AA, in Room 217 Finley at 12:15 PM. Father Bissonnet was stationed in Russia for four years, ministering to the needs of Catholics in the American Embassy in Moscow. The talk is sponsored by the Newman Club.

## Student Group Visits Albany

A student group from the College visited Albany last Monday, sponsored by Hunter College's Department of Political Science and the New York Citizenship Clearing House.

The group attended State Senate and Assembly sessions. They also conferred with Governor Averell Harriman and Lieutenant Governor George De Luca.

The students who attended were Arthur Hirsch, president of the Government and Law Society; Marvin Markman, vice-president; Jay Strum, secretary; Martin Edelman, treasurer; Albert Lipson, Lewis Morrero, and Michael Horowitz. Mr. Stanley Feingold (Government) accompanied the group.

## Letters...

### An Invitation

Dear Editor:

May I have the courtesy of your newspaper to amplify my views on "the decision of the Administrative Council of Presidents to allow Mr. John Gates to speak at the municipal colleges and *Observation Post's* subsequent invitation to him"? (This letter is not a criticism of *Observation Post*; I have no complaint to register against them in this matter.)

When asked, via telephone, for my "reaction," the reply was essentially: I would not invite Mr. Gates to speak at the College. There are other persons more competent to discuss the subject of his specialty. Actually, I cannot bring myself to invite to my home a person who wants to destroy me and everything I stand for.

I do not deny *Observation Post* the privilege of inviting Mr. Gates to the College. This right is granted to them by the administrative branches of the College; no one is above the prevalent regulations. One man or one group rule, whether the question concerns speakers or the membership list, cannot be equated to the purposes of our Liberal Arts and Science College. I merely refuse to avail myself of a doubtful privilege.

Over the past 25 years, I have been associated with numerous diversified student organizations and with countless students on a personal basis. I can testify that on the question of the membership list, they are fairly well divided but on the question of controversial political speakers, a greater unanimity exists in favor of a forum-type of meeting in which people and the people decide causes." The following plan is therefore suggested for consideration and modification within its spirit by the staff and student body:

(1) The President of the College appoints a student-faculty committee empowered to invite political speakers.

(2) If a committee member wishes to invite a speaker whom another member of the committee feels is a controversial figure, then, it becomes the duty of the committee to invite a second speaker with diametrical views to appear on the same program.

(3) The number of students and faculty members should be equal; preferably, one student from a political club and one faculty member from the Government Department, one student and one faculty member from the History Department, one each from a science department in the Liberal Arts and Science College, one each from School of Technology, one each from School of Education.

(4) It is understood that persons suspended or dismissed from the College are not eligible for an invitation to the College.

(5) It is understood that this committee is the only group on the Campus authorized to invite outside political speakers to the College.

(6) It is further understood that any group on the Campus may suggest speakers to the committee.

The purposes of a Liberal Arts education are equated to liberty, the dignity of the individual, the right to worship God. The "dignity

of the masses" means the negation of these ideals and therefore the destruction of our fundamental concepts of Liberal Arts education. "Dignity of the individual" and "dignity of the masses" sound very similar but they are as incompatible as truth and falsehood.

I do not need a Mr. Gates to inform me about the evils of our democracy; I experienced them. I was not born in the home that is now mine; my family suffered pangs of hunger though I was too young to understand such things; I have seen in Immokalee, Florida, the faces of (American citizens of Puerto Rican, Mexican, and Indian descent) migratory workers reflect starvation and human degradation; I have walked through the sea of "Crosses and Stars" on the shores of Guadalcanal, I have appeared as a witness for the defense in a "case" before a board, in an isolated room of a colossal government building in Washington, D.C., which possessed the power to charge at its leisure, to hear, and to pronounce judgment; I too was accused by Father Coughlin.

But these are stains on the cloth; they are not inherent in the cloth. I have never lost my faith in my Country and I have regained my faith in God.

Neither does it follow that progress per se means the right to elect your governors nor the right to worship God according to the dictates of one's conscience. "The trains now run on time" is an expression of progress that recalls sad memories. Khrushchev, Chou En Lai and Nasser aim to make their trains run on time. It is not joyful to note that the first lesson I learned from Sputnik I is that "It is a general prejudice, and has been propagated for these sixteen hundred years, that arts and sciences cannot flourish under an absolute government; and that genius must necessarily be cramped where freedom is restrained. This sounds plausible, but is false in fact."—(Lord Chesterfield, 1749.) This is the sad truth; this is the ugly truth that the present Russian intellectuals have demonstrated for us.

Another reason. I would not (but, again, Sir, you may) dignify Mr. Gates with an invitation is my inability to distinguish the rape of a child from the rape of a nation and my further inability to distinguish between the persons guilty of such crimes and those who would condone it.

But, as I think about these things, there is one story that perhaps summarizes my reasons for not inviting Mr. Gates; hear it.

Within a radius of half-mile of the College, an ordinary citizen operates an ordinary shop on the walls of which is framed a cartoon. The picture: A man seated on a toilet-bowl. The caption: "The only man in Washington who knows what he is doing!"

Better to starve than yield the right to criticize. Communism and the privilege of criticism, the basis of academic freedom, do not strike the same anvil. I enjoy the light and heat of the flame of liberty; I will not have truck with mental fire-extinguishers.

This is my stand! Anyone care to buy my wares?

Frank Brescia  
Professor, Chemistry Department



### What Goes?



The College's Musical Comedy Society will present Cole Porter's "Anything Goes" this Friday and Saturday night in Music and Arts High School. Tickets are on sale in Finley Student Center for \$1 and \$1.50. Performances will begin promptly at 8:30 PM.

The leads will be played by Alex Orfaly, Vera Nigrelli, John Mammino, Mike Stone and Sheila Gradus.

### Finds Audiences Receptive:

## Davidson Brings Theatre to Africa

The College's Dramsoc may now be able to avail itself of a more receptive audience than it has had in a long time.

According to Professor Frank C. Davidson (Speech), who has recently spent five months visiting Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Zanzibar, Cairo, Port Said, Alexandria and Baghdad, there is a "tremendous enthusiasm for the theatre" in these places.

Professor Davidson was given the opportunity to make his travels as a result of the International Educational Exchange Program. Working as a drama specialist for the State Department, Professor Davidson produced and directed Thornton

Wildier's "Our Town" at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro, put on a production of Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie" in an Egyptian YWCA camp in the shadow of the Sphinx, and staged experimental scenes of creative dramatics in the native Swahili dialect in Kenya.

Professor Davidson delivered a total of 145 lectures on the American theatre to an enthusiastic audience. "The theatre is the focal point of the who community," he says, "simply because there are so few other cultural activities or diversions. Almost every up-country village throughout East Africa has its 'little' theatre group of amateur and, occasionally, professional

players. There just isn't anything like that in this country where we have television, movies and so many other things to do."

#### Natural Actors

"The native-born African," continues Dr. Davidson, "is a wonderful natural actor, who moves well on the stage and has a love for play-acting." "In his native plays," he says, "the African takes a free and easy attitude, often improvising on the action and dialogue. A scene may last fifteen minutes one day and run for a half-hour the next. The players react immediately to audience approval or laughter and will often stop the action and repeat the scene. It can be completely unnerving for a director worried about keeping to a tight times schedule," he added.

Dr. Davidson believes that most people in this country underestimate the importance of such cultural exchange programs. "Everywhere I went," he says, "the American theatre won friends for our country. The people I worked with in East Africa, Egypt and Iraq were genuinely grateful for all the help they received in the theatre, in staging, producing and acting."

#### Interested

"They were interested," he continued, "in the ideas and methods of our playwrights and were particularly appreciative because we had no political ax to grind in our theatre work. They were interested in theatre that could be done inexpensively, like 'Our Town' which could be done on a bare stage and 'The Glass Menagerie' which we did arena style."

Dr. Davidson's mission for the State Department was his second abroad in recent years. In the spring of 1956, he went to Iran for a three-month stay but was held over for a five-month run at the request of the Iranian government.

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# Beavers Defeated by St. John's University; Will Meet NYU in Season's Finale Tonight

## Beaver Attack Resisted — Redmen Triumph, 69-55

By BERNIE LEFKOWITZ

St. John's had resisted a stubborn Lavender attack and locked up a 69-55 victory. The players had long since left. In the Physical Education office that served as a wire room, the Western Union man was clicking out his last story, probably to some paper in Saskatchewan. One flight above, in the instructors' room of the Wingate building, Dave Polansky sat perched on the edge of a desk, looking out of a window at his family and friends below, who waited to drive him home.



Hector Lewi's (35) drives against Bernie Pascal (25) of St. John's.

"Sometimes I wake up at three in the morning," he said with a slight smile, "and I ask myself: why. Why should we lose when we play so hard and so well. And then I think of the people who know basketball; the alumni, the sportswriters, who tell me that we looked good against this type of opposition. That we played a fine game, that we never gave up. Then I feel a little better. I'm not content, not satisfied. But I understand. I have a little perspective.

"Those guys (St. John's) have been playing against the toughest of high school and collegiate com-

petition for four years now. They know every move, they can make every type of play. We finished up tonight with five men that never played high school ball. Yet we're out to win. That's all. You can't worry about all the other factors.

"Consider some of our men individually," the coach suggested. "Joe's (Bennardo) been making the big play for us all season long. The clutch basket, the good pass. Remember he's been guarding men two or three inches taller than himself."

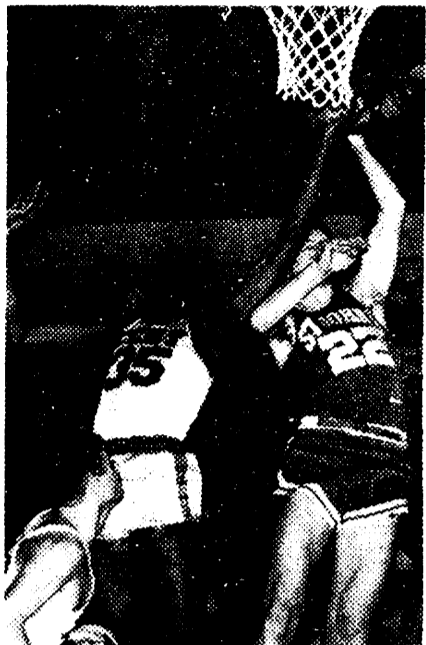
Bennardo took Gus Alfieri, who is averaging fourteen, and held him to ten points. Joe tallied eleven and helped ignite a first half Lavender splurge that drew the Beavers to within eight points of the Redmen at halftime.

"If there's one player that's improved in the last few games it's Julio Delatorre," Polansky observed. "Seden was high scorer tonight but he got a lot of points at the end when everything was helter-skelter. When Julio was in there he did a fine job on him."

The former Jamaica High School star clicked on six shots from the floor and converted ten foul tires for 22 points. But Seden registered eight of those points in the last three and half minutes.

"Taking everything into account if it weren't for our bad start we might really made a close contest out of it," the coach remarked. "Once Ascher started moving in the pivot and Lewis got the range the whole complexion of the game changed."

With thirteen minutes to go in the first half the Beavers trailed by 34-16. Then Ascher drilled two short jump shots, Bennardo hit a set and Lewis targeted a couple of one-handers. The College appeared to be on the move.



Hector Lewis jumps for rebound against Redmen's defender.

However, the Lavender "hot" streak cooled off in the second half. Lou Roethel made a tap-in and Seden hit one of his patented jump shots and the Redmen stretched their margin to 12 points with two minutes gone. The Beavers never got closer than eight as St. John's slowed down the game with a modified freeze.

That was the story. As Polansky left the building, the night porter, anxious to lock up shop, said, "It's sure been a long night." He couldn't have been more correct.

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Silver	0	0	0	Daley	3	0	6
Walitt	3	1	7	Pascal	7	0	14
Ascher	3	0	6	Roethel	5	1	7
Lewis	4	9	17	Ryan	1	2	4
Bennardo	4	3	11	Alfieri	3	4	10
Delatorre	4	0	8	Seden	6	10	22
Groveman	3	0	6	Kirwan	3	0	6
	21	18	55		26	17	69

## Little Beavers Lose, 84-73, To St. John's

Led by the scoring and rebounding of Gary Marozas, the St. John's freshman basketball team defeated the College's yearlings by a score of 84-73, Saturday night.

After a closely fought first half, highlighted by Howie Breslow's scoring and playmaking for City, the St. John's frosh pulled away to take a commanding lead in the final stanza.

With the absence of their top scorer and rebounder, Tony Jackson, the Redmen still showed their championship calibre by dominating both backboards and outshooting in a shorter Lavender team. In the second half, Herb Brandwein and Rudy Rimanich drew the Beavers closer but still couldn't stop the winners of the West Point Invitational, symbol of Eastern frosh supremacy.

High scorer in the game was Marozas with 31 points, while Rimanich and Brandwein paced City with respective totals of 18 and 16 points. The impressive play of Brandwein, Breslow and Rimanich, make them strong candidates for the varsity next season.

## Lavender To Meet NYU At Fordham Gymnasium

By STUART A. BADEN

Hoping to rebound from Saturday's 69-55 defeat at the hands of St. John's the College's basketball team will end the season tonight against another formidable foe—NYU.

The game will be played on the neutral Fordham University court with the college playing host.

The Violet Vikings have a 10-11 record. The team is much better than their record indicates, however, since they have played a rugged schedule including such national powers as North Carolina, Navy, Syracuse, Duke and Holy Cross.

The Vikings to watch during the match are:

Cal Ramsey, the forward is averaging eighteen points per game and is a contender for All-American honors.

He can hit from any point on the court and drives equally well.

Johnny Basic, high scorer for NYU, who is averaging 21 points per game, is another gunner. Basic is a guard who is an expert shooter from the outside.

The other Violet starters will probably be guard Mike Muzio, center Tom Sanders, and forward Bob Brown, co-captain of the squad.

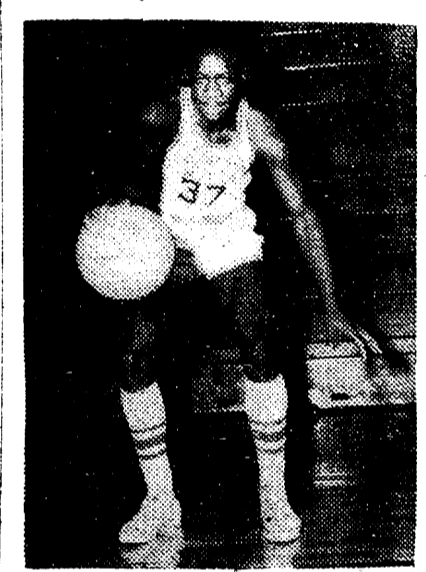
The other co-captain, Dan Knapp is the number six man.

The Lavender starting five will be Hector Lewis, Joel Ascher, Marty Groveman, and co-captains Bob Silver and Joe Bennardo.

Stalwarts Len Walitt and Julio Delatorre will be in the bull-pen.

An interesting sidelight will be the Lewis-Sanders contest. Both centers are of the same height, 6-6, and although Sanders has gained wide repute, Lewis, who turned in a more than adequate performance against St. Francis' Al Inniss, should certainly hold his own.

Last year's CCNY-NYU contest was won by the Violets.



Cal Ramsey NYU Star

The College's frosh squad will face the NYU yearlings with Lavender men Herb Brandwine, Luis Garcia and Steve Soloman leading the assault.

## Mermen Place 8th in Mets; NYU, LIU, Cop Top Honors

The College's Swimming Team completed a somewhat disappointing season last Friday and Saturday by finishing eighth in the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Championships at New York University.

Last year's winner, NYU, turned the trick again by beating its closest opponent, LIU by 26 points. Fordham placed third in the meet and also had the high individual scorer, Drury Gallagher. The Ram star picked up three victories and also established meet records in the 200 yard butterfly and 400 yard free-style events. His record breaking times were 2:24.9 in the butterfly and 4:54.9 in the freestyle contest.

The Beaver Frosh Team gave Coach Jack Rider strong hope for a much improved varsity squad next season as they rolled up an impressive second and third place in two freshman events.

A team composed of Mike Bayuk, Robin Stern, Mike Nemitoff, and Carl Ross finished second to National Title Holder NYU in the Freshmen Medley Relay. The same foursome also distinguished themselves by placing third in the Freshmen Free-Style Relay.

The Varsity was not quite so fortunate. Notwithstanding, a team made up of Jerry Lopatin, Karl Schmid, Guy Capel, and Dave Altneu did score 4 points for the Lavender in the Varsity Medley Relay.



OP EXCLUSIVE: At the conclusion of the current campaign the coaches of the College's teams have agreed to write their own summaries of the season. This is the first time at the College that such a series has appeared. The stories will include observation on the team's play, prospects for the future, theories on coaching and all other pertinent material. No changes will be made in the text.

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