

# OBSERVATION POST

## Bart Cohen Is Proposed To Fill Vice-Presidency

By STEVEN LUDWIG

Bart Cohen may emerge as Student Government Vice President at tonight's Council meeting.

Cohen, who was SG President during the Fall term, said last night, "If Council accepts Artie Genen's resignation and considers me for the position of Vice President, I would accept the nomination." Genen submitted his letter of



Bart Cohen Would Accept

resignation from the SG Vice Presidency on Monday. The resignation takes effect today. SG President Steve Nagler said he will recommend that Council refuse to accept it.

When Genen submitted his resignation, he charged Nagler with displaying "lack of leadership and understanding of the problems of Student Council."

Nagler said, "I make no request for Artie to withdraw his baseless charges. If we can't get him to change his mind and attempt to work for the good of Student Government, I think Bart would make an excellent Vice President. Even if we expect nothing else from Bart, we know we can count on his contributing positive thoughts."

## Hope Remains For State Aid

President Buell G. Gallagher said today he was still optimistic that a measure which would provide between \$4-5,000,000 of state aid for the municipal colleges would be passed.

The measure had been deleted from an Education Bill passed by the State Senate on Friday, but will probably be reintroduced at the next session.

Proposed by Senator MacNeil Mitchell and Assemblyman John Robert Brook, both New York City Republicans, the measure would establish a formula requiring the state to pay one quarter of the operating cost of the four municipal colleges.

In return for the aid the municipal colleges would allow state students to matriculate, paying tuition fees comparable to those required by the State University of New York.

If Council accepts Genen's resignation, it will be its duty to pick a successor. A simple majority vote would place a new Vice President in office.

Referring to the possibility of Cohen being elected Vice President, Nagler said, "If it comes through, it will be by more than a simple majority."

Genen said last night he is "very much in favor" of Cohen as Vice President.

### Genen Vs. Nagler

Genen was at odds with Nagler over the SG Boatride-House Plan Carnival controversy. He said he advised Nagler against bringing the conflict before the Student-Faculty Committee on Student Activities (SFCSA) without attempting to find a quiet solution.

According to Genen, Nagler eventually agreed with him and abandoned plans to submit the dispute to SFCSA action.

## Squares . . .

The last of a series on the Beat Generation will be published in next Tuesday's issue of OP. We have received a great many letters concerning John Aigner's column, which has aroused more comment than any other article published in a campus newspaper this semester. Many of these letters will soon be published.

## College Senior On TV Panel

A student at the College, Marilyn Flaum, will take part in the television panel of the New York Times Youth Forum on Sunday, April 13, from 12 to 12:30 PM.

Miss Flaum, who will appear on the forum presented over WABD-TV, Channel 5, is a senior in the School of Education and president of Kappa Delta Pi.

"Is College Preparing Youth for Today's Society?" will be the topic for discussion by the panel and its guest, Dr. Everett Case, president of Colgate University.

Tickets are available in the Public Relations Office, Room 223, Shepard Hall, for those students who wish to attend.

## Film Institute Critic Chooses 'River Kwai' To Win Oscars

"Bridge on the River Kwai" has a "good chance all the way" in the Academy Awards presentations tonight, according to Arthur Knight, lecturer at the College's Film Institute and critic for the Saturday Review.

"I wouldn't even begin to guess which pictures will receive awards," Mr. Knight added, "but I can say which ones I think deserve to win." His choices are as follows:

- Best Picture: "Bridge on the River Kwai";
- Best Actor: Alec Guinness for "Bridge on the River Kwai";
- Best Actress: Joanne Woodward for "Three Faces of Eve";
- Best Supporting Actor: Vittorio De Sica for "A Farewell To Arms";
- Best Supporting Actress: Hope Lange for "Peyton Place";
- Best Director: David Lean for "Bridge on the River Kwai";
- Best Cinematography: "Funny Face";
- Best Original Story and Screen Play: "Vitelloni";
- Best Adaption: "Twelve Angry Men."

According to Mr. Knight, "Bridge on the River Kwai" deserves an award because it was "big in conception and carried through with an extraordinary amount of integrity, using locations for their real value; it also tried to say something, which is unusual in a spectacle film of that sort."

He believes that Joanne Woodward is really the "most talented young actress we have now," although she has made only four pictures. As to De Sica, Mr. Knight

considers him the only character in "A Farewell to Arms" with "any real dimension."

## Freedom Week:

# SG Committee To Urge Repeal of Smith Act Ban

By IAN MACAULEY

Student Council will be asked today to invite Communist official Robert Thompson to address Academic Freedom Week (April 17-25), despite a speaking ban against all persons convicted under the Smith Act.

The Academic Freedom Week committee of SG will urge this action from the entire Council in an effort to have the ban rescinded at the College.

Committee members said it was their hope that the Administrative Council of College Presidents will agree to the wishes of General Faculty and President Buell G. Gallagher, who have gone on record as opposing the ban.

Also to be proposed at the SG meeting will be the establishing of a 3-member committee, consisting of the chairmen of the Academic Freedom Week Committee and the SG President, to work with President Gallagher to end the ban at the College.

### Success Assured

"By ending the restriction," Marilyn Rosenblum, committee co-chairman, said, "a successful Academic Freedom Week program will be assured."

"Presently, it is impossible to obtain an adequate representative of the Communist Party who has not been convicted," Miss Rosenblum said.

"To say that no person convicted under the Smith Act can appear at the municipal colleges means in reality that no Communist competent of representing his party can appear," she continued. "There is no person in a policy-making posi-

tion available to speak who does not fall under this ban.

"This being the case, the students are deprived hearing and questioning Communists and their



Pres. Buell G. Gallagher Opposes Ban

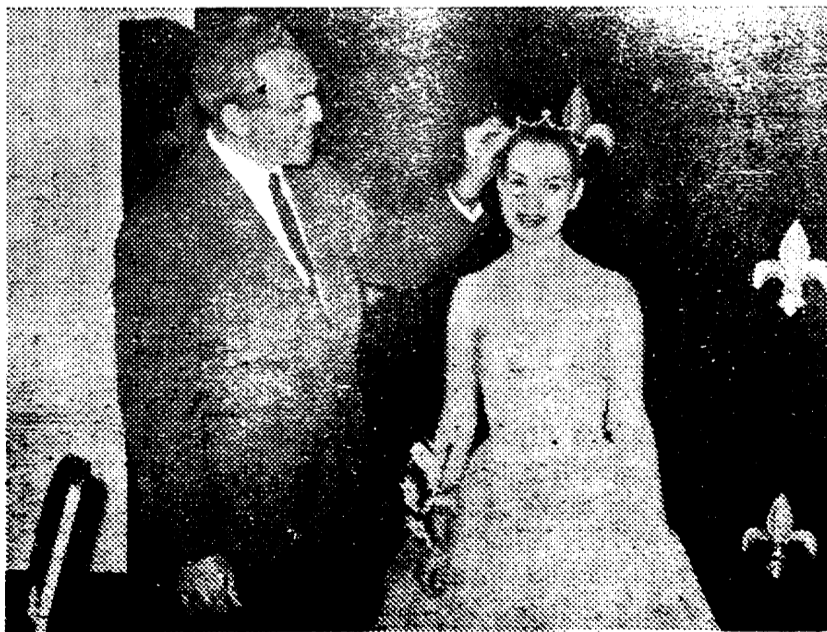
ideas. A situation is thus created which harms the ideas of Academic Freedom Week, which in fact destroys the basic concepts of academic freedom."

Thompson, national organizational and labor secretary of the Communist Party, was convicted along with ten other Communists in 1948 of advocating the violent overthrow of the government.

Last March the Council of Presidents passed its ruling, barring all persons convicted of the Smith Act from speaking at the five municipal colleges.

"One of the purposes of Academic Freedom Week is to bring to the campus people of many different viewpoints in order that the college community can get a better understanding of the issues facing the world, the nation, and students in general," Miss Rosenblum said.

## Queenly



The five finalists in House Plan's Carnival Queen Contest will be chosen Friday night at the Carnival Queen Ball at the Hotel Roosevelt. The Queen herself will be chosen at the annual HP Carnival, Saturday, May 3. She will represent the College and Pan American World Airways at the World's Fair in Brussels this summer.

Applicants for the contest will be judged by an impartial panel of judges on the basis of personality, poise, and physical appearance. The entrants are girls from both uptown and downtown, and the Queen will reign over both branches of the College. Tickets at \$3 per couple and further information about the Queen Dance and Carnival may be obtained in the House Plan Office, Room 331 Finley.

## Finley Portals To Be Altered

The wooden main entrance doors of the Finley Student Center will be replaced by steel fire doors.

According to Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds Kenneth G. Fleming, the new doors will have four hinges, enabling them to hang better and open more easily.

Several doors have already been installed in the rear of the Finley Center and will be in use by next week.

New quarters will also be installed for the maintenance men of the College. Mr. Fleming said this will be the first time in the College's history that the maintenance men will have adequate lockers, shower rooms and sanitary facilities.

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## Academic Farce

The Academic Freedom Week Committee has brought to the fore an issue which has plagued the College since John Gates was first prohibited from speaking here.

In its desire to fulfill the true purpose of Academic Freedom Week, the Committee would like to include Robert Thompson, a Communist convicted under the Smith Act, among the speakers it is inviting.

Mr. Thompson, unfortunately, will not be allowed to speak to us on Academic Freedom, or on any other subject, because of the ban on Smith Act violators inflicted upon the municipal colleges.

Robert Thompson would round out the program by presenting the Communist viewpoint, which would be quite different from the viewpoint expressed by the rest of the speakers. The essence of academic freedom is precisely this, the expression of more than one way of looking at life.

It may be argued that the Communist viewpoint could be obtained from speakers who were not convicted under the Smith Act, but it is evident that those most qualified to speak on the Communist idea of academic freedom are its leaders. Of course, its leaders have all been convicted under the Smith Act. Therefore, it is virtually impossible to obtain a Communist speaker who could inform the students articulately.

The last time the Smith Act ban was brought up was in November, when the General Faculty voted to accept President Gallagher's recommendations that "no ideological or organizational restrictions" be placed on invitations to visiting speakers, and later, when they urged the Administrative Council of Presidents and the Board of Higher Education to rescind the ban completely.

President Gallagher has always been in the forefront of those who would allow us true academic freedom. We hope that Academic Freedom Week will witness the abolition of the Smith Act Ban, and that President Gallagher will be permitted to carry out the policies which will give the College true academic freedom.

## Right-Hand Man

Last week we voiced our distress with the feud between Student Government President Steve Nagler and his right-hand man, Artie Genen, and we called upon them to resolve their differences for the good of SG. It appears it was too late for a truce. According to Genen, the situation has degenerated beyond any hope of reconciliation.

Genen's letter of resignation will come before Student Council tonight and Nagler says he will ask Council to turn it down. Perhaps it would be best if Nagler did not make such a request and Council simply accepted the letter. If it is hopeless to expect Nagler and Genen to cooperate—and Genen appears absolutely sure about this—then Genen's exit will be no loss, especially in the light of the recent statement by Bart Cohen that he is available for the Vice-Presidency if Council sees fit to accept Genen's resignation.

Last term Cohen did a fine job as SG President. He sincerely believed in Student Government and the possibilities which lay within its grasp. It was this which inspired the members of Council to place complete faith in him. Cohen's ability to command respect and admiration has sadly been lacking this semester—Council has been little more than a disjointed flock of sheep. Bart Cohen's mere presence in the College's political scene would do much to enhance the prestige of Student Government.

# Club Notes

### Alpha Chi Delta

A meeting will be held at 12:30 PM in Room 105 Klapper, to discuss the party on March 29.

### Anthropology and Sociology Societies

Present Dr. Eliot Friedson (Sociology-Anthropology), who will speak on "A Comparison of Sociology and Anthropology" tomorrow at 12:30 PM in Room 202 Wagner.

### Art Society

Features guest speaker Richard Erdoes, a designer and illustrator, tomorrow at 12:30 PM in Room 101 Eisner.

### Baltic Society

Meets tomorrow at 12:00 Noon in Room 434 Mott.

### Baskerville Chemistry Society

Will hold a student-faculty luncheon at 12:30 PM tomorrow in Doremus Hall.

### Biology Review

Meets tomorrow at 12 Noon in Room promptly at 12 Noon.

### Biological Society

Presents Walt Disney's "Nature's Half Acre" tomorrow at 12:30 PM in Room 126 Shepard.

### Botanical Society

Will hold a special meeting on Monday at 6 PM in Room 320 Shepard.

### Caduceus Society

Will have an important business meeting tomorrow in Room 315 Shepard at 12:30 PM.

### Camera Club

Will have a model to photograph tomorrow at 12:30 PM in Room 430 Finley.

### Christian Association

Meets tomorrow in Room 440 Finley at 12:30 PM. All members must attend.

### Club Coed

Meets in Room 305 Mott at 12:30 PM tomorrow.

### IVCF

Meets tomorrow at 12:30 PM in Room 206 Harris. Rev. Paris W. Reidhead will speak on "Goodness."

### Debating Society

Will not meet tomorrow.

### Education Society

Will hold a meeting tomorrow at 12:30 PM in Room 210 Klapper. Assistant Superintendent Clark will speak on "The School Services."

### English Society

Will hear madrigals in Room 204 Mott tomorrow at 12:30 PM.

### Geological Society

In conjunction with AIME will show a film on flood control and slides of past field trips.

### Gilbert and Sullivan Society

Will rehearse tomorrow at 6 PM in Room 440 Finley.

### Hearts Society

Will hold a business and membership

## Coaches...

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instance, of the possibility of the entire team working out at the same time. An article of this nature, however, would not be complete without the sincere thanks of the entire team to Dr. Hyman Krakower, Chairman of the Department of Physical and Health Education, and to Dr. Arthur Des-Grey, Faculty Manager of Athletics for their splendid cooperation.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the student newspapers for their excellent coverage of the fencing season, and particularly *Observation Post*, for permitting me to communicate directly to its readers.

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### History Society

In conjunction with the Government and Law Society will present Professor Minna Falk of New York University who will speak on "The Pattern of Reform in East Central Europe" tomorrow at 12:30 PM in Room 105 Wagner.

### Meteorological Society

Meets in Room 308 Shepard to complete plans for the field trip. All persons intending to go should attend meeting tomorrow at 12:30 PM.

### Outdoor Club

Will meet tomorrow at 12 Noon in Room 312 Shepard to discuss plans for the weekend's hikes.

### Philatelic Society

Is holding a meeting in Room 430 Finley at 12:30 PM tomorrow.

### Physics Society

Hold a Physics Colloquium for members. Mr. William Aberth will speak on "The Doppler Effect in Interstellar Observations" tomorrow at 12:30 PM in Room 109 Shepard.

### Psychology Society

Will present Dr. Emanuel Hammer, psychotherapist, who will speak on "Projective Drawings" tomorrow at 12:30 PM in Room 106 Wagner.

### Vector

Will hold a meeting tomorrow at 12:30 PM in Room 329-A Finley.

Carnival Queen will be flown to the World's Fair in Brussels via Pan American Airways.



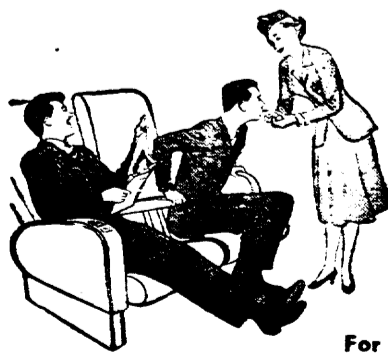
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# UBE Improves Service; Erases Errors Of Past

The College's Used Book Exchange (UBE), which, according to Manager Jerry Tashbook, "has been highly and justifiably criticized in the past," has initiated reforms this term to quell complaints.

The "gripes" leveled against UBE have been in the form of letters to the Exchange and of direct complaints to the Administration. The foremost criticisms were that students had to wait an excessive amount of time to sell and buy

like a Gestapo, guards at every corner like the Book Store," he explained. "We respect the maturity of students, but several still walk out without paying for their books."

UBE and its faculty advisor, Professor Simon Schaffel (Geology), have been "highly praised" by the Student Faculty Committee on Liberal Arts and Science. Tashbook and the UBE will welcome any suggestions students may have to offer towards the further improvement of UBE. Complaints and suggestions may be deposited in the UBE letter box in Room 151 Finley Student Center.



## Pool . . .

The Activities Program will sponsor a pool tournament on April 21-23 and April 28-30. Applications can be obtained in the Pool Room or Room 153 Finley and must be handed in by April 3.

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books, and had a great deal of trouble receiving money for books they had sold.

The reason for the difficulties in obtaining refunds, said UBE's critics, was the fact that students did not know the dates on which to get their money.

UBE, because of the fifteen cents charged for buying and selling each book, was thought to make an excessive profit at the students' expense, said Tashbook. This fact created further animosity toward the Exchange on the part of students.

Reforms have been instituted under what Tashbook terms his "dictatorship" to ameliorate these conditions and to dispel the notion that UBE makes any sort of a profit.

Due to the acquisition of better facilities, said Tashbook, students have not had to wait more than ten minutes to get waited on" this semester.

### Less Confusion

The dates set aside for the returning of money and books were stamped on the back of book receipt cards for the purpose of avoiding the usual confusion.

Instead of making a profit, said Tashbook, the Exchange "very often comes out in the red." There are numerous causes for this. The expenses shouldered by UBE usually outweigh the volume of business it does.

UBE is a non-profit organization. Those who work for the Exchange, with the exception of the manager and Assistant Managers, do so on a volunteer basis.

Losses are sustained by UBE in the form of "substantial thefts," said Tashbook. "We don't run UBE

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# The Coaches Speak Out

By Eddie Lucia

The successful conclusion of the fencing season at the recent Intercollegiate Championships is an excellent example of how the learning process functions in Varsity athletics.

With the graduation of the entire foil team plus the loss of other key men, City College was faced with a most difficult Varsity program. How could we justify a schedule that called for matches with such teams as Columbia, Harvard, Princeton and Yale, to say nothing of NYU, the NCAA champions? With no athletic scholarships



Coach Edward Lucia  
Foil's Opposition

to offer and with limited facilities, it became necessary for City to face almost certain defeat in many of the matches, if we were to learn to cope with the heat at the IFA Championship.

Forced to haul itself up by its own boot - straps, the foil team, raw and inexperienced at the start of the season garnered fifth place at the Championship. The epee team, with only one man experienced in that weapon, took fourth place, and the sabre team with one regular from last year, won the silver medals emblematic of the runner-up position in the sabre Championships. Total score: fourth place over Yale, Princeton, Cornell, Harvard—"e tutti quanti."

The standouts for the season are Manny Feinberg for a 19 and 5 dual meet record. Harry Mayer, who became an Intercollegiate medalist after only six months of instruction (truly remarkable), and Gerry Sobel who came off the bench with no experience at the IFA and really produced for the epee team. But each match had its quota of heroes and at the Championships all the men were heroes.

### Constant Training

Next year we lose only Al Kaplan in foil and Manny Feinberg in sabre, thru graduation—and so we will have some depth. By insisting on Modern Concepts of training for fencing (calisthenics, track, weight-lifting, etc.) we constantly improve neuro-muscular coordination, strength, speed, and endurance. No fencer will be eligible for Varsity Competition next season unless he can run a mile in under six minutes—consistently. It is interesting to see how many men forego the "coffee and doughnut" type of breakfast after a few weeks of this type of training!

However, one factor we do not have to improve here at City is the I.Q. of the men, their willingness to work, and their team spirit.

I have been asked what my ob-

jectives are in coaching fencing. Fencing is a truly exciting sport. I know of no greater thrill than facing an armed adversary in single combat. A combat where superior technique can overcome brute strength with so much ease. As a carry-over sport, fencing is second to none. As the years take their inevitable toll physically, the experience gained, the tactics and strategy learned, more than compensates. As an Olympic coach, I can testify to the extraordinary number of City College alumni

fencers who made the 1956 Olympic team. Axelrod, Bubanty, Cohen, Goldsmith and Luhell all represented the United States at Melbourne. Incidentally, Dr. Daniel Bubanty recently won his fourth United States Championship at the age of forty plus.

### Fencing Disciplines

But perhaps the most important objective is teaching the disciplines that are so often lacking today. One emerges well-tempered from the forge of fencing. Incidentally, it is interesting to note

that twenty-five young women trek to the Wingate Gym every Thursday at noon for fencing instruction during intra-mural hours and that for the first time Physical Education majors study fencing in a 15-25 course.

It is obvious that the athletic policy of City College is not exactly geared to the formation of championship teams. The problems in training a winning team are many and have been discussed in the past. I think wistfully, for

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## Lacrosse...

Ronald Bose and Vito Cutrone, two seniors have been named co-captains of the College's lacrosse team. Coach Leon "Chief" Miller announced yesterday.

This is the third year of varsity competition for Bose, who plays in the midfield position. Cutrone, a defenseman, is in his second season on the squad.

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