

OBSERVATION POST

Chartered or Not:

All Campus Groups Must Have Constitutions Ok'd

By RITA ASHKENAS

All student organizations must have their constitutions approved, regardless of whether or not they wish a charter, the Student Faculty Committee on Student Activities (SFC-SA) resolved yesterday.

This resolution is a part of the program set up to implement the General Faculty ruling of last term on membership lists. It states that "All co-curricular student organ-

izations with a charter with restrictions may not use the College name publicly and may not receive fee funds directly or indirectly. The designation, charter with restrictions, shall apply to all organizations who do not submit membership lists."

The General Policy Statement of the General Faculty requires groups which decide not to file membership lists to submit to the Department of Student Life the names of the faculty advisor president, and secretary, along with a statement of the aims and purposes of the organization.

In proposing the new motion, Professor Lawrence Podell (Sociology) said that some distinction must be made between the organizations which are non-chartered because they do not hand in membership lists, and those which are non-chartered because their constitutions have not been approved by SFCSA.

He added that, otherwise, groups whose constitutions are rejected can go back, and, by voting not to hand in membership lists, evade having to submit a constitution at all.



Dean James S. Peace
SFCSA Chairman

izations are divided into two categories: those who have a full charter and those who have a charter with restrictions.

"All college rules and regulations shall apply equally to both with the following exceptions: Or-

SZO . . .

Professor Burt W. Aginsky (Anthropology and Sociology) will speak at Hillel's Student Zionist organization meeting on "An Anthropological Analysis of Israel's Future," Tuesday at 4 P.M. in Hillel House, 475 West 140 Street. The speech is part of the celebration of Israel's Tenth Anniversary.

Class of '60 Valentine Hop

The Class of '60 is inviting everyone to bring their Valentines to a dance in honor of the birthday of the Saint of Love tomorrow at 8:30 P.M. in the Grand Ballroom of the Finley Student Center.

Stags who wish to try their luck with Cupid's bow and arrows will be welcomed too, according to Jack Levi, President of the Class of '60, along with intruders from other classes who want to see "how the better class lives."

Entertainment will be provided, for these who can tear themselves away from the refreshments long enough to dance.

Admission is by class card or twenty-five cents.

Cutie Series!
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Overnight Change:

Burns Guards Assigned College Security Control

By STEVE LUDWIG

At 12:01 this morning, the William J. Burns Detective Agency assumed responsibility for security coverage of the entire campus area.

Previously, the Burns Guards were stationed only around the South Campus area and in the Finley Student Center. It is rumored that the Burns force at the College will be in-



Pres. Buell G. Gallagher
Requests Guards

men from Civil Service lists. The Bureau has agreed to let the same money be used for Burns Guards, instead."

Provisional Employees Dismissed

Doctor Gallagher also revealed last night that for the past two years he has been requesting the Bureau to permit him use of the available funds for employing Burns Guards instead of Civil Service watchmen. The only men who will be dismissed will be "provisional employees."

From a source close to the Administration, it was learned that "almost every college has its own security force so they don't have to call local police in emergencies. Up until now, the College did not have its own full-time police force. It was assumed that eventually the College would have its own security system. Now the Burns Guards have been given a contract by the College to supply men on North and South Campuses both day and evening."

creased threefold. It is definitely known, however, the watchmen at the gates have been replaced by Burns Guards.

"Good and Welfare"

Captain Francis Stefanini, who was promoted to the position of Inspector, and will continue as supervisor of the Burns' force, declared that "Any change being made is for the good and welfare of the student body."

The entire security staff will remain under Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds Kenneth G. Fleming's control.

According to President Buell G. Gallagher, the change was made "by agreement with the Budget Bureau, which has in the past provided funds for the hiring of watch-

HP Schedules Term's Events

House Plan Association has announced its schedule of events for the term.

HP's Carnival Queen Ball will be held tentatively in the Hotel Roosevelt on March 21. At this dance the girl who will be Queen of the Carnival, which takes place on Saturday evening, May 10, will be chosen.

A location for the Carnival has not been found. Last term, the Carnival took place on the South Campus lawn. The Carnival theme will be a combination of the International Geophysical Year and the World's Fair which will begin in Brussels, Belgium, in April.

HP's Annual Camping Trip will take place April 9-13. The price of the trip will be \$12 for HP members and \$15 for non-members.

HP has also scheduled an Awards Night Dinner on May 16, a Mystery Bus Ride, a Student Faculty Picnic, and a Student Faculty Luncheon.

Clubs . . .

Club notes should be submitted to Observation Post at Room 336 Finley, no later than two days before publication, and should include the room, time and place of the meeting and the content of any special programs.

NSA Discuss Race Problem

Southern delegates to a National Student Association (NSA) conference on integration this past weekend, cited gradualism as the means by which integration should be achieved.

The delegation insisted on this on "all levels," such as education, employment and housing, according to Arthur Genen, Student Government Vice-President and representative of the College at the Conference.

Northern representation was predominant, he said, and the "Princeton men" were especially outspoken.

Former Attorney General Herbert Brownell and Professor Kenneth Clark (Psychology) were on the agenda of speakers.

Genen will present a report on the conference to Student Council Wednesday night.

House Plan Convention Votes Center's Facilities Inadequate

By an almost unanimous vote, a House Plan Convention which met Wednesday decided that the facilities of the Finley Student Center do not meet HP needs.

To aid the movement away from dependence upon the Center's facilities, a committee was set up to aid house plans in obtaining cellars and apartments for their parties.

Grievance List

In further action, the Convention decided to send a list of grievances to Mr. David Newton (Stu-



Mr. David Newton
Will Receive Grievances

dent Life) and recommend the following remedies:

• First, that the Friday night curfew on the Center be extended from midnight to 1 A.M;

• Second, that the entire floor (possibly the fourth floor) be given

over entirely to organizations for parties;

• Third, that a change in the existing Friday night pass system be instituted.

Dr. Gallagher Discusses Russian 'Challenge' to American Morale

Discussing the challenge to the United States created by current Soviet advances in the field of missiles and satellites, President Buell G. Gallagher last night asserted that we

must not abandon ourselves to "Garrison State" or "Super Technician" philosophies.

Speaking before Hillel, Dr. Gallagher contrasted the attitudes of Americans who place our military supremacy above all else with the attitudes of those who would have us rely on the "good will" of the Russians.

We must, according to Dr. Gallagher, re-emphasize all aspects of our educational scene, humane as well as technical. "I look with particular distaste," he said, "on the proposal to plunge this democracy into a crash program of missile development and space research

based on the harnessing of the nation's entire educational system."

Referring to the group of individuals who "hail the launching of the Sputniks simply as a piece of scientific progress," and find no cause for alarm, President Gallagher pointed out their "naivete" in assuming that the Soviets "do not mean business in their continuing efforts at world domination and control."

Dr. Gallagher maintained, however, that "we cannot afford to win the scientific skirmish at the risk of losing the major battle for humanity."

Writers . . .

Promethean will hold a meeting today in Room 348 Finley Student Center. The Literary Workshop will welcome new talent and material and will serve refreshments.

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Former Student Aide Returns As New Finley Center Advisor

A former student aide at the College has reversed his position — student aides now work for him.

Irwin L. Brownstein, '54, who was transferred from Evening Session to Dayside Student Life, once worked as a student aide in the Division of Testing and Guidance. His present "aiding" duties in DSL involve the supervision of programming in Finley center.

A squat, gray filing cabinet which Mr. Brownstein has in one corner of his office testifies to the fact that the range of his experience extends far beyond the limits of City College. Banners from Syracuse College and Columbia University cover the cabinet, which has travelled with him since his undergraduate days.

After receiving his Bachelor's degree in Psychology here, Mr. Brownstein pursued more specialized studies at Columbia Teachers College, where he obtained his Master's degree in Guidance and Student Administration.

Syracuse College received the benefit of his services when Mr. Brownstein undertook further studies at Syracuse College. While a student there, he supervised Residence Hall and was faculty advisor for Alpha Phi Omega, the school's service fraternity. His stay in Syracuse culminated in a research assistantship at the State University of New York's Medical College.

Mr. Brownstein and his filing cabinet have yet to undergo additional educational experiences. He is presently working towards his doctorate in Student Personnel Administration at Columbia University.

Much of Mr. Brownstein's attitudes towards the role of guidance advisor were formed at the Col-



Mr. Irwin L. Brownstein
Reverses Position

lege. "A faculty advisor helped me to develop many aspects of my personality which I feel now are assets," he stated, "and a good deal of that person's philosophy of life has become part of my own."

Recalling his student days at the College, when "the collegiate atmosphere was present to a much lesser degree," Mr. Brownstein hopes to work for an "even greater development and enrichment of group experiences in extra-curricular life here."

Mr. Brownstein hopes that students will avail themselves of the extracurricular facilities at the College, realizing that the specific details of his new job "will in large part be determined by the students with whom I work."

—Meijomil

Tech Student Program Set

Lower Junior and Upper Sophomore Technology majors have been invited to take part in an orientation program tomorrow in the Finley Student Center.

According to Program Chairman Basil E. Potter, the "Lower Junior Orientation Project" will consist of three phases:

• First, President Buell G. Gallagher, Dean William Allan (Technology) and Dean James S. Peace (Student Life) will address the students;

• Then the students will be able to ask their advisors questions about their objectives. There will be one student advisor to each group of about five juniors and sophomores;

• Finally there will be an "Open House" consisting of guided tours through Finley. The groups will visit Student Government, House Plan and other officers where they will speak to representatives of these organizations.

Cadets . . .

Second Lieutenant's commissions in the United States Army were awarded last Friday to twenty-four cadets at the College's semi-annual ROTC commissioning exercises. Addresses were given by President Buell G. Gallagher and by Colonel Harold C. Brookhart, Professor of Military Science and Tactics.

New Classes For Art Bldg.

Several new classrooms will be constructed in Eisner Hall along with new Art Department rooms. The reconstruction is still in its planning stages, and the completion date is not definite.

The second-floor rooms were previously occupied by the Board of Higher Education's Department of Architecture and Engineering (DAE).

Mr. Arthur A. Schiller, head of the DAE division at the College, said the move will assemble all units of the New York City BHE at 535 East 80 Street, the new headquarters.

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ASSORTED

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George, I hate you.

—Rudolph

Tracksters . . .

The College's track team plays host to five visiting track squads Saturday at Lewisohn Stadium. The pre-season warmup scheduled for 1 PM features Adelphi, Columbia, Hunter, Brooklyn, Fairleigh Dickinson, and Montclair State Teacher's College.



A SCHOOL AWAY FROM SCHOOL

Students majoring in science, like all other American students, have a wild yearning for culture, but, alas, when a student is after a degree in engineering or math or like that, he simply does not have time to take all the liberal arts courses his heart pines for.

And what is being done about this unhappy situation? I'll tell you what: Enlightened corporations everywhere are setting up on-the-job liberal arts programs for the newly employed science graduate—courses designed to broaden his cultural base—for the enlightened corporation realizes that the truly cultured employee is the truly valuable employee.

Take, for example, Lambswool Sigafos.

A week after his graduation, Lambswool reported to Mr. Femur, the personnel director of an enlightened corporation engaged in the manufacture of cotter pins and wing nuts. "How do you do?" said Lambswool. "I'm Lambswool Sigafos and I've come to work."

"Sit down," said Mr. Femur, chuckling kindly. "Have a Marlboro."

"Thank you," said Lambswool. "I like Marlboros. I like their filter and their flavor."

"Me too," said Mr. Femur, blinking humanely. "And I like their flip-top box. When my flip-top box of Marlboros is empty, I use it to keep fish hooks in."

"Know what I do when my flip-top box of Marlboros is empty?" asked Lambswool.

"What?" said Mr. Femur, sniggering graciously.

"I buy some more Marlboros," said Lambswool.

"A sound idea," said Mr. Femur, vibrating fetchingly. "But enough chit-chat. Come along to the campus."

"Campus?" said Lambswool, puzzled. "But I've come to work. Take me to my drawing board."

"This is an enlightened corporation," said Mr. Femur, yodelling viciously. "First you must get your cultural base broadened."

Mr. Femur took Lambswool to the training campus, which looked like any other campus. It had ivy-covered buildings, dormitories, fraternity and sorority houses, a stadium, a deer park, and a moat. Lambswool was given a roommate, a beanie, and copies of the company hymn and rouser, and the enlightened corporation proceeded to fill the gap in his culture.



The Corporation Proceeded to fill the Gap in his Culture

First he was taught to read, then to print capital letters, then capital and small letters. Then there was an attempt to teach him script, but it was ultimately abandoned.

From these fundamentals, Lambswool progressed slowly but steadily through the more complex disciplines. He was diligent, and the corporation was patient, and in the end they were rewarded, for when Lambswool finished, he could play a clavier, compose a triolet, parse a sentence, and identify the birthstone for every month of the year.

His lengthy schooling finally over, Lambswool was assigned to an important executive position where he served with immense distinction. . . . Not, however, for long, because one week later he reached retirement age.

Today, still spry, he lives in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he supplements his pension by parsing sentences for tourists.

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Here's a sentence that's easy to parse: Subject—you. Verb—get. Object—a lot to like in a Marlboro, whose makers bring you this column throughout the school year.

The Theatre . . .

The Student Government Cultural Agency, in conjunction with Dramsoc, will sponsor a playwriting contest open to everyone. Entries must be one-act plays that can be produced in the round.

There is no limit on subject matter. The prize consists of \$15 to the author and \$85 to Dramsoc for production of the play. Submission date is March 10 and entries must be handed in under a pseudonym to the SG office, Room 332 Finley Student Center. A sealed envelope containing the true identity of the author must accompany the work.

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- Hughes
- Corning Glass
- Remington Rand Univac
- General Electric
- The Data Processing Center of Serv. Bur. Corp.
- US Bureau of Public Roads
- NY Telephone Co.
- Bell Labs
- Western Electric
- Industrial Nucleonics
- US Army Eng. R & D Labs
- Port of NY Authority
- CGS Labs
- Vertol Aircraft Corp.
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- Sinclair Research Labs Inc.
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- United Aircraft Corp.
- Continental Can Co.
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- Allied Chem. & Dye Corp.
- Reeves Instr. Corp.
- US Navy Electronic Lab
- David Taylor Model Basin
- North Amer. Aviation
- Freeport Sulphur Co.
- Interchem. Corp.
- Otis Elevator Co.
- Phila. Naval Shipyard
- Dunn Engrng Assoc. Inc.
- General Electronics Labs
- NY Naval Shipyard
- Hycon Eastern

'Cutie' No. 1



Perky Barbara Marks is our first OP Cutie. The 17-year-old Art Major keeps her 34-23-34 frame by playing tennis and practicing ballet. She likes "all types of animal—including boys." Note the pony tail.

Fees . . .

The Student Government Fee Commission will hold hearings on organization budgets every Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 2-5 PM in Room 332 Finley. The deadline for submitting the budgets is Friday, February 28. Extra fee forms are available in Room 151 Finley.

FRATERNITIES!

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— Annon

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ALL WELCOME



Beaver Blues

By STAN HENDLER

It was recently charged here that Main Events is attempting to foist the prosaic name "Benny" upon the student body as an appellation for the statue newly-erected behind Finley Center.

We were wrong. In a column published Monday, the Evening Session newspaper finds itself in apparent agreement with our stand. They go on to suggest another contest — to find the Beaver's last name. It is obvious, however, that this can be nothing but "Beaver."

Many students feel that our feldspar friend should be moved from his perch amid the shrubbery and re-erected in a more conspicuous location. Those who object to his color may be pacified by a comment from Professor Eliot Friedman (Sociology and Anthropology) to the effect that "it will eventually be covered with lichens."

Be that as it may, our little contest is rolling merrily along. The outstanding entry to date is from Lewis Carroll, who feels the Beaver should be named "Brillig" because "he is slithy."

Entries can be brought to Room 336 Finley, or left in OP's mailbox in Room 151 Finley. The deadline is this Tuesday at 6 PM, the winners to be announced on Thursday. To the victor will go the glory of starting a tradition and a CCNY real-collegiate-type beer stein. The second-best entrant will receive a statue of the beaver, donated by the College's Book Store, located in Finley Center.

Let's call the beaver

because

Name Class

Address

Phone Number

Grapplers vs. Marines...

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"King's Point is just itching to give us a beating this year because of our upset of them last season," said Beaver coach Joe Sapora, "but we're hoping to repeat that performance again. We've had some rough matches this year, but this will be the toughest of them all."

City has dropped its last two decisions after winning three of its first four matches and a vic-

tory will ensure a "break-even" season with only one more contest to go.

Lavender hopes rest with co-captain Bernie Woods (147 pounder) and Milt Gittleman (heavyweight). Woods, who was undefeated last season, has only lost one match this year, and Gittleman, thus far has won four of six decisions, including a draw.

Professor Sapora is also expecting a fine showing from two other "dependables," Jack Izower (157 pounder) and Jerry Horowitz in the 167 pound class.

The other starters against the Mariners will be Myron Wollin (123), Ben Heller (130), Jerry Jacobs (137) and Harvey Werblood (177).

With a heavy heart and a feeling of great loss, Tau Delta Phi wishes to announce that its pet vulture has passed away. Services will be held Friday evening, Feb. 14 after our smoker.

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—Karen

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Beavers Seek Met Crown— Face Brooklyn and Queens

By PETER FRANKLIN

After dropping a 61-47 tilt to Fordham Wednesday night, the Beaver five will be trying to get back on the winning side of the ledger when they go against Brooklyn College tonight and Queens College on Monday.

Also in the offing will be a chance to clinch a tie for first place with Brooklyn in the Metropolitan Conference by defeating the Kingsmen then sew it up with a win over Queens.

(For both games coach Polansky will probably use the same starting line-up of Ascher, Lewis, Bob Silver, Joe Bennardo, and then fill in with either Len Walitt or Groveman or Julio Delatorre. Lewis is high man with a 14-point average.)

The Brooklyn five, coached by Placido Gomez, has been experiencing a fair season with an 8-6 record. High scorer for the Kingsmen is Nick Gaetani who has been averaging over twenty per game. Gaetani with a total of 952 is the highest scorer in the history of the college.

The usually troublesome Kingsmen, were stopped, 66-51, by the Beavers in their last meeting. Much of the credit was given to Beaver Marty Groveman who held Gaetani to fourteen.

With all things being just about the same as in the last CCNY-Brooklyn match, and a little prayer for our foul-line shooting, the



OPPOSING STRATEGISTS: Placido Gomez (left), and Dave Polansky match wits tonight as the Kingsmen play host to the Lavender.

Beavers should do more than hold their own.

Game time is 8:30 PM in the Brooklyn Gym.

The Queens contest, usually a breather, will still be a big one since the Met title may be at stake.

The Knights have not beaten the Beavers in nine previous starts. In their last outing against the Polansky five they were trounced, 66-51.

Joel Ascher scored 19 and Hector Lewis tallied 17 against the Knights. Big man for Queens was Bob Bass who sent 24 points through the hoop for the Knights. Tony Carpio is their high scorer with a 13-point average.

Game time is 8:30 PM in the Wingate Gym.

Beaver record for the season is 7-5.

Wanted...

Lacrosse coach, Leon "Chief" Miller has sounded the call for managers. All candidates should inquire at the Athletic Association office (Ol Lewishon). At least two managers are needed.

Matmen Meet Sailors Today

By NORM WEINER

The College's Wrestling Team has its work cut out for it tonight at 8 PM when the Grapplers meet undefeated King's Point at the latter's Gymnasium.

In a similar situation last season, the matmen stopped a previously unbeaten Mariner team 16-14. The United States Merchant Marine Academy boasts eight victories in a row and is rated one of the best in the Metropolitan area.

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Lavender Visit Violet Vikings Less Coach, Two Swimmers

By S. ALEXANDER BADEN

This afternoon the College's swimming team will invade the land of the Violet Vikings minus the services of Fred Vicidomoni, Bill Bass and Coach Jack Ryder.

The Coach, who is still on sick leave, will be replaced by soccer mentor Harry Karlin. Vicidomoni is scholastically ineligible while Bass has left the team for personal reasons, and it is doubtful if either of them will be easily replaced.

NYU is going into the meet with a 6-3 record while the Beavers show a 2-4 mark, having beaten only Brooklyn College and Brooklyn Poly. NYU has defeated both Manhattan and Fordham, both of whom have beaten the College.

Violet Coach Joe Varriello said "City is much weaker than last year and we are not expecting too much trouble from them." Dr. Karlin commented, "NYU is strong, and will be tough to beat."

Gal Hoopsters Score Record

The College's Women's Basketball team trounced Molloy College, 70-26, Tuesday evening at the losers' gym. It was the fourth win for the Hoopsterettes against two defeats.

The Beaverettes started the scoring and didn't stop. They jumped ahead by a 23-point margin at the half.

High scorer for the team and the game with twenty-eight points was Mary Dominique.

On Sports

By BERNIE LEFKOWITZ

Dear Lew,

Now you've brought it out into the open. No insinuations, no subtlety. Nat Holman and City College are through. Only one man can coach the basketball team and Nat's out — or he should be.

When a man seems too old, when his methods appear outdated, relegate him to the rubbish heap. He can always take a job as a scout for the Knicks, or better still he can coach the freshman team.

"Write to me," you said, "go to the games and let the coach know you're behind him." Well, Lew, if every time I go to a basketball game, if everytime I cheer for the Beavers I'm telling Nat Holman that the doors are closed to him; that I can't wait a year or two until he voluntarily retires, I'd rather sit home.

There are few people at the College who mean more to me than Dave Polansky. From the time that I covered freshman basketball to the Emmitsberg show, Dave has achieved tremendous stature. In my College years as well as in yours, Lew, the coach has been more than a name in a sports story — but he's never, never been a legend. I consider him a warm, human friend and a remarkably talented coach, that any school would welcome.

Last spring I wrote a column in which I predicted that "if Holman comes back to coach, Polansky will not be forgotten." Dave is still coaching, but Holman, who has devoted thirty-six years of his life to his position, is being ungraciously and unceremoniously dismissed. I wonder how it feels to be an antique? I wonder how it sounds: Nat Holman, coach emeritus?

I don't have to fight for Nat Holman. He's been doing his own battling for some time. You talk about the big "squeeze" Lew, well, Holman has been experiencing a little pressure, too. These past few years haven't been easy for Holman either. In 1955, the squad lost fifteen of eighteen games. But Joe Bennardo was only a sophomore and Syd Levy still couldn't handle himself in the bucket.

Ralph Shefflan didn't have the defensive moves or the floor game yet. Jim Mazzaferro, Marv Rose and Hector Lewis weren't on the team. Richey Garber played when he was unknowingly ineligible and we forfeited to Upsala; Shefflan chucked one off his ear with a four point lead and a minute and a half to go and the Lavender bowed to Hunter. These facts aren't excuses or explanations. I submit them as a reaction to your statistics. A 20-35 record can convince only the naive and the uninformed.

Neither will a 20-35 mark make my father stop reminiscing about the days when, as a teen-ager, he watched Holman, Davy Banks, Dutch Dehnert and Joe Lapchick guide basketball through its chaotic infancy, shaping it into a high-powered, offense-oriented game. And all the memories of Fordham and St. Francis and Manhattan last year won't dim my recollection of the jubilant Beavers carrying the coach off the Garden floor after upsetting Bradley. Personally, I would rather have the Lavender lose thirty-six games in the next two seasons than see Nat Holman canned.

It is true that Dave Polansky is a young man, and his insecurity and anxiety are depressing. But Dave has time. And he must know that there can be no one ahead of him when Holman finally steps down. He has proved himself — and his position is permanent.

Talk about tight spots. Talk about loyalty. Nat Holman has stayed with the College when lesser men would have run for cover. For many years he was basketball at this school. When there was nothing left they still came to play for Holman. How many times, I wonder, has Nat refused lucrative offers to coach elsewhere. Leonard Schecter was not too discursive when he inquired in the New York Post, "Why doesn't someone sound out Nat Holman on the NYU opening left by Howard Cann?"

I don't know the answer. The two men in their own individual ways excel in a precarious occupation. It is ironical that possibly the two best coaches in the Metropolitan area are on the same staff. Talent and incompetence often vary directly as the number of admirers or detractors. Maybe one of the two can do a better job, but, I doubt if that is the point. The question is: would you intentionally hurt one of them.

My normally irascible nature puts me at odds with the prevalent feeling on the campus. Yet the logic seems incontrovertible. Holman will retire soon. How much time does he have left? Why make his last memories of the College ugly ones? It's tough for Dave, too, but he has one quality that Holman can never have again — youth.

I've heard that Polansky was rightly disturbed at your column, Lew. His immediate problem is the next six games — or more pressing Brooklyn tonight — and I am certain, if I know Dave at all, that NYU and St. John's constitute a more menacing "squeeze" than his tenuous position next season, a situation that is modifiable over eight months. By next season Holman may decide to make his leave permanent (although he now states that he will return). Anyway the middle of the season is no time to initiate a campaign.

Lew, I think your effort has made Dave — at the least — more uncomfortable than before; as for Holman, he should be hardened to this sort of vituperation by now.

You asked us to write and now it's your turn, Lew.

Sincerely,
Bernie



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