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ate Bombings ust 'Stunts,' Writer Claims

Recent bombings of religious temples in the South are "advertising stunts for anti-Semitic fund-raising," a New York Post reporter Stanley Opatowsky asserted last night.

He said "the areas were not bombed because of what Jews may have done, but for the inability of raising funds for the cause." Further, the bombers were "careful and expert" in placing the bombs in "exactly the right positions, so people would not be injured," he said.

Sponsored by Hillel to speak on "The Dynamiters," Opatowsky said he would not deliver a speech because "the situation is obvious," but he invited the audience to ask questions.

The bombings, he said, are "a continuation of the violence which began after the Supreme Court decision ordering integration of schools—a logical chain in which the villains are obvious." In answer to a later question, Opatowsky identified the "real villains" as "Southern politicians who have made integration inevitable but who have a good thing to further their political ends."

'Screwballs'

A small bunch of "screwballs" are responsible for the actual bombings, Opatowsky said. "They came from Baltimore and Virginia," he declared. He mentioned that the Federal Bureau of Investigation "suspects it is Arab money" but that no definite connection has been established. Also, Opatowsky said, "One of the six men arrested in the Atlanta bombing case made some mention of a man from New York being down."

Queens College Group OK's Plan to Evade Smith Act Ban

A plan to evade the Smith Act speaker ban on the Queens College campus was passed by a Queens Student-Faculty Committee this week.

The Queens College Student Association Activities Board, akin to the Finley Center Board of Managers, passed a speakers' plan calling for "no ideological or organizational restrictions" on speakers at Queens.

Three Questions

The plan requires that student organizations "consider" three fundamental questions before inviting speakers. The questions concern whether the proposed speaker is something positive to contribute, is an authority, and whether common decency will be violated by his appearance.

Present policy of the Council of Municipal College Presidents provides that persons convicted under the Smith Act shall not be allowed



A Thanksgiving Prom will be held November 27 in the Hotel Statler-Hilton. Art Stanley's band and comic Phil Foster will perform. A doorprize of a Columbia Transistor Radio, donated by the College Bookstore, will be presented to a lucky ticketholder. Tickets at \$5 per couple are on sale in the IFC-office, Room 329A Finley.

Pasternak Novel Discussed: 'Nobel Prize Due To Ideas'

The ideological significance of this year's Nobel Prize-winning novel was more responsible for its victory than was its literary style.

This theory was expounded during the discussion of Pasternak's "Dr. Zhivago" at Hillel yesterday. History professors Stanley Page and Aaron Noland described it as being exemplary of Russian literature, which they explained is "permeated by eternal sadness."

"You get the feeling of the terribly hard life the Russians had been leading," Professor Page continued.

Both professors agreed that for the first 300 pages, the reader is forced to "plow through" incessant physical description and bland characterizations.

"If you want to sense and feel," Professor Page advised, "then this is the book for you."

College Scores in Election; Sixteen Alumni Gain Posts

By EDITH SHAPIRO

Tuesday's election proved the College's value as a political training ground when it swept sixteen alumni into office.

Nelson A. Rockefeller, University of Dartmouth graduate, managed to carry the state despite his lack of College schooling.

The lack of Convent Avenue training was more disastrous, however, to Governor Averell Harriman. School-spirited alumni might have brought him the additional votes needed for his election.

Unguaranteed

A College diploma does not, however, insure election. This point was borne out by an equal number of winners and losers among former Beavers.

Eight graduates will be seated in the House of Representatives, while thirteen College-bred legislators will meet in Albany next year. Six state politicians were elected by Bronxites, while residents of Manhattan brought four state legislators into office. George B. De Luca, college graduate, lost his bid for the post of Lieutenant-Governor. He was the sole College aspirant for a state-wide post.

Merc . . .

Mercury, the College's humor magazine will be on sale Wednesday and Thursday, at the main entrance of Finley, and in Lincoln Corridor, Shepard Hall.

The entire publication is a parody of Life Magazine.

The price is 25c.

SG Presidential Council Decides to Act Informally

By ED MARSTON

The Municipal College Presidents, meeting last night, unanimously decided not to form an official body.

According to SG President Mike Horowitz, the group felt it could achieve more as an informal group. Horowitz emphasized that the Presidents do not intend to dissolve the group and have already scheduled a meeting for the first week in December.

The Presidents voted to admit the evening session SG Presidents. "With the evening session presidents included, I feel that the group is truly representative of all the Municipal College students," said Horowitz.

The body, in another unanimous decision, instructed Horowitz to arrange for a meeting of the group with Governor-elect Nelson Rockefeller to discuss state aid to the municipal colleges.

In a statement issued during the campaign Rockefeller had indicated his support for state aid, and expressed a desire to meet with the presidents after the elections.

Horowitz said the Rockefeller



Mike Horowitz
Arranges Meeting

statement was a "direct result of the Observation Post story concerning Governor Averill Harriman's support for state aid." He said that the "Board of Higher Education, the Council of Municipal College Presidents, and the Alumni Association had been unable to obtain such a statement."

Horowitz said that state aid is one of the three issues he feels the presidents should concern themselves with. The other two are the Smith Act ban and problems arising from increased enrollment. He went on to say that the concerted voice of the SG presidents will wield much greater influence than the individual voices of the presidents.

Postmortem . . .

Thomas K. Finletter, former Secretary of the Air Force will speak at the College on Monday at 3:15 PM in the Grand Ballroom of the Finley Student Center.

The topic of his discussion will be "Election Postmortems."

600 Sign Petition Urging Nuclear Ban

A petition urging an immediate agreement for the permanent cessation of nuclear weapons testing was signed by over 600 students and faculty members this week.

The petitions are being presented to the heads of the delegations of the three major powers at the Geneva Conference: James J. Wadsworth, United States of America, David Ormsby Gore, United Kingdom, and Seymour Tsarapkin, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The petition is part of a nationwide campaign, sponsored by the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy.

—Schneider

Recorded Jazz In Lounge at 3

A survey of modern jazz will today replace the more traditional classical compositions broadcast to the Bittenwieser Lounge every Friday afternoon from 3 to 6 PM.

Students will have an opportunity to enjoy ten selections associated with different phases of the modern American jazz scene. Stan Cohen, President of the Modern Jazz Society, said that the purpose of the concert is to "acquaint the college student with the new sound in American music."

Third in Series

This concert is the third in a series of Music Listening Hours presented by the Finley Center Managers Agency, in cooperation with the Student Government Cultural Agency. These Hours are the beginning of a series of closed circuit broadcasts to Bittenwieser Lounge, to be sponsored by Beaver Broadcasters.

According to Bert Sund, Cultural Agency chairman, these programs are part of a plan to stimulate club activities over the entire campus. "Beaver Broadcasters," Sund added, "have long been searching for an outlet for the taped programs they prepare. This is the perfect opportunity."

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Informality

It has yet to be proven that an informal group wields more power than a recognized organization.

The municipal college Student Government presidents, in relinquishing their first real hold on a centralized policy-making council, have castrated themselves.

They have shown a surprising lack of foresight for leaders who hold the highest student positions in their respective schools.

This body can never attain its goals informally. Questions of speaker bans and state aid are formal, and formidable, ones. A group chartered and recognized by the Board of Higher Education carries weight which no informal gathering, regardless of the august personages of which it is composed, can hope to achieve.

The presidents will see this for themselves when they try to oppose the Smith Act ban, if not before. As a chartered organ of the BHE, the Municipal Council of Student Government Presidents could rightfully come before the Administrative Council of Municipal College Presidents to plead for academic freedom as viewed by its members.

But working within the context that the presidents themselves have chosen, there is no reason to suppose that the Administrative Council will choose to recognize them. Indeed, this group shall have to be recognized anew in each battle that it fights.

How much simpler and more forthright to be chartered once, and for all time.

Councils of this sort have been attempted before: each time a lack of unity caused failure. Without a basic form and charter to bind the members together, there is no choice but to doubt such an informal group's stability and ability to endure.

Fight Against Artificiality

Once again students have clearly voiced their position in regard to restrictions on speakers.

This time it is Queens College which has rebelled against artificial regulations of the freedom to speak, and the call for "no ideological or organizational restrictions" resounds once more through the city.

Brooklyn College students fought the Smith Act ban all the way to the Administrative Council of Presidents last term, finally obtaining permission to invite John Gates to their campus.

We have fought here, time and time again, for the appearance of various forbidden speakers. Student Government, the General Faculty, and President Gallagher have pleaded for the removal of the odious administrative fiat.

We are tired of constantly addressing our pleas to a blank wall. Students have made a new move which must inevitably result in battle with the only body empowered to rescind the ban—the body which introduced it—the Administrative Council of Presidents. It must be backed by the authorities of Queens College.

The failure of the General Faculty of Queens College, and of the president, to pass the recommendations of the Student Association Activities Board would be a slap in the face of all students, faculty, and administration, who have worked so long to originate a plan which guards against both inroads on their ideas of freedom and the appearance of undesirable speakers.

Now, indeed, has such a plan been offered. While the students are empowered to choose their own speakers, they are also required to consider their moral responsibility to the students whom they serve.

Perhaps this is the beginning of the final struggle for the rights of students to hear all points of view on their campuses—a beginning of the final struggle for the rights of students to hear all points of view on their campuses—a beginning of the identification of the college with the world beyond its gates.

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Name of College Uttered in Vain; 'CCNY Prof.' Rants Over Airwaves

By CARL GEWIRTZ

Late Sunday night, ears of the faithful "Night People" throughout the city perked up at the introduction of Dr. Sholem Stein, "CCNY Professor" on the Jean Shepherd WOR radio show.

Dr. Stein was introduced on a tape recording as "Professor of Hebrew at the City College of New York" and an "authority on the origins of calypso." The hundreds of students flipping through the pages of the College Bulletin in search of the professor's name met with disappointment. It wasn't there.

Meanwhile, the interview had progressed to the point where Dr. Stein was reciting the following calypso verse:

"Way down south where Bananas grow,
 Ants are stepping on elephant toes.
 Elephant jump with tears in his eyes,
 He said, 'Why don't you mash someone your size?'"

"This seems rather innocent verse," the doctor observed, "but comparing it to the Mishnah, the third of the seven books of Moses, we find a similar thing . . . the banana symbolizes a plantain. Scientific authorities have shown us that the world is shaped like a football. It seems to be maintaining balance that way, going on

and on through the ages."

At this stage, even the most faithful Shepherd devotee thought he had missed a few words.

The doctor then proceeded to a



Jean Shepherd
 Satirist

discussion of his secondary interests, among them, political science.

"Israel," he said, "is the pivot point of the Near East."

"If that falls, the British Empire, the Suez Canal, consequently the Panama Canal, in fact all canals, ah (pause), international trade will be affected and the British pound sterling will go down. That will bring the value of gold up and the ratio will be thrown off balance to create reflections even in the ruble, the yen. Yes, it's a very profound subject, economics. Very interesting."

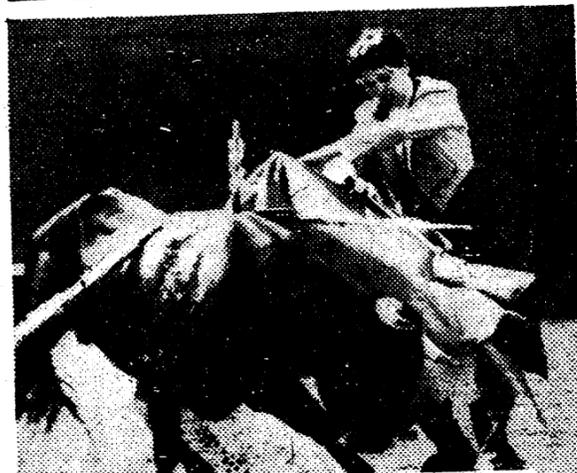
Commenting on this portion of the show, Mr. Irwin Brownstein (Student Life) said that it is "unfortunate when the College's name is used in this manner."

"Just as I thought the College of Complexes of New York was detrimental publicity for the school," he continued, "the use of our name in any instance is illegitimate and unfortunate for the College and the people of New York who are responsible for it."

When asked for comment, Jean Shepherd maintained that he "can't worry about those who don't understand [satire]. It's too bad if they don't."

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Soccermen Eye Record; Meet Brockport Tom'w

The College's soccer team will be out to shatter last year's record total of 52 tallies when it clashes with the far travelled Brockport State Teachers' squad tomorrow at 1:30 PM in Lewisohn Stadium.

The Beavers have gnawed their previous notches on the log in their previous eight forays; Billy Sund, who as of Tuesday's contest against Brooklyn, holds the individual high scoring championship, having accounted for seventeen of the goals.

Tomorrow's game will be the last of the season for Brockport's Golden Eagles; so far they have devoured most of their competition including such powers as Buffalo State, and McMasters.

Today the Eagles will have their talons filed down by the rugged and powerful bruisers from West Point.

The Lavender has compiled a 7-0-1 record so far. There are still four games to go on the College schedule—tomorrow is the last non-Metropolitan League tilt.

The Upstaters have travelled 450 miles to destroy the Beaver prey, and they are expected to give the Cityites a rough going. According to Beaver Coach Harry Karlin, "this is the game in which we have to show ourselves to be the champions that we are!"

Under Observation

Incidentally the Lavender team will be under the scrutinizing eyes of the Eagle coach Huntly Parker Jr. Professor Parker is the president of the National Soccer Association, and Chairman of the All-American Selection Committee.

Brockport, a college for physical education majors, has the material for a good team, conceded the Beaver mentor, and added, "they have an excellent coach." But he hinted that his boys might score better against them than against a sloppy team like Brooklyn. "Brooklyn plays a game of defensive soccer," Professor Karlin confided, "while Brockport plays an offensive and open brand of game, as we do."

Minus All-American

The Teachers have lost last year's All-American Bill Hughes, but they still have the services of Ray Woodward, a member of the All-New York State team. Fred Taube and Roland Sandburg, the team's co-captains, will lead the squad that sports seven varsity lettermen.

Next Wednesday, the Beavers will meet Adelphi at the Stadium. Last year the Lavender defeated the boys from Garden City 7-1.



Billy Sund
Record Breaker

this year the Adelphi team looks no more formidable and the game should be a refreshing pause in the Beaver schedule.

Swim...

City's swimming team, which wound up in eighth place in last year's Metropolitan Championships, has announced its 1958-'59 schedule.

It will open the season December 3, against Manhattan in the Wingate Gymnasium building. Also on the schedule are Columbia, Brooklyn Poly, Hunter, Fordham, Brooklyn, New York University, Kings Point and Lafayette.

According to Coach Rider the squad is shaping up fine, and with some practice in several of the events the swimmers will be ready and able to take on all comers by next month.

Hunter Favored in Met Run Beaver Coach Predicts Loss

If Cross-Country Coach Harry Di Girolamo's prophecy proves correct, the Beaver runners will not garner the title of Municipal College Champions at Van Cortlandt Park tomorrow morning.

The team to beat, according to Di Girolamo, will once again be Hunter's Hawks. "This year," he said, "they will field a much improved squad—in fact, their five top runners have repeatedly broken thirty minutes.

Still, the coach is confident that the Lavender will be able to outrun Brooklyn and Queens.

To beat the Hawks, the Beaver's middle runners, Irv Kalet, Dennis

Corr, Marv Holland, Bob Rye and Tom King, will have to at least match their previous times of the season. This is asking, of course, that the Colleges, Ralph Taylor and Phil Phillips, will place high in the scores. They will be battling for the title with such Hunter stars as Matt Taylor and Art Backman.

Queens too will field a much improved team, led by George Sealing and Frank Young. These have placed 1-2 consistently in Knight's matches. The Queens team has been strengthened by addition of a large group of indoor runners to the Cross-Country squad. This has also resulted in increased interest in the sport the college. Their record for the year thus far is 3-1.

This is the situation on the eve of the big meet. As coach Di Girolamo stated, "It is possible but only remotely so, that we will emerge from it the new champion."

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