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National Group Scores Lists

Liberal Religious Youth (LRY), the national organization of Universalist and Unitarian Youth, has called for the abolition of compulsory membership lists for campus organizations.

At the continental convention at Wilford College, North Carolina, 10 representatives endorsed a resolution condemning the list regulations as tending to stifle student-curricular activity. The resolution pointed out that "they have been, and can be, used to intimidate and drive out of existence unpopular organizations," and as such are "violations of the right of each individual to the privacy of opinion."

Political clubs at the College, such as the Students for Democratic Action, the Marxist Discussion Club, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People have reported severe membership losses and consequent curtailment of activity due to the fear of "guilt by association" created by the lists regulations which require that all clubs submit a list of members of the Department of Student Life.

Similarities Noted

The LRY resolution is similar to those of such organizations as the American Civil Liberties Union, the Americans for Democratic Action, the National Student Association, and the College's chapter of the American Association of University Professors, which have also come out against membership lists.

Fleming Urges Stern Action Against Campus Litterbugs

Stern disciplinary action against campus litterbugs is advocated by Kenneth G. Fleming (Buildings and Grounds).

Mr. Fleming is strongly in favor of imposing fines on persistent violators. Their negligence, he says, "not only increases the work of my staff but far more important, it reflects badly upon the character of the student body." Mr. Fleming added that he is convinced that financial penalties are the most effective and expedient way to tackle the problem. "It worked at the Universities of Washington and New Mexico," he added, "and it can work here."

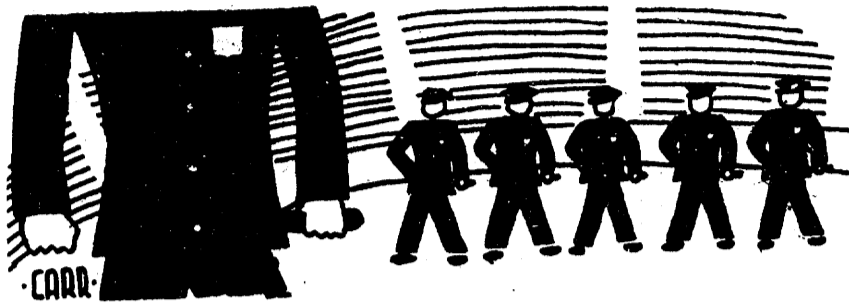
Other Concerns

But litterbugs are not Mr. Fleming's only concern. The overall responsibilities of his job are staggering. The College must be under twenty-four hour police protection. Aside from the day and night cleaning crews, there are many crews of specialized personnel.

Kenneth Fleming, overseer of some 300 custodial, police, and maintenance personnel at the College has discovered that "taking care of this school is a pretty big job."

—Freedman

The Rugged Type



Last week we advertised for the aesthetic soul. This week we broaden our horizons. This time we want eunuchs. That's right. We've had enough of this back-of-the-office jazz. Enough of those late, late nights at the printers. Alright you men who eat, drink, sleep and exude journalism. All right you intellectual crating, marshal your forces. Concentrate your power and you will drive this propogation nonsense out of all decent living rooms. Join OP and sleep tight. After we're through with you no women will ever disturb your dreams.

Driver Ed:

Three of Four Students Passed on First Attempt

"A phenomenal three out of four students who participated in the Student Government Education Program last term, passed their driving tests on the first try, announced Bob Bisnoff, last term's chairman of the SG Service Agency. "This," he continues, "compares very favorably with the general average of one out of three passing on the first attempts."

Next Friday is the deadline for applications to this term's driving program. Two courses are being sponsored by SG this term in conjunction with the Empire Auto Association.

The first of the plans will provide for ten lecture hours, ten hours of driving, and six observation hours in the Association's

dual control cars. The cost per student will be fifty dollars.

Alternate Plan

For a cost of thirty-two dollars the student will receive ten hours of lectures, six hours of driving and three hours of observation. According to Association representatives, both courses are being presented at forty per cent savings to the students.

A bonus, providing for \$25 to every club of over one hundred enrolling ten per-cent of their members in the program is being offered by SG.

Applicants must be at least eighteen years of age. Applications and further information are available in the SG office, Room 332 Finley.

—Steinberg

Chancellorship Race:

Gallagher Denies Possible Interest

By RITA ASHKENAS

President Buell G. Gallagher announced yesterday that he definitely will not be nominated for the position of Chancellor of the Municipal System of Higher Education.

The President said this in response to an article in last week's "World-Telegram and Sun" which stated that he would be the likely candidate for that position.

The nomination of the Chancellor will be made by the Administrative Council of Presidents, of which Dr. Gallagher is the Chairman. According to him, the Council thought that it had found the man for the job, but previous commitments made it impossible for him to accept the position. They will begin the search anew, but due to the busy schedule of the school year, President Gallagher expressed doubt as to whether a



President Buell G. Gallagher Chooses Not to Run

new name would be up for consideration before next term.

The Chancellor, when elected, will act as Chairman of the Administrative Council of Presidents, and will be charged with the responsibility of educational leadership and the fulfillment of the duties of the Council as outlined in the by-laws. This includes the planning and development of coordinated and adequate system of Higher Education under municipal auspices.

"The Chancellor," said Dr. Gallagher, "will not assume any of the functions of the presidents of the municipal colleges. Each college will retain its autonomy and individual status under the Board of Higher Education. The Chancellor's job will be overall coordination." He added that the Chancellor will be responsible for contacts with the city, state and federal governments.

Lifts Loads

"He is the one," he concluded, "who will lift heavy loads off the shoulders of the presidents in the system as a whole. However, his authority will stop at the campus."

The Municipal System of Higher Education is now known under the corporate name of the College of the City of New York. It is comprised of the four undergraduate four-year Colleges: this College, Brooklyn, Queens and Hunter, the two two-year Community Colleges: Bronx and Staten Island, and the soon-to-be-formed Queens Community College.

New 'Arts Guild' Planning Future

The Performing Arts Guild will arrange for a charter at its first formal meeting Wednesday at 6 PM in Room 417 Finley. The newly-formed central coordinating body of the major performing arts groups on campus will also discuss the need for a faculty advisor. All interested students are invited to attend.

The Board of Directors will consist of the Chairman of the Student Government Cultural Organization, two members of the Guild's staff, and the president and one other officer of each of the following clubs: the Gilbert and Sullivan Society, Dramsoc, Musical Comedy Society, the Motion Picture Guild and the Beaver Broadcasting Company.

Harris Story Bows in Oct.

By JANE WEIDRINGER

The name "Townsend Harris" is rapidly achieving flesh and blood personality through the efforts of alumnae, the City College Fund and Twentieth Century Fox Pictures. It will soon raise mental images of romance, adventure and exotic Oriental escapades in millions of minds around the country, as well as in those of City College students.

Thursday evening, October 21, will mark the world premiere of "The Barbarian and the Geisha" (screen play by Ellis St. Joseph, class of '32) based on the life and achievements of Townsend Harris, the first Consul General of the United States to Japan. This premiere, will be attended by an impressive list of stage and screen stars and national figures, including Gustave G. Rosenberg, Chairman of the Board of Higher Education, President Buell G. Gallagher, director John Huston, Actress Eiko Ando, Japanese Ambassador Koichiro Askai, and Student Government President Mike Horowitz. Also present will be Bernard Baruch, Ben Grauer, and Lieutenant-Governor George B. DeLuca.



John Wayne Portrays Barbarian

FDR...

Ralph Bellamy, star of "Sunrise at Campobello," will speak on "The Young FDR," Thursday at 12:30 PM in the Aronow Auditorium (Finley). The talk is being sponsored by the History Society.

'Nail Pickers,' Ice Skaters Abound, Deluge Unsettles Lewisohn's Ground

By JOHN AIGNER

Have you ever seen the "nail pickers" or the ice skaters in Lewisohn Stadium? For students at the College in the Twenties, these sights were commonplace.

In 1917, when the Stadium concerts began, there was neither stage nor bandshell, so the City built a special shed to house the musicians. It was assembled each spring, dismantled in the fall, and stored only to be erected again the following spring. This constant construction work

was a fixture until about eight years ago, when the present bandshell was constructed.

(The new bandshell came replete with pigeons. They listened, strutted, and divebombed at rehearsals.

largest skating rink in New York for twenty-five cents.

Every spring, thaws would push stones and rocks to the surface. Then the Freshman hygiene classes would appear en masse, line up, and comb the field. The "Rock Brigade" would then deposit its treasure in strategically placed cans.

Project "Grass"

Yearly the brigade worked, and by the late Thirties it seemed they were ahead. As a result, it was decided to seed the playing field of the Stadium. The weeks of spring passed and by Graduation Night 1938, the field was a lush green mat. Chairs were placed on the new lawn. The people arrived. The ceremonies began—and then—the rains came. By morning, \$30,000 worth of lawn lay in clumps, clogging the already faulty drainage of Lewisohn Stadium.

This project was never attempted again.

The Thirties also brought the depression and the WPA to the College. It was the WPA that left the large useless pit on Convent Avenue and 139th Street. The WPA also left another legacy; the locker rooms underneath Lewisohn Stadium. Dave Butler, one of the College guards who was here at the time, still recalls their efforts.

"They did everything backward."

Today, the Stadium still stands on Convent Avenue as a lone piece of Greek architecture among the Gothic, a reminder of the College's colorful and historic past.



Stadium, Concert Hall, Ice Skating Rink and Lawn, Lewisohn also doubles as a classroom in the spring and fall.

on the playing field was not without its problem, for each time the carpenters came they left nails and spikes strewn about.

Enter "nail pickers."

Fearing that some of the players in the Stadium might be injured, the College organized what came to be known as Nail Picking contests.

Throughout the Twenties, the nail pickers hunted greedily for every spike, nail and brad. Their inspiration and incentive was a prize offered by the College to the nail napper who collected the largest take.

(This "make-do" arrangement

until someone discovered that the birds had an aversion to oriental music. A two foot Chinese gong was found and used as a temporary repellent until the Board of Health granted the College a license to trap the pests.)

Ice Skating, Too

The Twenties were also the days when it was a common winter occurrence to see ice-skaters in the middle of the Stadium. Each evening, sometimes until three in the morning, "Stadium Mac," the caretaker, could be seen—hose in hand—watering the ice and flooding the field. In 1920, weather permitting, the public could enjoy the

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Money and Fun

On October 2 students at the College will have the opportunity of seeing the world premiere of "The Barbarian and the Geisha," at the Paramount Theatre and at the same time of supporting the all-important City College Fund.

The Fund, which performs some indispensable service for the College, deserves the full support of the student body. In addition to subsidizing the Placement Office it supports graduate student aid, and also donates a considerable sum to the upkeep of the Finley Student Center. The Fund collects all its money by appeals to the alumni.

All students should take advantage of this chance to present at the opening of a movie about the founder of the College and to participate in raising funds which are essential to the successful working of the Fund.

We urge all students to attend the Premiere and to take advantage of the discount prices which are being offered.

New Venture

There are times when nostalgia must surrender to hard but nevertheless indisputable realities. The romanticism of an era of high-powered athletics disappeared from the college scene a number of years ago. With the College's application for membership in the Tri-State basketball League, several years of painful transition has given way to a complete understanding of what must be the Lavender-position in the field of intercollegiate competition.

There is no reason why the current freshman class and future lower classman must revert back to pre-scandal successes as a frame of reference for contemporary achievements. The Beavers' participation in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's post season tournament two years ago and their creditable performance last season indicate an exciting interest in sports is in evidence once again on campus.

Membership in the Tri-State League will enable the Lavender to compete with teams that are basically in our class and also permit it to continue established rivalries with traditional Metropolitan foes. If the quality of play continues at its present high standards the College should be a consistent threat to capture the league championship and with that a bid to the NCAA tourney. Perhaps even a rustic Pidookie once unswervingly opposed to the present policy might be gladdened by the newest venture of OLD ALL-GAROO.

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Great Teachers — II:

Students Flock to Listen to Kohn's Lectures

By GERALD BIELAWSKI

For the past nine years students at the College have enjoyed the ingredients of globe-trotting and literary lacquer in the lectures of Professor Hans Kohn (History). Packed classrooms jammed with auditing students stand as testimony to the professor's appeal.

Professor Kohn teaches History 22, 23, 26 and 27. The first two courses deal with the history of nationalism and its current significance. The latter two deal with the history of the intellectual climate of Europe.

The long thread in the complex pattern of the Professor's life began in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1891. After receiving a doctor of law degree at the German University in Prague, he was soon swept up in the maelstrom of the First World War. While serving in the Austrian army as an infantry officer, he was captured by the Russians. Five years were spent in and out of prison camps in Tukestan and Siberia.

Having left Russia in 1920 Dr. Kohn spent the following eleven years in Paris, London and Jerusalem studying imperialism and nationalism in the Middle East.

Professor Kohn came to the

United States as a lecturer in 1931 under the auspices of the Institute of International Education in New York.

Among his first lectures in this country were those delivered at the New School for Social Research in New York. During the next twenty-two years he also gave courses at the New School.

He serves at present as editorial adviser for the Encyclopaedia Britannica, a co-editor of the Journal of History and Ideas, and on the editorial committees of Current History and Orbis.

A prolific writer, Doctor Kohn has turned out some eleven published volumes and is currently engaged in the writing of a twelfth. His most recent book to date is "American Nationalism: An Interpretive Essay," published by Macmillan in 1957. The book deals with the development and specific characteristics of American nationalism. A review of the book was given by Professor Du-

mas Malone of Columbia University in the New York Times Book Review of June 16, 1957. He says of the book: "His book does more than illuminate American nationalism. It quickens faith and renews courage."

Nationalism Vital

A consistent writer of letters to the New York Times, his most recent letter appeared in the issue of this past July 20. In it Kohn defends the United States action in Lebanon but cites Arab nationalism as an irresistible driving force in all Middle Eastern countries. He expressed a wish for a United States Middle Eastern policy based on the recognition of this fact.

Professor Kohn feels that we can and should learn certain lessons from observing and understanding the power of nationalism in other countries. "It definitely helps us to understand our own nationalism and history. Nationalism is the most important driving force in

the world today."

Concerning his observations at the College, Professor Kohn finds students here to be "alert and open to issues." They're enthusiastic and their caliber of work is very high. Of importance," continued Professor Kohn, "is the atmosphere of optimism prevailing on this campus and on others. Young people are marrying very early and are raising large families early. This was not done in

my day. I believe this to be ultimately an act of faith."

Abraham Blumberg, at one time a student under Professor Kohn, is now editor-in-chief of the United States government bi-monthly, Problems of Communism. Reflecting upon his knowledge of Professor Kohn, Mr. Blumberg said of him: "He is a sympathetic but firm teacher and an American in the truest sense—a thoroughly great individual."

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Columbia Eleven To Oppose Booters In Pre-Season Contest at Lewisohn

By BERNIE LEFKOWITZ

Lion meat is on the menu tomorrow at the Lewisohn Stadium barbecue pit.

A newly-formed Columbia soccer squad makes its first sacrificial offering to the bombarding Beaver Booters in an exhibition tilt set for 10:30. Navy having proved quite indigestible, the Lavender, from all outward appearances, should find the Light Blue more savory fare.

When the Lions actually open their season, they will have gained official status for the first time in



Coach Harry Karlin Wounded

Morningside history. Previously, the Columbia booters were titled a "club" and competed as such.

The team is coached by Joseph Molder who guided the infant organization. An All-American soccer player for Oberlin University in 1952, and presently a graduate student at Columbia, Moller is an inspirational figure for his comparatively ragged crew (ragged in comparison to the Beavers, anyway).

Howard Levine, Lion press representative, emphasized that "Columbia is in way over its head in this one."

"But during the regular season

we will be playing teams more in our class—like Fordham and Wagner," he continued.

Perhaps a succulent repast will assuage the College's physical ills. Coach Harry Karlin is bemoaning Heinz Minnerop's "ankle injury" and George Birutis' "general malaise."

"We've been having a really tough time getting in shape this season," he asserted, "tougher than I can ever remember. The boys will be ready for Kings Point though."

"Our biggest problem has been mounting an attack. Everybody

seems content to play defense. When we started moving in the second half against Navy we began to take chances. We made the right moves. Both times Schlisser scored he was reasonably close to the goal mouth.

"Marco Wachter told me that he wanted to shoot a couple of times, but he was twenty or thirty feet out and he felt it was ridiculous. He couldn't find anybody to pass to inside. Right now we're concentrating on improving our offense. Besides that getting the boys in shape is our most immediate project."

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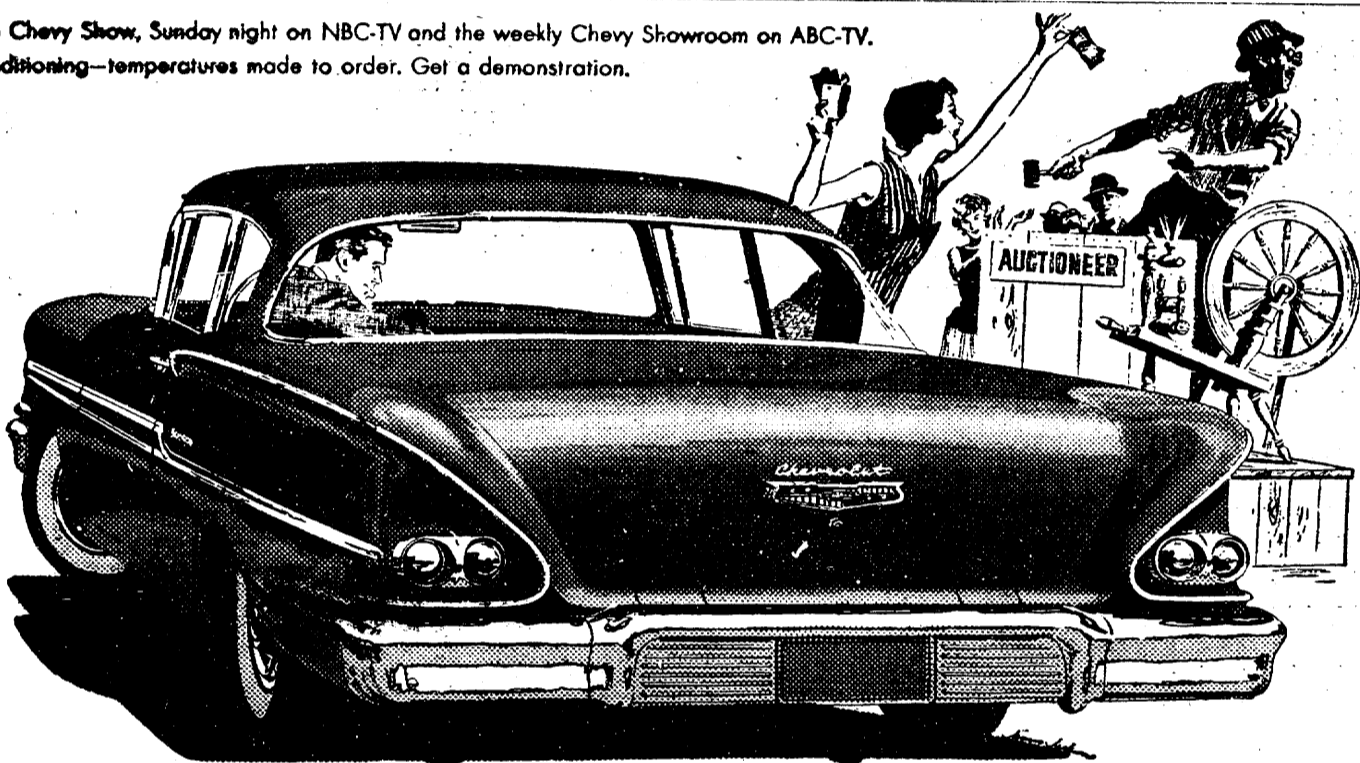
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The Student Athletic Association (SAA) invites all prospective members to attend its organizational meeting next Thursday.

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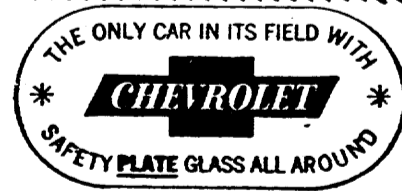
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